

Tasmanian Masters Squash

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2018 WRAP-UP

2018 was dominated by the continued preparation for, and hosting of the Australian Masters Squash Championships in September. The regular annual cycle of Monday Masters Squash at Eastside and State Masters tournaments continued despite the huge demands on organisers and players. Well done everyone.

September 3-7 - The Australian Masters Squash 2018 Individuals Championships

There were 181 entrants; 34 Tasmanians, 144 from interstate and 3 from New Zealand.

The Welcome Function was held at the Hobart Town Hall on Sunday 2nd September with 246 attendees. The welcome speech by The Honourable Ron Christie, Lord Mayor of Hobart was well-received and his offer to personally run guided tours of the Town Hall throughout the tournament was taken up enthusiastically. The tournament comprised 5-yearly Age Divisions from 35-39 thru 90+, most with Open, 2nd & 3rd Divisions. On day one a contestant did a spectacular head plant into the front wall of the court. Qualified medical support was immediately at hand with an ambulance attending shortly thereafter. For his enthusiasm he was rewarded with lots of blood but cleared of any neck or spinal damage. Cameron Smith was not impressed but the court was soon cleaned to his satisfaction. There was the usual handful of calf, hamstring and other soft tissue injuries that attend these events, which while distressing for the contestants were not severe.

At the end of the event national champions and runners up in all 24 Men's and 22 Women's divisions had been determined and awarded.

On Tuesday 4th September a VIP function for 60 Masters Squash luminaries and organisers was hosted by the Clarence City Council at the

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Bellerive Yacht Club. The Honourable Doug Chipman, Clarence City Mayor gave a welcome speech and highlighted the tourism and historic offerings in the City of Clarence.

The Individuals Championships culminated in a dinner dance attended, and thoroughly enjoyed, by 166people at Blundstone Arena.

September 10-14 - The Australian Masters Squash 2018 Teams Championships

There were 293 entrants; 47 Tasmanians and 246 from interstate.

A "Convict Experience & Craft Beer" event initially planned for Thursday 9th September for two sessions of 40 people each had to be extended to five sessions over Wednesday and Thursday due to the demand. The evening commenced with the Hobart Convict Penitentiary audio-visual 'Pandemonium – The Convict Film Experience'. This was followed by craft beer tasting at Shambles Brewery. Feedback on the events and venues was very positive from the upwards of 200 participants. Over the course of the week informal gatherings were arranged at the New Sydney Hotel and Macq01, the Queensland Masters Squash Association ran a Pool tournament at the Marguis Hotel, and Gasworks Cellar Door offered free wine tastings to participants.

The tournament comprised 16 Divisions of 6 state-based teams, each team having 3 or occasionally 4 members. The matches ran very smoothly and a shuttle bus service from Eastside Squash Centre, Bellerive to Bobby Parsons Sports Centre, Moonah ensured the extra courts required did not compromise scheduling. At the end of the event national champions and runners up in all 16 divisions had been determined and awarded.

The Teams Championships ended with a marvellous dinner dance attended by 326 people at Ubet Park, Elwick Racecourse Functions.

The trophies for both events were crafted using Tasmanian timbers by the Tasmanian Prison Service – Prison Industries and perfectly aligned with the tournament theme and Tasmanian venue. Publicity material for the Wine Tours, Bellerive Historical Society, Arts Bicycles and other local businesses were available at Eastside Squash Centre.

The marquee from Salter's Hire provided a perfect social area in the Eastside Squash Centre carpark and the Moto Vecchio food van kept contestants and guests fed and charged with coffee.

The Australian Masters Squash 2018 Championships were well run, successful, promoted the host cities and State, and received very positive praise for the organisation, competition venue, associated functions and the range and quality of tourism options.

The Tasmanian Masters Squash Association is grateful for the support offered by sponsors, players, squash associations and all the wonderful volunteers who spent time and energy over the eighteen months making it all possible. This tournament provides the main funding base for TMSA to operate over the next eight years and keep members' fees affordable, so this support has tangible benefits beyond the event itself.

Masters Pennant

Then of course there is the Masters Squash pennant run every Monday evening at Eastside Squash. Tony, Cheryl and Chris B (and others) do a wonderful job organising this.



So much more could be said, so many more people thanked but if you've read this far you deserve a medal. Have a merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable festive season.

Garry Hulme, Vice President



INDIVIDUAL RESULTS



M60-64 OPEN Winner: Jim Mobbs Qld Runner Up: Michael Brown Tas Plate: Eddie Estevao NSW Special Plate: Wayne Keoghan SA



M55-59 DIV 2 Winner: David Pentecost Tas Runner Up: Tim Toohey NSW

M50-54 DIV 2 Winner: Kel Buckley Qld Runner Up: Mark Hudson Tas

M45-49 DIV 2 Winner: Alan Zaeh Qld Runner Up: Hamish Laws Tas



M45-49 DIV 3 Winner: Geoff Eyers Tas



W45-40 OPEN Winner: Mel Shutt Tas Runner Up: Janine Eedy Vic



W65-69 OPEN Winner: Gaye Mitchell Tas Runner Up: Khris Wiaceck WA



W65-69 DIV 3 Winner: Alan Zaeh Qld Runner Up: Hamish Laws Tas



W70-74 OPEN Winner: Marilyn Kennedy Qld Runner Up: Wendy Ashley Tas Special Plate: Jan Hopkins Tas



W60-64 DIV 4 Winner: Dianne Elliott NSW Runner Up: Ann Hines Tas



W70-74 DIV 2 Winner: Julie Smith-Kingston Tas Runner Up: Raice Kincaid SA



W55-59 DIV 3 Winner: Shane Lamprey NSW Runner Up: Debbie Minty Tas



Check out the website for all squash Tasmania news at http://www.tas.squash.org.au/w/masters

TEAM RESULTS



DIVISION 4 RUNNER UP Simon Ottway, Tony Smith, Darren Appleby



DIVISION 12 RUNNER UP Chris Bennett, Jenny Brown, Glenis Stephens



DIVISION 6 WINNER Doug Minchin (WA), Peter Connolly, Mike Bantick



DIVISION 14 WINNER Di Kinghorn, Elaine Boxhall, Jane O'Brien



DIVISION 11 WINNER Vicki Fox, Judy Fox, Annie Baker



DIVISION 14 RUNNER UP Julie Smith-Kingston, Rachael Roberts, Leon Barnett



DIVISION 15 RUNNER UP Debbie Minty, Ann Hine, Linda Pattison, Sandra Fogarty





A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. He seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver and he had the man arrested. The case came up in court. The Judge asked the man (about 20 years old) what he had to say for himself. The man replied... "Well your Honour, it was like this: When the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat under a sweets sign that said, "The Double Mint Twins are Coming" and I grinned. Then she moved and sat under a sign that said "Logan's Liniment will reduce the swelling", and I had to smile. Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said "William's Big Stick Did the Trick", and I could hardly contain myself. BUT, your Honour, when she moved for the fourth time and sat under the sign that said "Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this Accident". I just lost it. "CASE DISMISSED!!"



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS GOLD COAST SEPTEMBER 2-13, 2019

If you are interested in attending the Australian Masters Championships in 2019, please fill out form below and Email Annie Baker at <u>quirkyannie33@gmail.com</u>

Individuals are September 2-6 September. Teams 9-13 September.

For more information Contact Gaye Mitchell, Secretary, 0407 435 378

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POSSIBLY ATTENDING	YES
WOULD LIKE GROUP ACCOMMO	DDATION YES NO
INDIVIDUALS YES NO	TEAMS YES NO

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NORTHERN TAS MASTERS TOURNAMENT LAUNCESTON

March 30-31

TAS CHAMPIONSHIPS HOBART July 5-7

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS GOLD COAST September 2-13

VICTORIAN MASTERS

HORSHAM February 15-17 BENDIGO April 12-14 WESTERFOLD MASTERS/JUNIORS May 25-26 WODONGA July 19-21 BALLARAT November 22-24