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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2025

Masters Juniors – Westerfolds May 31

Horsham Individual July 25-27

Aust. Masters Champs Sept 5-13

Squash.com.au Ballarat Nov 21-23

THE PREZ SEZ

By Lou Morsch



It's been a great start to 2025 with the first time Masters tournament completed in Mildura in February.

Did anyone notice the Weather? Where did all the Summer heat go. Fancy asking to turn the AirCon OFF at the courts!! What a great trip it turned out to be. The response from Masters players and partners was well above expectation and congratulations to everyone involved for making it a great experience both on and off the court. Especially grateful to Kevin Healy and his team of volunteers who worked overtime to ensure the success of the event. Hats off to Mildura Squash Club.

On a separate note, if anyone found my UNSQUASHABLE racket which was left behind, please let me know. Luckily, I purchased two for one off Steve Walton at his Christmas on-line sale.

Autumn pennant season is a lot different without Grade 1 in the East. Another blow to our competition and to squash in general. Seems half price pennant fees, earlier starts and allowing under age fill-ins to play is not seeing any increase in interest or in pennant numbers. If there is a better way or a solution to the problem, I'd like to hear from you. On a brighter note, the Western Squash and Racquetball Centre (formerly Squash Logic) is going well under the new management of Ollie Haley and his mum Leanne. Teams in the Western competition are quite stable.

Our poor friends north of the border in NSW and Queensland have copped it again with serious rain and flooding causing significant flooding and damage to property. We are thinking of you and your families and hope you get through the ordeal safe and sound. Victoria and South Australia on the other hand is experiencing a very dry time where a little rain would be most welcome. Crazy to think we all live in the same country at times like these.

Stay safe and well and keep squashing
YOUR PREZ

MILDURA MASTERS TOURNAMENT



On the road again Mildura bound with my girl band of tournament helpers who are truly amazing. We hosted our first tournament at Mildura at their new courts where four brand new courts have been built inside a local sports stadium. If squash can grow, these multipurpose centres are probably the way to go forward in the future.

To those who played at Mildura, I hope you had a great time. It was a busy tournament with a new centre and new people to work with at the courts. In my opinion it ran so smooth I was very pleased. Thanks for the amazing feedback, it was sincere and welcomed. I received so many texts and emails about the weekend.

Entries to Mildura came steadily, a great effort. Players give yourselves a pat on the back because the tournament went very well, and the matches were played in typical master's sports person-like manner. We had 72 entries, 9 sections plus a staggering 13 new players (VMSA Virgins) which is fantastic. Thank you to all the interstate players who made the effort to cross the border - SA 5, NSW 1, Tas 2.

The Member's Draw was won by Lynette Woodyard from Western Squash & Racquetball Centre. She won 2 dinner dance tickets to be used over the next 12 months. Congratulations Woody, nice to see you win.



Only 1 badge was given at Mildura this year to a great lady and a great supporter of Squash, Belinda Murphy received her 75+ tournament badge. Congratulation Belinda, now you are on your way to a 100+ tournament badge.

72 people came along to the dinner, our band played some great songs to help us dance the night away, the dance floor was so huge, packing it to the edges was a struggle for the night.

To Kevin Healey who put in 110% to make us feel welcome, you were so helpful with all our requirements. You made my job easy so thanks for the support. To all the people who helped over the weekend, I know you were under pressure so thanks for the hours you put in to help and for the wide range of beverages on offer to our players - Cheers to the bar staff.

Check the results page on the VMSA website for all the finals match results.

<https://vmsasquash.com.au/uploads/files/Tournaments/Previous%20Tournament%20Results/50%20Masters%20Tournaments%20%20February%20205%20-%20Mildura%20.pdf>

Mildura Section 1 Winner Peter Gilbee defeated David Kempster in 3 games in a great match with the gallery full to the brim. Peter gave a lovely speech to the crowd and to other winners.

A special mention to Wali and Terry for their support over the years. Thank you for all the things you do to support our tournaments.

To all the people who helped me behind the desk, thanks to Helen, Pam, Michelle, Ally and all the others who popped in to lend a hand when the pressure was on. You are all amazing people. A special mention to Lynette for all those photos taken and welcome back to Linda Thurkle who is our social media guru now. Linda, you are a breath of fresh air and the coverage of our tournament on socials was fantastic. So, if you have anything you would like Linda to put up on our Facebook page, text her on 0402 428 441 and keep it clean ha-ha.

Our next tournament will be held at Bendigo on the 11-13 April 2025. Entries are open and remember it is the Victorian Masters Squash Championships so get busy with your entry.

Click this link to enter,

<https://vmsasquash.com.au/bendigo-25>

Please keep doing your part for Australian Squash in 2025 as I and our Committee will.

My pleasure, Darren O'Neill - Tournament Director.

Presentations - VMSA MASTERS TOURNAMENT MILDURA 2025

Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	PETER GILBEE Lilydale
	Runner Up	DAVID KEMPSTER Mulgrave
	Third/Special plate	MATT HOWARD Tonic
	Plate	DARREN NAGEL WSRC
	Consolation plate	ADRIAN FOX
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	DAVID ZEMAN Squash Melb
	Runner Up	GARY CALLAWAY Mildura
	Third/Special plate	PAUL TAKACS Mildura
	Plate	GREG MURPHY Benalla
	Consolation plate	MICK DYKE Yarram
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	ADAM STEPHENS Mildura
	Runner Up	MICHAEL BOATMAN Ballarat
	Third/Special plate	GEOFF CHAMBERS RACV
	Plate	MICHAEL ADAMSON Ballarat
	Consolation plate	MARK CASH Loxton
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	CLEM VINEY WSRC
	Runner Up	ANDREW MEREDITH Shepparton
	Third/Special plate	DAN KORN Fitzpatricks
	Plate	BRUCE BURNS Ballarat
	Consolation plate	LOU MORSCH WSRC
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	GREG DUNCAN Milawa
	Runner Up	JANINE EEDY Mulgrave
	Third/Special plate	MARTIN GUNN Wagga Wagga
	Plate	JEANNETTE VEAR Mildura
	Consolation plate	JOE PRINCIOTTA Focus GP
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	JOHN DE LEIJER GPHC
	Runner Up	CRAIG TODD Loxton
	Third/Special plate	PAUL ATKINS Ballarat
	Plate	JAMES BOWKER Midura
	Consolation plate	JOHN DRUMMOND Westerfolds
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	LEANNE HALEY Mulgrave
	Runner Up	MAL RUBINICH WSRC
	Third/Special plate	TIM NOACK Mildura
	Plate	MAREK HABSUDA Ballarat
	Consolation plate	ALLISON GILBERT Bairnsdale
(8) SECTION 8	Winner	LYNETTE WOODYARD WSRC
	Runner Up	GEOFF MORLEY Sale
	Third/Special plate	ALIRA BAKER TASSIE
	Plate	JEFF MARR Werribee
	Consolation plate	PAUL FROST Ballarat
(9) SECTION 9	Winner	IAN WYATT Westerfolds
	Runner Up	VIC STAFFORD Mulgrave
	Third/Special plate	CHERYL GILBEE Lilydale
	Plate	HENRY PASTUSZKA Benalla
	Consolation plate	BRYCE SIMPSON Horsham

MILDURA PRESENTATIONS



MILDURA DINNER DANCE



MILDURA—AROUND THE COURTS



SOME PICS FROM MILDURA



All photos can be viewed on our website www.vmsasquash.com.au



A great representation from WSRC

BENDIGO

THE PREZ SAYS – BENDIGO REPORT

By Lou Morsch

We have since moved from Mildura on to the next tournament which was the Victorian Championships at Bendigo in April.

Having missed the last Bendigo tournament in 2024, it was great for me to be back at last. The local Mayor, Andrea Metcalfe was also a big hit and a welcome guest at presentation. Great to have such good Council support there.

Thanks Jill for spending money at Bendigo Pottery and then providing excellent raffle prizes with an Easter theme. Very generous darling but where were my chocolates?!! Interesting to see more competitors in the 60yrs+ age bracket compared to the 'young'uns'. Darren will no doubt provide all the saucy details in his report.

Stay safe and well and keep squashing - YOUR PREZ

Victorian Masters Squash Championships Report - Bendigo

The 2025 Victorian Masters Squash Championships were held on 11 to 13 April at the Bendigo Squash Club where squash enthusiasts from across Victoria as well as interstate from ACT, Tassie and NSW came together for a weekend of competition, camaraderie, and celebration. A total of 72 players competed across multiple age divisions including 3 players in the 80-84 age division with Frank Bugeja taking out the gold medal. This tournament provides an opportunity for players to play people that they would not normally get the opportunity to. Congratulations to all the medal winners who battled it out over the weekend. We welcomed six VMSA "virgins" — players participating in their very first VMSA tournament:

- Jeremy Griffiths - Bendigo SC
- Brenda Howell - Bendigo SC
- Gareth Lapsins - Bendigo SC
- Paul Luchini – WSRC
- Brett McIntosh - Bendigo SC
- Jack Savenye - Alexandra SC.

We hope to see them at many more tournaments to come. As a "Virgin", they received a VMSA Virgin voucher which allows free tournament entry to either VMSA Horsham Tournament 25-27 July or Squash.com.au Ballarat 21-23 November.

A highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night dinner held at the Foundry Hotel, attended by 60 guests. The evening offered players and supporters a chance to relax, reconnect, and celebrate a shared love for the game in a welcoming social setting. We had a two course meal which was outstanding.

Congratulations to Leanne Haley for winning the Members Draw. Leanne received 2 x dinner dance tickets to be used over the next 12 months.

The VMSA extends deep appreciation to everyone who contributed to making this tournament a success:

- The Bendigo Squash Club for hosting the event with professionalism and hospitality.
- My tournament girls, Helen Lococo, Janine Mossop and new recruit Allison Gilbert who had a run behind the desk – no escaping now Allison. 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.
- 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.
- Jill Morsch, for sourcing and coordinating the wonderful raffle prizes, -the Easter theme was a big hit.
- TS&L Neon, for their ongoing sponsorship and generous support.
- Lynette Woodyard, for all the photos across the weekend.

The 2025 Victorian Masters Squash Championships were a tremendous success, offering a perfect blend of competitive sport and community connection. The VMSA looks forward to continuing this tradition and welcoming even more new faces in the future. Most importantly we were honoured to have the support of the Bendigo Council who support local events, sporting groups like us, so thanks from the VMSA. The Bendigo Mayor Cr Andrea Metcalf who came to see us and be a part of the presentations, I thought that added that special touch to the end of the tournament.

Next Tournament Masters/Juniors 31 May 2025 at Westerfolds Squash Centre

My Pleasure Darren O'Neill
VMSA Tournament Direct

Presentations - VMSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS BENDIGO 2025

Event	Award	Awarded to
MENS 35-39 OPEN	M35-39 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	DANIEL JONES ANDREW MERIDITH GARETH LAPSINS
MENS 40-44 OPEN	M40-44 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP	MARK EDGLEY JACK SAVENYE
MENS 45-49 OPEN	M45-49 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	CAMERON PENNA DAVID KEMPSTER PAUL LUCHINI
MENS 50-54 OPEN	M50-54 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	DARRYN BROWN MARK ROBERTSON STEVEN LUKEY
MENS 55-59 OPEN	M55-59 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD CONSOLATION PLATE	DARREN NAGEL JOHN MERTZ WAYNE LOWE GREG DUNCAN
MENS 60-64 OPEN	M60-64 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD CONSOLATION PLATE	PETER GILBEE GREG MURPHY GARY Mc PYKE LORI FERNANDEZ
MENS 65-69 OPEN	M65-69 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD CONSOLATION PLATE	MICHAEL NEWNHAM GARY CALLAWAY JOHN BARTON LOU MORSCH
MENS 65-69 DIV 2	M65-69 DIV 2 WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD CONSOLATION PLATE	MARIO QUINTELA MARTIN GUNN JOHN De LEIJER MAL RUBINICH
MENS 70-74 OPEN	M70-74 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	DAVID SHAY GEOFF CHAMBERS CLEM VINEY
MENS 70-74 DIV 2	M70-74 DIV 2 WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	GARY MURPHY GEOFF MORLEY ROSS MEDDINGS
MENS 75-79 OPEN	M75-79 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	ADRIAN ANDERSON DENIS METTAM RON SMITH
MENS 80-84 OPEN	M80-84 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	FRANK BUGEJA TOM SLATTERY IAN KIRKBY

WOMENS 35-39 OPEN	W35-39 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP	ALIRA BAKER JENNA DUFFY
WOMENS 55-59 OPEN	W55-59 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	ANNE FORDHAM JANINE EEDY LEANNE HALEY
WOMENS 60-64 OPEN	W60-64 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	CARON PENDRY MICHELLE ROWLES ANNE BAKER
WOMENS 65-69 OPEN	W65-69 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	BELINDA MURPHY JEANNETTE VEAR JEANETTE BARTON
WOMENS 70-74 OPEN	W70-74 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	LYNETTE WOODYARD JUDY FOX HEATHER CAMPBELL
WOMENS 75-79 OPEN	W75-79 OPEN WINNER	HELEN LOCOCO





Vicki Fox passed away after a year long health battle in February this year She was a great supporter of squash both in Victoria and Tasmania and is a great loss to the squash community and all those who knew her.
Left: Vicki Annie and Judy

HORSHAM MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENT

25th—27th JULY 2025

TO BE PLAYED AT:

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

Entries close Thursday 17 JULY 2025



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Darren O'Neill

Phone: 0418 362 909

Email: tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au



NEXT TOURNAMENT:

Australian Masters
Championships Perth, WA

5-13 September 2025

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 from Wednesday 24th July 2025.
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 26th July 2025 at The Horsham Golf Club, 304 Golf Course Rd, Haven VIC 3401 from 7:30pm till 12:00am featuring a live band and a 2 course meal. Drinks at bar prices. Cost: \$60 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: - **At your Discretion**
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.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT APPLIES FOR ENTRIES LODGED ONLINE ONLY—EARLY BIRD CUT-OFF DATE IS 11th JULY 2025

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VMsa INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT - HORSHAM 2025 - ENTRY FORM

EVENTS: Events/Gradings will depend on entries.

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender:** _____ **Age at 25th JULY 2025:** _____

Surname: _____ **Given Names:** _____

Address: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ **Phone No:** _____

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)

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT?

☐ YES

☐ NO

We need as many players 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: \$

Dinner Dance: \$60 per person No. attending _____

Dinner Dance: \$

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 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 Please do not send cash by mail.

Entries close Thursday 17th July 2025

My preferred method of payment is:

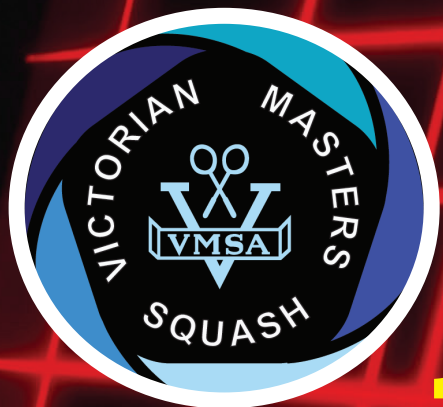
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Horsham Masters



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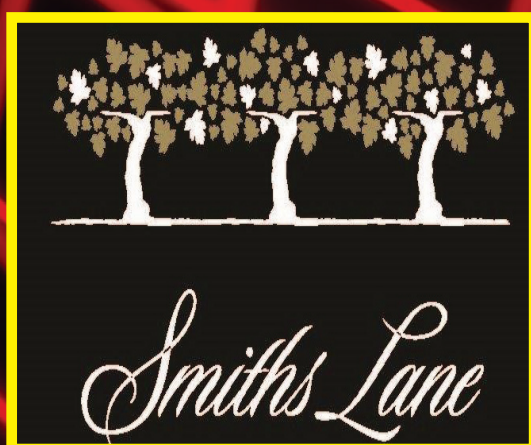
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25th-27th July 2025

76 McPherson Street, Horsham 3400

Entries close Thursday 17th July 2025

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NEXT TOURNAMENT
Australian Masters Championships
Perth WA 5th-13th September

Graphic Design - Phillip Howe 0433 416 565 - philliphowe@optusnet.com.au



2025 Tournaments

Bendigo - 11th-13th April 2025 - Victorian Championships

Westerfolds - 31st May 2025 - Masters Juniors

Horsham - 25th-27th July 2025 - Individual Tournament

Squash.com.au - **Ballarat** 21st-23rd November 2025
Individual Tournament