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By Lou Morsch

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Hip Hip Hooray. We are finally back on court and our oversize, out of condition bodies can start tuning up again. Welcome to 2022 and it is so good to be connecting with everyone once again.

Although there are still a few lingering concerns about the virus, play can resume, tournaments have returned and socialising is back. Pennant squash has also returned with 8 grades competing. It was wonderful to complete our 40th anniversary celebration two years later than planned in Ballarat in February. Such a great response to the tournament and the dinner although with no dancing, it didn't hinder the enjoyment of the night. I wish to congratulate everyone who attended Ballarat and took part in the celebration. It was a fantastic weekend. There are so many people to thank for making the event happen and for it to run so smoothly. I wish to start by thanking my committee members who all contributed wholeheartedly to ensure its success. Apart from the help from our long standing ones, it was great to have our newbies in Steve Franklin and Janine Mossop actively involved. A special thanks to Janine for chasing up past players and inviting them along for our 40th celebration. Committee involvement is very rewarding at times like this, so I urge more of you to stick your hand up and give it a go. New members bring fresh ideas and energy which is essential to keep moving forward. It's not a job you get roped into and can't get out of.

A huge thank you to our wonderful major sponsors INFORM, TS&L, Mulgrave Country Club, Ballarat City Council and Little Scooters.

Due to their support it was possible to add a little bit more class and polish to the event. I'm sure the free T-shirts were well

received as was the 30 minutes of free drinks prior to a very enjoyable evening meal. Thank you to the Life Members for attending and to Ballarat Squash Club who worked tirelessly looking after everyone with food and drink.

A wonderful act of generosity was made by John and Anne Link at Ballarat with a donation of \$10,000 to the VMSA. This is not the first time John has shown his support of squash and the VMSA. His company LINK PUMPS was our major sponsor of the Australian Championships in 2009 but John has a hand in many other sponsorships of players, teams and especially junior squash. We are so grateful to John and Anne.

The Judith Goadby Award was revived in Ballarat. You could say Pam Park has held it for 3 years as she was our previous recipient who got to keep it for an extended period. However, it was a great pleasure to see its return and for Darren O'Neill to be awarded this honour. His outstanding contribution to the VMSA saw him as an obvious choice.

On a note of sadness, it was very distressing to hear of the passing of Paul Frost's partner Sue Insley. Paul is a wonderful supporter of the VMSA and the many friends you have Paul are all thinking of you at this terrible time. May you pull through and be back sharing goodwill with us soon.

Let's get back to squashing in 2022.

Your Prez

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS 2022

Vic Champs - Corio	April 8-10
Masters/Juniors - Westerfolds	May 28-29
Horsham Individuals	July 15-17
Aust Masters - Adelaide	Oct 10-21
Inform Ballarat	Nov 25-27



BALLARAT 40TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT REPORT

By Darren O'Neill

One great thing about celebrating, is the happiness that surrounds it, and our 40th year of VMSA squash was just that. As most of you know it took 2 years over the original date to actually make it happen due to Covid, but we got there in the end. We had 160 entries, 12 Sections and great prizes for all divisions plus a free player shirt as a memento for players to wear. The entries that attended mainly came before 10 December 2021. This was due to the collection of people's shirt sizes as we had a deadline to make sure we had as many people as possible outfitted to their correct size.

We are grateful to our interstate players who showed support numbering Tas - 11, NSW - 4, ACT- 3, S.A – 1, so thank you to all those players who came to help us celebrate.

Saturday night came and we attended our function at the Mecure Ballarat Hotel. We had 175 at the dinner which was so great as the room was packed to the rafters. The Mecure offered a ½ hour drinks package which was very generous of them, so of course we hydrated to our hearts content. The meal was lovely, plus I had many positive comments about the food on Sunday, which comprised of a two-course meal plus a cake I designed for the occasion made by Kimmies Tummy treats of Ballarat, so thanks to Kim, the cake was tummy delicious.

Presentations, life members, prestigious guests and raffle prizes completed a great night and even though we did not have music or dancing, the room was in a roar all night which shows that we love to chat and catch up after so many layoffs with our tournaments. Thanks to all who attended, a special thanks to Michelle Rowles for organising the buses, Janine Mossop and John Tobin for being a bus monitors, Jill Morsch for the raffle prizes and Wali and Terry from TS+L Neon for their contribution.

I had the pleasure of handing out 7 tournament recognition awards for tournaments played.

25+ Tournaments

James Howard
Julie Lester
Chye Lim
Cameron Penna

50+ Tournaments

Roger Child

75+ Tournaments

David Shay
Michelle Rowles

Congratulations to those people, it was a pleasure to hand them out on behalf of the VMSA for your commitment to Master's squash.

The Member's Draw was won by Ross Warren so congratulations, you have won two free dinner dance tickets to be used within the next 12 months and thank you for being a paid member of the VMSA. Not a bad effort for Ross's first tournament.

So many great squash matches. About 280 were played over the weekend end and let me say I could not have even attempted this without the help of some amazing people who gave up their weekend to help. Thanks to Helen Lococo and Pam Park, my loyal sidekicks, not super hero's but close, Peter Wright and Bernadette Murphy, you were a perfect add to the desk so thanks for your contribution over the weekend and last but not least 18 years served former tournament director and VMSA Life Member Helena Morgan for her guest appearance. It was lovely to see you as always. Thanks to 95% of players for being on time for your matches, to the other 5%, your very naughty.

Not knowing what to expect because of Covid and how people were feeling about this tournament became a huge gamble to get the 200 shirts made that we designed and at a significant cost to the VMSA, but I'm glad we did. It's actually got to the point of placing another order to fill the demand, so that's what I call well received.

Check the results page on the VMSA website for the all the match results. A copy of the final results is also in this newsletter.

<https://vmsasquash.com.au/uploads/files/Tournaments/Previous%20Tournament%20Results/37%20Masters%200Tournament%20February%20Ballarat%2040th%202022.pdf>

Ballarat section 1 winner, Peter Vaughan defeated Shahroze Khan in 5 games in a great match with the gallery full to the brim. Peter gave a lovely speech to the crowd and to other winners. We had 12 'virgin' players attend on the weekend, which was very special. I hope you all had a great weekend and we would love you to continue attending our tournaments.

Thanks to Steve and Lisa from Inform for their continued support to Ballarat over the years. Your brand-new gear, Inform racquets and bags looked great and the players were very lucky to have a prize like that and hopefully they get lots of use from them.

Tournament Director's Report - Cont'd

To the Tara Pilven staff and volunteers at the Ballarat Squash Club, thank you for doing your best in the pressure cooker kitchen. Your effort is greatly appreciated from all who attended keeping us fed and hydrated all weekend. I personally thank you because I know helpers were not easy to find.

Special thanks to Michelle Rowles for her part in organising the buses, helping with tournament player payments plus selling raffle tickets in between playing her matches. You're a handy trooper to have at tournaments. Also thanks to Ally Douglas and Lynette Woodyard (Woody) and Janine Mossop for the T-shirt handing out, plus all other things you did to make this tournament a success.

I was honoured to receive the Judith Goadby award. I will keep it well polished ready for the next recipient.

The Victorian State Championships will be held at Corio Squash Club, Geelong and the entries are NOW OPEN.

Please keep doing your part for Australian Squash in 2022 as I and the Committee will.

My Pleasure, Darren O'Neill
Tournament Director

A VMSA COMMITTEE MEMBERS THOUGHTS

WOW! What an amazing weekend was held in Ballarat to celebrate 40 years of Masters Squash.

It was decided at committee to contact as many past players as possible to invite them to join us at the dinner to commemorate the event. For those that were able to attend, it was great to see you all and catch up on old times.

For those that had other commitments, they were delighted to get a personal telephone call and it was great to chat to them and find out a bit about what was happening in their lives post squash. We hope that you can all join us at any of the future tournaments so that we can have a face to face catch up.

Once again, congratulations to all those that put in so much hard work to make this event such a success and finally happen. ☺

JANINE MOSSOP

JUDITH GOADBY AWARD



Congratulations to Darren O'Neill who is the latest recipient of the prestigious VMSA Judith Goadby trophy.

The award capped a wonderful night of celebration at our 40th Anniversary dinner in Ballarat. Darren could not have been a more deserving winner as he has been an outstanding contributor since his election to the VMSA general committee in 2009. Always quick to volunteer, his initial role involved tournament alerts and general mail-out but Darren quickly undertook other responsibilities as his influence grew. He has had a significant hand in much of the design, printing and embroidering on clothing, badges, stubby holders, towels, lanyards and many other items. His background in painting and design has proved very beneficial for creating new merchandise and accessories.

But his most significant contribution has been in his role of Tournament Director for the VMSA. A role he undertook in 2019 after serving as understudy to Helena Morgan. Finding someone of the quality, understanding and dedication to the task was not something I expected would be easy to find after Helena, but Darren has embraced his new role and made it his own and commands great respect for the job he has undertaken. It is a credit to him that our tournament numbers remain strong and events run smoothly. Perhaps the free drinks he shouts at tournaments has contributed to his popularity and assisted him in his role. Never-the-less, I can honestly say, Darren has put in an enormous amount of time and effort in his role and is thoroughly deserving of the Judith Goadby Award in 2021/2022.

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JOHN AND ANNE LINK –FEBRUARY 2022

\$10,000 donation to the VMSA

John and Anne Link have had a lifetime passion for Squash and Royal Tennis. At the recent VMSA Ballarat tournament, John and Anne donated \$10,000 to the VMSA which I can honestly say was extremely generous and completely unexpected. I want to share John's story about his successful business career, how squash played a role in it's success and the reasons behind his sponsorship of our sport which receives token financial recognition for those who are involved or participate in it.

John started playing squash socially over 50 years ago at Albert Park. He would at best describe himself as a player of average ability. He became tired of being beaten in all of his social encounters so spent two years being coached by Brendan Woodford. During this time Brendan would not allow John to play at competition level fearing he would become unhappy about losing all the time and risk giving up on squash. That was not to be. John's first match was against a similar standard player who happened to be a chemical engineer. After the match John was invited to do some problem solving for his opponent. The opportunity led to a successful business relationship that assisted his own family business for the next 10 years. Other successful relationships were forged through John's love of squash. In particular with Exxon who needed help to find cracks underwater on oil rigs. John then travelled to Bombay to meet with the MD of a contracting firm to work offshore. During the meeting John noticed the man had a squash racket behind his desk which resulted in them spending the afternoon playing at the prestigious Bombay Gym Courts. The squash courts had extremely high ceilings and if you see John play and serve, you will easily understand their relevance. Once again this meeting led to John starting up a branch in the United Arab Emirates and burying pipelines in the Red Sea for Saudi Arabia. Moving forward and some 30 years ago, John started playing squash at the Tanglin Club and operated a fire fighting branch which assisted with putting out fires on oil rigs in the South China Sea. He has since been sponsoring the Jumbo Squash doubles event there for over 20 years.

One of John's passions has been supporting Squash where, on two occasions - in 2009 and again in 2017 he has been one of the main sponsors of the Australian Masters Championships conducted by the VMSA in Victoria. In John's words, sponsorship is for love as it has never got his business an order through sponsoring in 40 years. There have been numerous occasions where John and his business Link Pumps have lent support to squash via sponsoring of professional players or developing juniors as well as contributing to costs of clothing and merchandise and financial support for other major squash events held in Victoria. It is a blessing to have someone so generous and supportive of our sport.

John has been married to Anne for 46 years and again in his words says he is as happy as you can be after that amount of time. Through the years John and Anne have both played and enjoyed squash and royal tennis and have even played doubles together. Anne was also World Doubles Champion at Royal Tennis once upon a time.

John's hobby has always been pumps and engineering and the business of 62 years is winding down and drawing to a close. However, it has given him the opportunity to give something back and along the way meet many fabulous people and make great friends.

Thank you again John and Anne

VMSA's 40th Anniversary Celebrations



A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE ENJOYING THE NIGHT.



Section 1



Section 2



Section 3



Section 4



Section 5



Section 6



Section 7



Section 8

WINNERS BALLARAT 2022 - cont'd

Presentations - INFORM BALLARAT 40th MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2022		
Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	PETER VAUGHAN Lilydale
	Runner Up	SHAHROZE KHAN Mulgrave
	Special plate	WARREN MILLER Lilydale
	Plate	CAMERON PENNA Bendigo
	Consolation plate	DAVID MUTIMER Lilydale
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	MICHAEL FATOUROS Tonic
	Runner Up	IAN TOMKINSON MCC
	Special plate	MICK DYKE Mulgrave
	Plate	GARY MCPYKE Mulgrave
	Consolation plate	SETH ADAMS Ballarat
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	GAYE MITCHELL TAS
	Runner Up	MICHAEL WALKER Corio
	Special plate	DAVID SHAY Werribee
	Plate	ROBERT GREENWOOD Ballarat
	Consolation plate	MARK THOMPSON (V) Corio
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	DARREN FLEMING (V) Lilydale
	Runner Up	GEOFF CHAMBERS RACV
	Special plate	BRUCE MORGAN (V) ACT
	Plate	JOHN TOBIN Ballarat
	Consolation plate	MICHAEL LUCAS Squash Logic
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	WAYNE SCOTT Melton
	Runner Up	IAN FORRESTER Ballarat
	Special plate	ADAM SADDLER (V) Benalla
	Plate	JOHN WILLEMS Mulgrave
	Consolation plate	BIDDY MCFARLANE GPHC
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	TONY SMITH (V) Parsons
	Runner Up	DARREN APPLEBY (V) Parsons
	Special plate	JODIE MCLEAN Lilydale
	Plate	JULIE LESTER Moorabbin
	Consolation plate	ZIG SZABELANCZYK Squash Logic
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	JENNY SCHOLTZ Lilydale
	Runner Up	FRANK BUGEJA Poowong
	Special plate	PETER MILLER Horsham
	Plate	DAVE BLACKER Squash Logic
	Consolation plate	TAMMIE FLEMING Lilydale
(8) SECTION 8	Winner	SUE LANDY Ballarat
	Runner Up	RON SMITH ACT
	Special plate	DONNA FISHER Mildura
	Plate	SIMONE ROSSETTO TONIC
	Consolation plate	TIM HILL Mountain District
(9) SECTION 9	Winner	LISA WILLS Squash Logic
	Runner Up	JOHN SCULLY Mulgrave
	Special plate	JUDITH FOX TAS
	Plate	JACKIE BANNON SUPER NURSE
	Consolation plate	BARRY DURHAM GPHC
(10) SECTION 10	Winner	ROSS WARREN (V) Squash Meib
	Runner Up	LIBBY INNES GPHC
	Third/Plate	PAM PARK Moorabbin
	Consolation plate	VIC STAFFORD Brighton
(11) SECTION 11	Winner	ELVA ANDERSON (V) LaTrobe Valley
	Runner Up	BARBARA MELVIN Newborough
	Third/Plate	CHERYL GILBEE Lilydale
	Consolation plate	ELENA MORENO Squash Logic
(12) SECTION 12	Winner	JAN WILSON Moe
	Runner Up	HELEN LOCOO Squash Logic
	Third/Plate	JOHN LINK GPHC



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Section 12





Vale - Sue Insley 1955-2022

The VMSA and its many members wish to extend their sincere condolences to Paul (Frosty) Frost on the shock passing of his beloved partner Sue Insley during the weekend of our 40th Anniversary Ballarat Tournament in February. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Paul during this most difficult time.

Sue was not a squash player herself but she was there supporting Paul at every tournament he attended and spent many an enjoyable weekend mingling and socialising with the Masters group. She was friendly, cheerful and the love of Paul's life. Together, they made a great couple. May you forever live long in our memories Sue.

EDITOR'S NOTE

There are many more photos to view on our website. Go to vmsasquash.com.au and click on media/photos. We will also be putting up a 40th Anniversary booklet shortly to honour the occasion. Happy viewing.



VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION

WE'RE BACK!

FEB
12-14
Teams
Event
Bairnsdale

APRIL
17-18
Victorian
Championships
Lilydale

MAY
29-30
Masters/
Juniors
Westerfolds

JULY
16-18
Individuals
Event
Horsham

OCT
11-22
Australian
Masters
Championships
Adelaide

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VICTORIAN MASTERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

CORIO

8th—10th APRIL 2022

TO BE PLAYED AT:

Leisuretime Sports Precinct, 262-282 Anakie Road, Norlane. Phone: 0425844435

Entries close Thursday 31st March 2022



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Darren O'Neill

Phone: 0418 362 909

Email: tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au



NEXT TOURNAMENTS:

Masters Juniors

Westerfolds

28th-29th May 2022

Individuals Event Horsham

15th-17th July 2022

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

1. The Victorian Championships is an **aged** event, you must be 35 years of age or over to enter. The Tournament 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 offers a discounted entry fee for online entries received 2 weeks before the tournament start date.
3. Players may enter **ONE EVENT ONLY**. Players can nominate to play in the open or graded section of their age group, see entry form for details.
4. All players must fulfil their obligations to other participants by competing in all matches set down for them.
5. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept, decline or re-grade any entries.
6. 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.
7. No claims whatsoever will be recognised should any player receive an injury whilst participating in the tournament.
8. First round matches will be available on our website www.vmsasquash.com.au from Wednesday 6th April 2022.
9. 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 scheduled match time.**
10. 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 mins per side, 4 mins in total and 90 seconds between games.
11. All players are expected to mark or referee the match immediately following their own, or as directed by the Tournament Control.
12. Medal presentations will be at approximately 4:30pm Sunday followed by a complimentary supper.
13. A social get together, including complimentary supper will be held at the Corio Squash Club on Friday evening after the conclusion of the matches. **ALL WELCOME**
14. Snacks and refreshments will be available at the squash centre during the weekend.
15. A Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 9th April at The Leopold Sportmans Club, 135 Kensington Rd, Leopold 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.**
16. A **Courtesy Bus** will be provided to the Dinner, 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.
17. Accommodation: At your own discretion.
18. 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 - Early Bird cut-off date is 25th March 2022

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VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 202&– ENTRY FORM

EVENTS: Events/gradings will depend on the number of entries received

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender:** _____ **Age at ,th April 202&:** _____

Surname: _____ **Given Names:** _____

Address: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ **Phone No:** _____

Please select the age group and event that you wish to enter ☐ **Open** ☐ **Graded**

☐ 35-39 ☐ 40-44 ☐ 45-49 ☐ 50-54 ☐ 55-59 ☐ 60-64 ☐ 65-69

☐ 70-74 ☐ 75-79 ☐ 80-84 ☐ 85-89 ☐ Over 90

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 for details

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT? ☐ YES ☐ NO

We need as many 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:	\$50 per person	No. attending _____	Dinner \$
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? 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 Please do not send cash by mail.

Entries close Thursday 31 March 2022

My preferred method of payment is:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Direct Debit **BSB 633000 Acc 130422223** Reference: < eg.....YOUR NAME >

Card Number: _____ | _____ | _____ | _____

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

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