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By Lou Morsch

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It's certainly been ages since the last newsletter so with a tinge of sadness I'll bring you up to speed with news you may have missed. The year started

off badly with the passing of the beloved Gerry Mahon in January. Gerry was a wonderful contributor to squash in all facets of the sport and served the VMSA with great distinction particularly as its Tournament Director. A great tribute to Gerry's life is included in this newsletter. We also heard of the passing of Carlo di Tondo from Mulgrave Club and then a 100+ veteran of VMSA Masters Tournaments as well as 25 Australian Championships in Ian Patterson. Not long after that we were saddened by the passing of Joe Rozen. The VMSA extends it's deepest sympathies to the family and friends of these wonderful people. We also are very aware of serious health concerns for Denise Hill and recent triple bypass operations to Rob Sims of Squash Logic and Phil Howe of Westerfolds. A message of love and well wishes is extended to all of you. Fortunately, there are also some good stories to report in 2021 with an Order of Australia medal awarded to Tom Spark for his service to the sport of squash and the recent "Masters" marriage of Mark Thurkle to Linda Wing. Congratulations to all concerned.

Thankfully we have been able to get back on the squash court, and it is a pleasure to see everyone back playing pennant once again. I hope those that took a break from the game this season will return as time goes by. With great relief, tournaments also returned in 2021. Not without a

hiccup though, as the Bairnsdale February tournament was closed down at the eleventh hour before being re-scheduled to later in March. We then, finally got our Victorian Championships underway at Lilydale after a 12 month delay and it turned out to be a wonderful event with our hosts at Lilydale Club providing a great venue and wonderful hospitality.

Congratulations to everyone who has participated in our tournaments to date. The entries have been in excess of expectation and I thank you for continuing to support our events. Darren O'Neill is doing an amazing job as Tournament Director and we are very blessed to have someone who is so passionate about Masters. Our next event is the Masters/Juniors Jim Bristow Cup at Westerfolds on the 29-30<sup>th</sup> May. Both Jill and I are looking forward to hosting this great weekend tournament and seeing how far some juniors have progressed and grown!!

I have mentioned a couple of times now the celebration of 40 years of the VMSA. Well 41 years if you take away last year. We are still on track with our planning to make the Inform Ballarat Tournament in November our signature event for celebrating this milestone. The dinner dance on Saturday night will be an event you won't want to miss. I hope you will all be there with me to make it a night to remember.

Welcome back to squash in 2021  
**Your Prez**

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### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS 2021

Masters/Juniors - Westerfolds	May 29-30
Horsham	July 16-18
Aust Masters - Adelaide	Oct 11-22
Inform Ballarat	Nov 26-28



# BAIRNSDALE TEAMS EVENT REPORT

By Darren O'Neill

Leaving Melbourne and getting halfway to Bairnsdale in Feb 2021 was not my ultimate road trip, with my car packed tournament organised and 84 people and partners on their way, only to have Victoria go into lockdown, but we did. Now we are in March the tournament has been rebuilt and we are on the road again. What changed was the original dinner venue as they could not accommodate us for the second round but the Wy Yung Pub, an old favourite could accommodate us. We really had a fantastic night. The pub is under new owners plus a renovation with great food so what else can we ask for.

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 Divisions and Sections 1 and 2 had 4 person teams. It was a struggle to get a few teams to commit to picking a name but we got there in the end. Some names were comical to say the least so well done, I hope you all had fun.

As I mentioned, our Dinner Dance ended up at the Wy Yung Pub, and generally I don't have really any comments about the food because it is what it is, but what the pub achieved was surprisingly fabulous, and people made many comments to me about that so I guess we will have to head back there again. Huge thanks to Gillick's Bus Lines for their support and getting us to and from the pub - we appreciate the support. The Jimmy's (Band), let me say James (lead singer) you really put on a special treat for us and the dance floor was flat chat all night which reflects on the great music being played. I think we wore James out, but he hung in there for a fantastic effort. Thanks James.

I had the honour of handing out 3 tournament badges in Bairnsdale but what was a little bit special was that all 3 of these people are really great friends. A huge congratulations to those people well deserved indeed.

Annie Fordham 50+ Tournament Badge

Janine Eedy 50+ Tournament Badge

Michael Fatouros 25+ Tournament Badge

To our new players (VMSA Virgins) Dean Cox, Leanne Haley, Simone Rosetto, Geoffrey Scott, Jason Hay, Jamie Lyon, Craig Terrill, thank you for being a part of the tournament. I hope you all had a great time. Please try to play other tournaments outside your local area, building great tournaments is a healthy environment for all.

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. A special thanks to Mark Edgley who donated a racquet for the raffle. Thanks Mark, that was very kind indeed. Lightfoot & Sons wine makers, thanks to you for the sponsorship. Your wine is an exceptional drop many will enjoy, I'm sure of that. Also, thanks to our other sponsors who donated the soap and honey. They are fantastic products.

To everyone who attended the tournament a big thank you. It was a weird Covid time and to the 80 players who attended the tournament, that's impressive. Thanks to the raffle girls for giving their time to sell the tickets. Thanks to Jill Morsch for building the raffle prizes, they looked fantastic.

As always thanks to Pam and Helen 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.

Thanks for supporting Masters Squash - see you at Lilydale.

My Pleasure, Darren O'Neill  
Tournament Director

Presentations - VMSA TEAMS EVENT BAIRNSDALE 2021		
Event	Award	Awarded to
SECTION 1	Winner	<b>GENDER IMBALANCE</b> MARK ASCOLI Squash Logic NATASHA WENDT Newborough LEANNE HALEY (V) Mulgrave JAN WILSON Moe
	Runner up	<b>IAN'S IDIOTS</b> MICK DYKE Mulgrave SIMONE ROSSETTO (V) TONIC JENNY SWAAB Moorabbin IAN WYATT <del>Westerfold</del>
SECTION 2	Winner	<b>COULDA BEANS</b> JAMIE LYON (V) Tonic JOHN DRUMMOND <del>Westerfold</del> MICHAEL BRACECAMP Leongatha JENNY ANDERSON Moe
	Runner up	<b>DEAD SERIOUS</b> MICHAEL FATOUROS Tonic DENIS METTAM ACT ALLISON DOUGLAS Essendon VIC STAFFORD Brighton
SECTION 3	Winner	<b>THORPIES SUPPORT CREW</b> MICHAEL BOURKE Squash Logic BIDDY MCFARLANE GRACE PARK SHANE THORPE <del>Westerfold</del>
	Runner up	Mc DIGGLES ASSETS GARY MCPYKE Mulgrave GILL DIGGLE Moorabbin PETER BASSETT MAFFRA

## BAIRNSDALE PRESENTATION PHOTOS

## Bairnsdale Teams Event Results (cont'd)



Section 1 Winners



Section 1 Runners Up



Section 2 Winners



Section 2 Runners-up



Section 3 Winners



Section 3 Runners-up



Section 4 Winners



Section 4 Runners-up



Section 5 Winners



Section 5 Runners-up

<b>SECTION 4</b>	<b>winner</b>	<b>DEEP PURPLE</b> CRAIG TERRILL (V) Bairnsdale JOHN BROWN Milawa WENDY MCWILLIAMS Mulgrave
	<b>Runner up</b>	<b>YOUNG AT HEART</b> DARREN O'NEILL Mulgrave GEOFF CHAMBERS RACV BARRY DURHAM GPHC
<b>SECTION 5</b>	<b>winner</b>	<b>Ménage à trois</b> JOHN SANDS GPHC JOE PRINCIOTTA PEGS LINDA THURKLE Squash Logic
	<b>Runner up</b>	<b>SILK</b> ANDREW MERIDITH Shepparton MARK ROGERS Benalla JOHN FORREST ACT
<b>SECTION 6</b>	<b>winner</b>	<b>SANDIE'S APPRENTICES</b> SANDY PATERSON Benalla KEVIN HINEY Mulgrave JASON HAY (V) Horsham
	<b>Runner up</b>	<b>THE WOODY'S &amp; MEE</b> MERVYN MEE Leongatha ANDREW CURWOOD Ballarat LYNETTE WOODYARD PEGS

### *Sport brings people together*

I played bowls-yes lawn bowls in the Echuca May Tournament last week. One of my opposition players said to me "you look familiar- do you bowl up here?" I replied with a "no, I don't really bowl." After a look at the name tag "Janis" I then realised & said, "Did you use to play squash?" The penny dropped, it was Janis Parkes who I used to play against 20 years ago at many Sale Masters Tournaments who hasn't played squash in nearly a decade, but is a very handy bowler from Inverloch. What a great catch-up we had & just shows how sport brings people together.

Belinda Murphy



Section 6 Winners



Section 6 Runners-up



# BAIRNSDALE 2021 TEAMS EVENT



## VMSA VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT REPORT *by Darren O'Neill*

Hi. Welcome to my account of the Victorian Championships 2021 or as some say 20-2021, either way what a great time we had. Lilydale pulled out all stops to make this tournament a success to promote VMSA Squash and the club in general. Vic Champs is a special tournament probably our most prestigious tournament of the year. The prestige of winning a Victorian Title has a special place in our squash achievements without a doubt.

Lilydale's first tournament, or was there one 40 years ago, only our historians can answer that question. One year ago, we thought we would have this tournament but due to Covid that was not to be, and a year on, here we are with 103 entries, 16 VMSA virgins and an impressive 34 entries from Lilydale alone. You do not see that sort of commitment very often, so take note. It really is up to every club to push the boundaries to get players to commit and probably the hardest job of them all. I witnessed Jason McGrath (Lilydale Club Prez) and his committee achieve that with relentless work ethic to push for success. Great job and congratulations from me.

For the first time in a while, we had a lady play in the 35-39 Women's Open, so thanks to Dee Cassidy for your commitment, and in the Men's 35-39 we had 4 entries so thanks to those younger players for supporting Master's Squash. Now you're on your way to achieving a 100-tournament badge, but what was very special was we had Barry Durham 80-84 and Dinny Hurley 85-89 play. Unfortunately John Link 85-89 withdrew.

16 new Players who gave up their time to play their first tournament - thanks to all. I am very appreciative of your effort. Jamie Lyon, Paul Rouget, Cathrine Reinhardt, Daniel Peach, Andrew Morris, Darren McDonald, Andrew Lyons, Geoff Lovel, Paul Kempton, Ryan Folino, Tammi Fleming, Adam Fiteni, Jo Files, Corey Engele, Adrian Anderson, and Mohammad Ali. Keep going forward and connect to us. You will enjoy tournaments.

Our dinner was at the Dorset Gardens Hotel, a massive complex with accommodation attached and to those who stayed there, a smart idea. Thanks to the Dorset for giving us a private room. Loads of chatting going on in that room, no band required. Huge thanks to Robbie MacFarlane for giving us a good deal on the bus as it was not easy to get a bus service to ferry us to and from the Dorset, so Robbie the life saver chipped in to help out.

The members draw was won by Michelle Rowles so congrats to Mich for the win, you have 12 months to use your tickets.

No Badges were handed out at Lilydale, but I have many to hand out and some big ones over the next few tournaments so if you play you may achieve a tournament milestone.

A special mention to our interstate players who made the effort to come down. Unfortunately, some of you were halfway to Melbourne to play the Bairnsdale tournament so apologies for our lock down - you were great sports about it. At Lilydale we had 3 players from NSW, 1 player from QLD, Kev Healy and his partner for Mildura and regular Donna Fisher also from Mildura. Thanks for making that effort.

Lilydale had sponsorship from CHN Partners (Andrew Morris) and Carl and Jenny Schultz from Melbourne Prestige Autos. Thanks to you guys for the sponsorship which allowed every player to get a hand towel - they went like hot cakes, I was lucky to get one.



Thanks to Pam, Helen and Me actually, I was wrecked after Lilydale, a huge effort by all. Thanks once again to the raffle girls, Ally, Linda, Lynette. Michelle Rowles for bus and payment collections another stellar effort girls.

See you all in Horsham, 16-18 July. It will be a hoot as we have a great band lined up and its back to Sylvania Park for the dinner.

Thanks for supporting masters squash we **cannot** do it without you.

My Pleasure **Darren O'Neill** – Tournament Director



Did you know that Prince Phillip was a keen squash player?



### VMSA'S 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



2020 would have seen us celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but due to Covid-19. Obviously this was not possible, so we are holding our celebrations at the **Inform Ballarat Tournament** 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This promises to be a BIG event so clear your calendar and get ready to party with us!!!

**Presentations - VMSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS LILYDALE 2021**

Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) MENS 35-39 OPEN	MENS 35-39 OPEN WINNER	SHAHROZE KHAN Mulgrave
	RUNNER UP	ANDREW LYONS Fitzpatricks
	THIRD PLACE	DANIEL PEACH Lilydale
(2) MENS 40-44 OPEN	MENS 40-44 OPEN WINNER	PETER VAUGHAN Lilydale
	RUNNER UP	CAMERON PENNA Bendigo
	THIRD PLACE	RYAN FOLINO Squash Melb
(3) MENS 45-49 OPEN	MENS 45-49 OPEN WINNER	MOHAMMAD ALI Mulgrave
	RUNNER UP	JAMIE LYON Tonic
	THIRD PLACE	CHRIS PHOTIS Bright
(4) MENS 50-54 OPEN	MENS 50-54 OPEN WINNER	ANTHONY HILL Lilydale
	RUNNER UP	CRAIG BROOK Lilydale
	THIRD PLACE	DARREN MCDONALD Lilydale
(5) MENS 50-54 DIV 2	M 55-59 DIV 2 WINNER	PAUL ROUGET Lilydale
	RUNNER UP	MICHAEL BYRNES Tonic
	THIRD PLACE	ROD REYNOLDS Lilydale
	CONSOLATION PLATE	GEOFF LOVELL Lilydale
(6) MENS 55-59 OPEN	MENS 55-59 OPEN WINNER	WARREN MILLER Lilydale
	RUNNER UP	DONALD WILTSHIRE Lilydale
	THIRD PLACE	MICK DYKE Mulgrave
	PLATE	GREG MURPHY Benalla
	CONSOLATION PLATE	GARY MCPYKE Mulgrave
(7) MENS 70-74 OPEN+MENS 55-59 DIV 2	MENS 70-74 OPEN WINNER	ADRIAN ANDERSON Lilydale
	RUNNER UP	GEOFF CHAMBERS RACV
	THIRD PLACE	ALDO MONTALTO RACV
	M 55-59 Div 2 WINNER	COREY ENGELE Lilydale
	RUNNER UP	JOHN DRUMMOND Westerfolds
(8) MENS 60-64 OPEN	MENS 60-64 OPEN WINNER	PETER GILBEE Lilydale
	RUNNER UP	MALCOLM MCCLARTY Kooyong
	THIRD PLACE	CHYE LIM GPHC
	PLATE FINAL	STEPHEN RUSSELL Lilydale
	CONSOLATION PLATE	ALAN MCRORIE Squash Logic
(9) MENS 60-64 DIV 2	MENS 60-64 DIV 2 WINNER	MARK THURKLE Werribee
	RUNNER UP	LOU MORSCH Squash Logic
	THIRD PLACE	KEVIN HINEY Mulgrave
	CONSOLATION PLATE	NEIL TYTLER Moorabbin
(10) MENS 65-69 OPEN	MENS 65-69 OPEN WINNER	JOHN CARROLL NSW
	RUNNER UP	CRAIG ROYLE-YOUNG Mt-Distris
	THIRD PLACE	JOHN SANDS GPHC
	CONSOLATION PLATE	CLEM VINEY Squash Logic
(11) MENS 65-69 DIV 2	MENS 65-69 DIV 2 WINNER	LES MAKARUCHA Gladstone park
	RUNNER UP	GABE MARKOVICS Lilydale
	THIRD PLACE	MAL RUBINICH Squash Logic
	CONSOLATION PLATE	RICHARD JOHNSON Moorabbin
(12) M 75-79 OPEN+M 85-89 OPEN+M 80-84 OPEN	MENS 75-79 OPEN WINNER	BRIAN LYONS Yarrowonga
	RUNNER UP	FRANK BUGEJA Poowong
	THIRD PLACE	ARTHUR SAMUEL Lilydale
	MENS 85-89 OPEN WINNER	DINNY HURLEY Fitzpatricks
	MENS 80-84 OPEN WINNER	BARRY DURHAM GPHC

(13) W60-64 OPEN+W35-39OPEN

W 60-64 OPEN WINNER  
RUNNER UP  
THIRD PLACE  
W 35-39 OPEN WINNER

CARON PENDREY Lilydale  
BIDDY MCFARLANE GRACE PARK  
WENDY MCWILLIAMS Mulgrave  
DEE CASSIDY RACV

(14) W45-49 OPEN+W55-59 OPEN

W 45-49 OPEN WINNER  
RUNNER UP  
THIRD PLACE  
W 55-59 OPEN WINNER

CATHRINE REINHARDT Lilydale  
JODIE MCLEAN Lilydale  
TAMMIE FLEMING Lilydale  
MICHELLE ROWLES Squash Logic

(15) W50-54 OPEN

W 50-54 OPEN WINNER  
RUNNER UP  
THIRD PLACE  
CONSOLATION PLATE

JANINE EEDY Towerhill  
KAREN GRIFFITH Lilydale  
INO WOBBS Lilydale  
DONNA FISHER Mildura

(16) W60-64 DIV 2

W 60-64 DIV 2 WINNER  
RUNNER UP  
THIRD  
CONSOLATION PLATE

BELINDA MURPHY Mulgrave  
LINDA THURKLE Squash Logic  
JACKIE BANNON B/DAY GIRL  
CHERYL GILBEE Lilydale

(17) W65-69 OPEN+W70-74 OPEN+W75-79 OPEN

W 65-69 OPEN WINNER  
RUNNER UP  
W 70-74 OPEN WINNER  
RUNNER UP  
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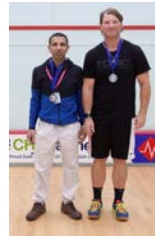
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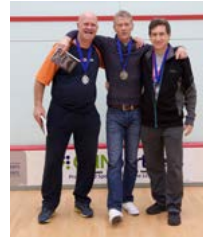
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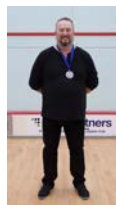
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M50-54 Div 2



M55-59 Open



M55-59 Div 2



M60-64 Open



M60-64 Div 2



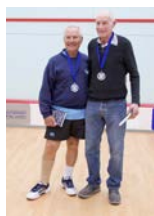
M65-69 Open



M65-69 Div 2



M70-74 Open



M75-79 Open



Lilydale Club Winners



W45-49 Open



W50-54 Open



W55-59 Open



W60-64 Open



W60-64 Div 2



W65-69 Open



W70-74 Open



W75-79 Open

## Gerald Ernest Hugh MAHON - by Jill Morsch

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Gerald Ernest Hugh MAHON (Gerry) was born in Skipton, Victoria, on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1926. He was the third child of Arthur Hugh MAHON and Marie Grace MAHON (nee FELLS). He had two older sisters – Nuala and Marie and two younger sisters – Joan and Sheila.

Late in 1926, Arthur moved the family from Skipton to an orchard in Warrandyte Road, Ringwood North. He leased that property from his father Hugh MAHON. Dad and his sisters grew up among apple, cherry, peach and nectarine trees. Times were tough and money was very tight; especially during the depression years. When Dad commenced school, he and his sisters walked to and from North Ringwood to what is now known as Our Lady's Catholic Primary School on the corner of Bedford Road and Wilana Street, Ringwood – a distance of about 3 kilometres

After primary school, Dad boarded at St. Bedes C.B.C. at Mentone. I suspect that his academic achievements were not as good as his sporting prowess. He was skilful at handball as well as a very good tennis player and Australian Rules footballer.

He was 13 years of age at the outbreak of World War 2. Whilst at Mentone, he became a R.A.A.F. cadet. As the war progressed, he eventually left school to work on the orchard which was classified as an essential industry. His father Arthur, who earned a Military Cross in the First World War, had been re-called into the army as an artillery instructor, so there was plenty for my father to attend to about the orchard.

After the war years, Gerry kept up his sporting pursuits and continued playing tennis. Football was also an important pastime and he was a member of the 1947 Ringwood Football Club Premiership Team. Another pleasurable aspect of playing for Ringwood was that their colours were black and white – no further explanation needed. GO PIES!

Of course, being a young man, his mind was not always focussed on sport. He and his mate Ken WHITING would attend social events that included dancing in the Kew area. In about 1948, Dad met a young Kew girl named Patricia GIBBS.

In 1949, Dad and his sister Marie travelled to Perth, Western Australia, and stayed with cousins from there. Dad's mother Marie Grace was originally from that State. Dad fell in love with Perth and connected deeply with some of his cousins. He may have actually remained there had it not been for that Kew girl Pat GIBBS (Mum).

On 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1950, Dad married Pat GIBBS. My older brother Peter used to take great delight in announcing that he was born 12 days later – oh – and 12 months of course. In 1952, the young family moved to 58 Barkly Street, Ringwood. My sister Kaye was born in February, 1953. Brother Ken came along in October, 1954, followed by Anne in December, 1955. Mum and Dad finally must have worked out why they were having children and had a break until 1959. Then another of my brothers - Paul arrived in June. In November, 1962, Jillian (me) was born and fittingly with a family of three boys and three girls - Even Stevens won the Melbourne Cup. It just made sense as our family arrived in the sequence of boy, girl, boy, girl, boy and girl – Even Stevens.

All through that period of raising a family, Dad had various occupations – orchardist, taxi driver, milk deliverer, furniture removalist, and others. He was also a very handy “backyard” motor mechanic. However, in 1960, he joined what was then known as Magnus Chemicals Company and began his successful career as a salesman of industrial cleaning chemicals. Magnus then became Applied Chemicals. Dad was very good at his job and it allowed him and Mum to move the family to an almost new house in North Bayswater in 1968. Dad remained with Applied Chemicals until his retirement in 1986 at age 60. He did not retire fully as he became the manager of the Bayswater Squash Courts after being approached by the owner Kevin THOMPSON who was a good friend. Dad remained working there for a few years until Kevin sold the business. For a number of years Dad also performed voluntary work for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

It was appropriate for Dad to have managed the Squash Courts. I have alluded to his sporting capabilities and how he enjoyed playing tennis. But it was about 1960 that he was introduced to the game of **squash** by Mum. Gordon HOWE had built squash courts in Station Street, Ringwood, and people like Kevin THOMPSON, Des GAYLARD, Murray DEERBON and Terry CLEAL all played there. Squash turned out to be Dad's sporting passion and he played at the very top level in the State. He met many wonderful people and made great lasting friendships. Libby SEWELL (now MacDONALD), Trish HUNT, Brendan O'BRIEN, Kevin BRAUND and many others became life time friends.

Gerry was the President of the Ringwood Squash Club a couple of times. He also served on the Committee of the Squash Racquets Association of Victoria and was president there as well. Dad was also heavily involved in the Mountain District competition and the Victorian Masters Squash Association where he served as Pennant Director for approximately 6 years. In 1993, whilst still playing squash, Gerry formed a wonderful family team comprising his children - Kaye, Anne, Jill and Ken called “The Mahon Machine” They competed successfully for a number of years

Gerry's services to Squash were officially recognised in 2000 when he was awarded The Australian Sports Medal.



Retirement for Mum and Dad ought to have been the time of their lives. But mum had a constant battle with her health and could not travel too much. They did manage a short trip driving to Perth in 1978/79. Then they really went wild and managed a trip to New Zealand in the early 1980's. Grandchildren were also on the scene and they were a source of great joy to them. However, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1989, their first born, and our brother, Peter ended his life. It devastated mum and dad as well as Peter's wife and children and siblings. It still haunts our family to this day.

Although retired, Dad still enjoyed squash. When he was in his mid 60s he was diagnosed with leaky heart valves. At that stage, it was not too bad, but Gerry was advised to not push himself to the limit when playing squash. He only knew one way to play sport. His philosophy was to play the absolute best you can, have that "killer instinct", but always play within the rules. There were times when we had to tell him that his colour was awful and that he needed to slow down. When he was about 70 he had to give up the sporting love of his life. He eventually had to have both heart valves replaced. As he could no longer play squash he managed to find a gentler sport in lawn bowls and took that up with vigour at the Heathmont Bowls Club.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2002, Mum succumbed to lung cancer. Dad decided to sell the family home and purchased a two bedroom unit in Canterbury Road also in Bayswater North. He had some cash reserves so decided to then buy a car. He still had some money so we suggested he travel. My sister Kaye took him on a trip to Ireland where he connected with MAHON cousins from around the Killurin and Tullamore areas which was where his grandfather Hugh MAHON originated. On 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, Dad along with Kaye and Rob, Heather and Ken, Anne, and Jill attended a historic Mahon Family Reunion that was held in Tullamore. Dad was asked to address the large MAHON gathering which really pleased him. 2008 was the last overseas trip that Dad could manage. However, that was not the last time he would see his Irish cousins. A number of them travelled to Australia to celebrate Gerry's 90th birthday in 2016.

Dad always remained interested in squash, continued playing bowls and remained close to his family whilst living independently until January 2018.

He woke up one morning feeling very disoriented and confused. Doctors discovered he had suffered a bleed to the brain. After two stints in hospital, he realised that he could no longer look after himself and would need care. He chose BlueCross Tarralla, a nursing home in Croydon as the right place for him. It was a good choice as the staff were professional, caring, dedicated and understanding. He was looked after very well thanks to the fantastic work of BlueCross Tarralla. However, his health slowly but surely started to really fail. We suspect that he kept on having bleeds into the brain which caused him tremendous confusion. At first, he was cognisant of what was happening to him and that also upset and frustrated him. I believe that the isolation resulting from Covid-19 also contributed to this downward spiral. It resulted in him experiencing a very poor quality of life in his last six months. At about 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, Gerry slipped away peacefully and without pain. Although he has left us here, he has now re-connected with Mum and Peter.

Dad, was always a very modest man. He lived by the same simple principles he adopted playing sport – you gave it your best effort and always played by the rules. Gerry has left behind a magnificent legacy. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren miss you dreadfully. Likewise, your many squash friends. Kevin THOMPSON stated Gerry never had a bad word to say about anyone and was always a decent, honest and caring man. Dad was loved by his family and many friends. Goodbye until we meet again.

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## JOE ROZEN



It is with deepest regret that Irene and I advise of the passing of our special friend, squash player and world traveller and sponsor to MCC Squash Section **Joe Rozen**.

Joe passed away this morning with his wife Glenda at home in Daylesford. Joe played lots of masters squash in Melbourne, and also played in Australian and World Masters events.

Joe will be sadly missed by his many friends from masters squash and in Daylesford, Our condolences go to his wife Glenda

**Peter Wright OAM**  
**AMSA President / MCC Squash Section Chairman**

# Vale Ian (Patto) Patterson

*Information supplied by Mike Edney and Wali Linhart*

Ian started playing squash and midweek pennant in the seventies at Toorak Squash Centre which was run by Ron Aust. Later a new centre (Vital Fitness Centre) was built in Little Collins Street at the site that was the Newspaper Boys Club near the Southern Cross Hotel. Ron Aust moved to Vital as the manager and a number of players including Ian went there from Toorak. Unfortunately, now both centres now no longer exist. In the early eighties a Masters pennant started in the eastern area of Melbourne and was called the "Upper Crust" competition.

Due to a dispute with players and the squash association the fledging pennant was told to leave the eastern area. Due to this situation a number of clubs decided to move to Hunts in Fitzroy under their own banner.

Neither Hunts or Vital players had heard about Masters. So some players from these two clubs decided to form their own Masters team drawing players from Hunts, Vital, Fitzpatrick and Doncaster. The team that was formed under the Hunts name was:

1. Bill Fry (Fitzpatrick)
2. Mike Edney (Hunts)
3. Ian Patterson (Vital)
4. Syd Webb (Hunts)
5. Noelene Bartling (Doncaster)

The team then decided to play tournaments starting with Warrnambool in the early 1980's and the rest is history. Ian went onto play 110 tournaments and became quite a personality playing both pennant and tournaments over some 30 years. He competed in 25 Australian Masters Championships from 1983 to 2008.

Apart from squash Ian's was also an ex wrestler who worked part-time as a bouncer in Carlton at Twins Cafe - an all night hamburger place in the rough old days from the seventies through to the eighties.

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## RONY MIRANDA

*Information supplied by John Hawkes*

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of Rony Miranda over the weekend of 27/28 February 2021.

Prior to Christmas he suffered a massive heart attack and was in hospital since his heart was not functioning properly and he became a candidate for a heart transplant.

In the meantime, a mechanical was fitted but unfortunately it was insufficient to sustain him and his organs began to fail leading to his passing.

He is sadly missed by all at Ivanhoe and others in the squash fraternity.

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# HORSHAM MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENT

16th—18th July 2021

TO BE PLAYED AT:

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

**Entries close Thursday 8th July 2021**



**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:**

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## 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](http://www.vmsasquash.com.au) from Wednesday 14th July 2021.
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.

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EVENTS: Events/Gradings will depend on entries. The number of events will be determined by the level of entries.

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Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P/Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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IMPORTANT: Please fill in all the details of your current pennant team, grade and position.

	Midweek	State	Country	Masters
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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: \$ .
Courtesy Bus - \$10 per person (No attending) _____	Dinner Dance: \$ .
VMSA Membership - \$25 if due (check due date on website)	Courtesy Bus: \$ .
	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

email [tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au](mailto:tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au) Please do not send cash by mail

**Entries Close - 8th July 2021**

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