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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Aust. Masters Champs Sept 5-13

Squash.com.au Ballarat Nov 21-23

THE PREZ SEZ

By Lou Morsch



It's the middle of Winter and I'm out of here. A trip to Canada and Alaska with a few days in San Francisco beckons. With Jill

in tow and some of her family coming with us, we are looking forward to enjoying a great holiday. I will be back in time for our AGM at Mulgrave Club on the 31st August. Hope you can attend and support your Association. Following that is the Australians in Perth which I unfortunately will not make. Good luck to all the Victorians who will be competing over there. I wish you well.

The announcement of the World Masters Squash Championships being conducted in Perth in 2026 is big news and I hope all Aussies from around the country will rally behind this event. Keep your eyes and ears open for further information about this Major event. Should be a great opportunity to compete against players from all around the globe if you can make it. Melbourne was the last Australian city to host an International event like this way back in 2001. Because of this event, the Australian Masters Championships will not be held in 2026.

Autumn pennant was recently completed, and I'm pleased to say our team from Western Squash at Melton won it's Grand Final - Yay!! Congratulations to all the other winners from the East and the West. Hope we can maintain another pennant season in Spring as it's a real battle for survival as I see it.

We recently conducted a very successful Masters/Juniors event at Westerfolds in May. Support for this tournament was fantastic with 94 entries packing out the centre and enjoying a great day of competition. Have a read of my report further into the newsletter.

The next edition of the VMSA newsletter will include a full report of our holiday which I'm sure everyone will look forward to – or not!! In the meantime, keep squashing and supporting Masters Squash – we need you.

YOUR PREZ

Presentations - 2025 JIM BRISTOW CUP - MASTERS/JUNIORS TOURNAMENT

Event	Award	Master/Junior
SECTION 1	Winner Runner up	Vanessa Pickerd/Joanne Joseph Avinash Oliver/Ben McMillan
SECTION 2	Winner Runner up	Matt Howard/Nelson Howard Sky Loo/Aleister Loo
SECTION 3	Winner Runner up	Greg Murphy/Tom Saddler Gary McPyke/Will Rawle
SECTION 4	Winner Runner up	Michelle Rowles/Alana Croucamp Andrew Curwood/Zac Fairweather
SECTION 5	Winner Runner up	David Truet/Krisyant Mahendren Leigh Evans/Nina Pantelidis
SECTION 6	Winner Runner up	Tammie Fleming/Jacob Fleming Khurram Khattak/Ali Khattak
SECTION 7	Winner Runner up	Rick Thorpe/Kayla Thorpe Max Roy/Elim Lo
SECTION 8	Winner Runner up	Brendan O'Kelly/Nicholas O'Kelly Joshua Ebenezer/Boriss Bendrups
SECTION 9	Winner Runner up	Jessie Delacruz/Kiane Delacruz Gary Thompson/Isobel Thompson
SECTION 10	Winner Runner up	Daniel Jones/Henry Jones Kathryn Bechaz/Lauren Wickes
SECTION 11	Winner Runner Up	Nick Bouras/Joshua Kempster Subash Wijesiri/Cristiano Wijesiri

MASTERS JUNIORS SECTION WINNERS



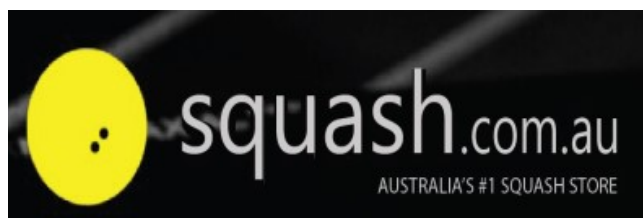
MASTERS JUNIORS ON COURT ACTION



VMSA Autumn 2025

Individual Team Results Grand Finals

Grade 02	Grand Final	Westerfolds 01	Won	Lilydale Club 01	3R11G205P-1R4G169P
Grade 03	Grand Final	Westerfolds 02	Won	Lilydale Club 03	3R9G195P-1R7G196P
Grade 04	Grand Final	Grace Park Haw 01	Won	Mulgrave Club 05	3R10G199P-1R4G149P
Grade 02	Grand Final	Werribee 02	Won	WSRC 01	2R6G129P-1R4G109P
Grade 03	Grand Final	WSRC 03	Won	Fitzpatrick 01	3R10G196P-1R4G149P
Grade 04	Grand Final	Focus GP 02	Won	Werribee 04	3R9G197P-1R5G156P



PENNANT GRAND FINALS—EASTERN SECTION



PENNANT GRAND FINALS—WESTRN SECTION





THE PREZ SAYS – JULY 2025

It's not every day I pencil my article from 25,000 feet whilst flying from San Francisco to Vancouver but as they say-there's no time like the present.

First of all, my sincere apologies to Darren O'Neill and everyone who competed in Horsham recently. I had an obvious excuse for being unable to attend. I will endeavour to time my holidays a bit better in future - or maybe not. Hopefully, everybody that did compete had a great weekend despite the cold Winter conditions. A great opportunity to stay CLOSE together both on the court and around the fireplace or the dance floor. Our Horsham friends are such great hosts.

As the Australians in Perth are looming large, I again would say good luck to everyone who are making the journey across the Nullarbor in September to compete. If you don't make it to Perth this year, then maybe you should consider visiting in 2026. Perth is the location for the World Masters Squash Championships in 2026 so it presents a unique opportunity for everyone to compete on a world scale. What an opportunity. I'll put a note in my diary not to book a holiday during that time next year. It's time to fasten our seatbelts now folks so I'll bid you farewell until I return.

Go Squashing

Your Prez

VMSA HORSHAM TOURNAMENT REPORT 2025

Sure, it is chilly, but we did not care. The courts were warm and Horsham's hospitality was warmer than the courts. The **2025 VMSA Horsham Squash Tournament** was held between the **25 to 27 July** at the **Horsham Squash Club**, where we went once again to support local grass roots squash. The VMSA is always keen to support squash centres across Victoria as are Masters Players from other states including Tassie and NSW. Special mention to Mildura, Broken Hill, Benalla, Bairnsdale and even Poowong just to mention a few who travelled a fair way to come together for a weekend of competition, camaraderie, and celebration.

A total of **60+ players** competed across **3 days of competition**. The players had an opportunity to compete for prizes supplied by **Smiths Lane Wines** - thanks Smiths Lane for your ongoing support.

We welcomed **six VMSA "virgins"** — players participating in their **very first VMSA tournament**:

- Chris Barned – MCC
- Mick Joint - MCC
- Dale McMaster - Horsham
- Damian Moller - Ballarat
- Phil Taylor - Corio
- Anthony White - Horsham

We hope to see them at many more tournaments in the future. As a "Virgin" they received a VMSA Virgin voucher which allows free tournament entry to either **squash.com.au Ballarat 21-23 November 2025** or **VMSA Bairnsdale 13-15 February 2026**.

A highlight of the weekend was the **Saturday night dinner** held at the **Horsham Golf Course**, attended by **60 guests**. The evening was celebrated with an outstanding quality 2 course meal. The band (**Head Rush**) played beyond the cut off time, which was so great, but the poor bus driver had to wait for us to board the bus just that bit longer. Sorry!

Congratulations to **Julian Smith** for winning the Members Draw. Julian received 2 x dinner dance tickets to be used over the next 12 months valued at \$120.00.

I would like to send my deepest appreciation to everyone who contributed to making this tournament a success:

- The **Horsham Squash Club** for hosting the event with professionalism and the warmest hospitality. A huge thanks to Leon Barents (Horsham President) for his efforts.
- My tournament girls, **Helen Lococo & Allison Gilbert** who ran the desk. You ladies were faultless over the weekend and as the Tournament Director, I am so lucky to have you give up your weekends to run the Tournament desk with me.
- **Michelle Rowles**, for her tireless behind-the-scenes work, including **raffles, bus organisation**, and countless other tasks that often go unnoticed but are essential.
- **Allison Douglas**, our energetic **VMsa Vice President** and beloved **raffle girl**, for her ongoing commitment and infectious enthusiasm.
- **Allison Douglas and Gary McPyke**, for sourcing and coordinating the **wonderful raffle prizes**, Thank you.
- **Smith's Lane Wines**, for supplying multiple samples of their quality wine. Also, the donation of prizes to the winners and place getters. **Smith's Lane Wines discount voucher** - [Click Here](#)
- **The Horsham Council** once again gave us huge support and even put up a welcome banner in town for the tournament. We had visits from the newspaper and a local radio station - simply outstanding support.
- **TS&L Neon**, for their **ongoing sponsorship and generous support**.
- **Lynette Woodyard**, for all the photos and videos across the weekend.

The 2025 Horsham Tournament offered a perfect blend of competitive squash and camaraderie. The VMsa looks forward to continuing this tradition and welcoming even more fresh faces in the future.



I think my report for Horsham has been very positive and supports the great efforts from the people who make our tournaments a success, but I have left out one of the best things that has happened inside the VMsa for a while and that's the revitalised energy from Linda and Mark Thurkle. Thurks (Mark) is always ready to lend a hand to support his squash friends and completing over 100+ tournaments, there would be a few including myself. **BUT** team Thurkle now headed by our bubbly Linda has taken social media for the VMsa to a new level. Linda ran around at the Horsham tournament the whole weekend filming and connecting with players, also watching their matches and posting on social media, it's a huge job and she nailed it. The overwhelming responses we have had via social media has blown my mind with some reels receiving over 500 views. Linda you are a gem, a huge thanks from us

all. Check out all the videos on our VMsa Masters Facebook page.

Next Tournament [Squash.com.au](https://www.squash.com.au) Ballarat 21-23 November 2025

My Pleasure Darren O'Neill

VMsa Tournament Director

HORSHAM

PRESENTATIONS



Presentations - VMSA MASTERS TOURNAMENT HORSHAM 2025

Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	CAMERON PENNA Bendigo
	Runner Up	MICHAEL JOINT MCC
	Third/Special plate	CHRIS BARNED MCC
	Plate	DANIEL ROLLS Ballarat
	Consolation plate	DARREN O'DONNELL Ballarat
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	GARY MCPYKE Mulgrave
	Runner Up	GREG MURPHY Benalla
	Third/Special plate	CLEM VINEY WSRC
	Plate	MARK BATES Ballarat
	Consolation plate	ROGER CHILD Squash Melb
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	DAN KORN Fitzpatrick
	Runner Up	JULIAN SMITH Westerfold
	Third/Special plate	BRUCE BURNS Ballarat
	Plate	JON GRANT WSRC
	Consolation plate	MARTIN GUNN Wagga Wagga
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	DAMIAN MOLLER Ballarat
	Runner Up	LORI FERNANDEZ Tonic
	Third/Special plate	ANNE FORDHAM Tonic
	Plate	MICHELLE ROWLES WSRC
	Consolation plate	PAUL ATKINS Ballarat
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	LEANNE HALEY WSRC
	Runner Up	FRANK BUGEJA Poowong
	Third/Special plate	SUE LANDY Ballarat
	Plate	INO WOBBS Lilydale
	Consolation plate	ALLISON DOUGLAS MCC
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	MARK DECKERT Horsham
	Runner Up	KAREN GRIFFITH Lilydale
	Third/Special plate	WENDY MCWILLIAMS Mulgrave
	Plate	ALLISON GILBERT Bairnsdale
	Consolation plate	JEFF MARR Werribee
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	DALE McMASTER Horsham
	Runner Up	GEOFF MORLEY Sale
	Third/Special plate	ROSS MEDDINGS WSRC
	Plate	RUTH ADDLEM Horsham
	Consolation plate	JUDITH FOX TAS
(8) SECTION 8	Winner	BRYCE SIMPSON Horsham
	Runner Up	JENNY ANDERSON Moe
	Third/Plate	HELEN LOCOCO WSRC

HORSHAM DINNER DANCE



AROUND THE COURTS AT HORSHAM



BALLARAT

Masters Squash Tournament

21st- 23rd Nov 2025

Ballarat Squash and Racquet Ball Centre
106 Dowling Street, Wendouree

Entries close Thursday 13 Nov
Early bird Entries close Friday 7th Nov

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Bairnsdale
13th-15th Feb
2026

**Next
Tournament**

