



Tasmanian Masters Squash

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President's Ravings

Less than a week to the start of the Australian Masters Squash Championships 2019 Individuals event followed a week later by the Teams event. There is the usual debate going on about the relative position of players and the overall robustness of the AMSA rankings. I'd like to thank Ross for his assistance as we try to ensure two key outcomes; only one Tassie team in any give division, no Tassie players placed in positions for which they are too strong or too weak. It's an interesting process with eight MSAs in the mix. Those participating will have received a leaflet on the protocols and traditions obtaining to the championships for which I must thank Elaine Boxhall. It's a very informative leaflet that can best be summarised as "don't be a dickhead".

Chris Bennett, Andrew Koerbin and Hayden Steele have formed a subcommittee to look at how Tasmanian Masters Squash can grow and prosper going forward. Among the many topics that will be considered are;

- ♦ The considerable number of eligible (35+ and breathing) Squash players who do not participate in Masters Squash
- ♦ What events, competitions and interactions will encourage and support state-wide participation and a state-wide vibe?
- ♦ Is there value in strengthening our relationship with Squash Tasmania?

- ♦ What promotional / marketing will have an impact?

We would love to hear from members who have opinions, advice or assistance to offer on these sorts of questions or anything else pertaining to what you would like to see us doing. My email and mobile number are available below.

By all accounts Squash is having a bit of a resurgence interstate and this is being mirrored at Eastside where Cameron Smith and his team are reaping the benefit of their hard work. Walk-in Squash numbers are up and Masters Squash is amongst the beneficiaries of this growing cohort of new players. Well done all. Clarence City Council are still considering the proposal to purchase and relet the centre to the Tasmanian Squash Academy.

In Devonport the Squash Centre has installed permanent heating and no doubt our Masters players there are feeling the heat in the best possible way.

Many of us will be feeling the heat on the Gold Coast shortly so here's to an enjoyable successful and sociable championships.

Happy Squashing.

Garry Hulme, President



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In 2018, the Championships were played in Charlottesville USA with over 800 competitors. The Australian team with more than 70 came second to England in the large nation's competition. We don't want that to happen again.

Am I good enough to play?

The individual championships in each age group are open to anyone to enter. In 2020, there will be local club players in each age group from Poland and surrounding European countries. If you are playing Masters competitively in your local competition or at the Australian Masters, you are certainly good enough. Plate systems apply, so you will have at least three matches, maybe many more.

Of course, most of the best players in the world over 35 will be there playing as well. Charlottesville saw Australian players such as Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Brett Martin and Sue Hillier carry on their squash careers by becoming world champion. In 2020, they could be your teammates.

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JULY CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS



DIVISION 1

Winner: Paul Brewtnall
Runner Up: Morgan McGuire
Plate: Hamish Laws



DIVISION 2

Winner: Tim Melsom
Runner Up: Tony Lawrie
Plate: Chris Rowland



DIVISION 3

Winner: Richard Johnson
Runner Up: Iain Graham
Plate: Mike Pook



DIVISION 4

Winner: Cameron Smith
Runner Up: Deborah Thompson
Plate: Garry Hulme



DIVISION 5

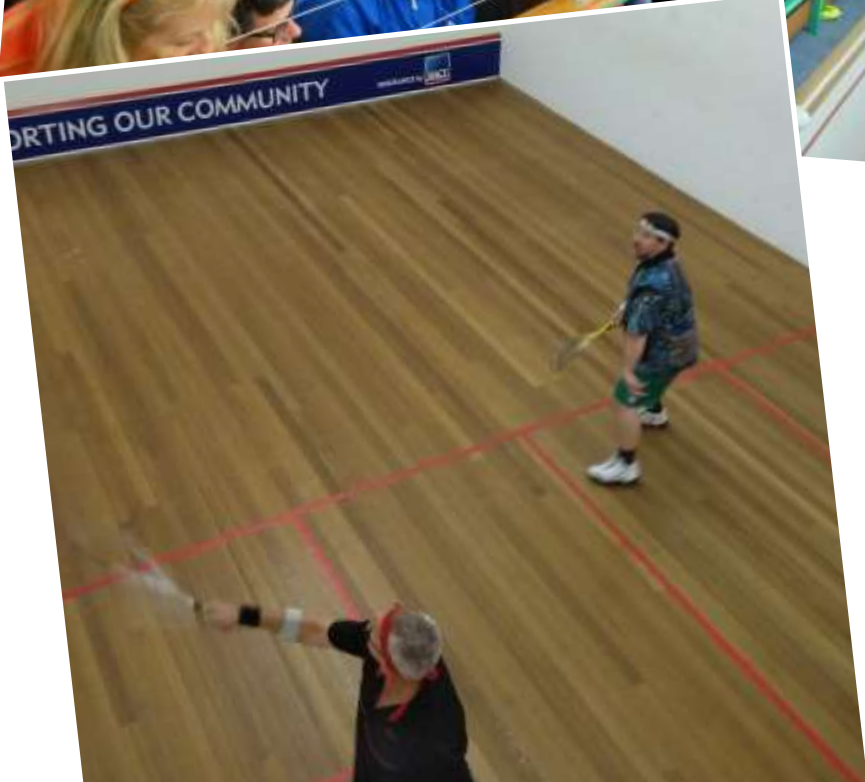
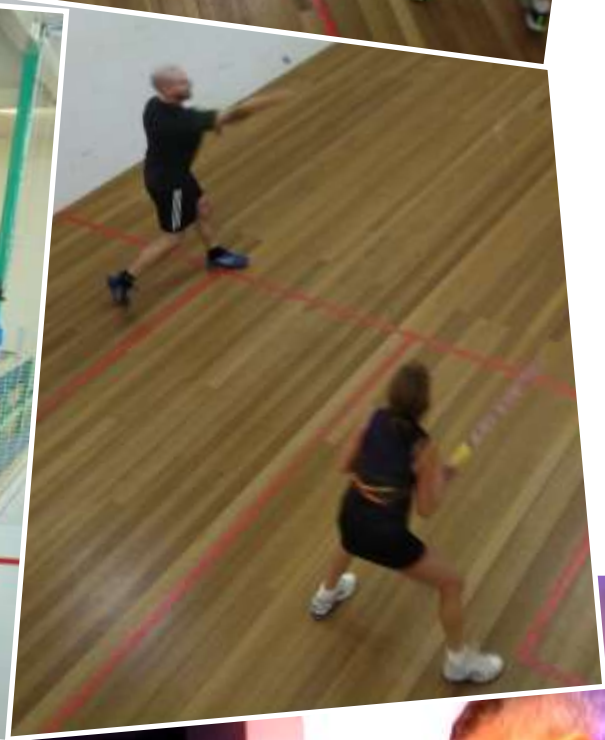
Winner: Jackie Bannon
Runner Up: Vaughan Cooper
Plate: Elaine Boxhall
Special Plate: Judith Fox

Raffle winners:
1st Prize: Grays racquet won by
Lucca Cock
2nd Prize: Grays squash bag won by
Annie Baker



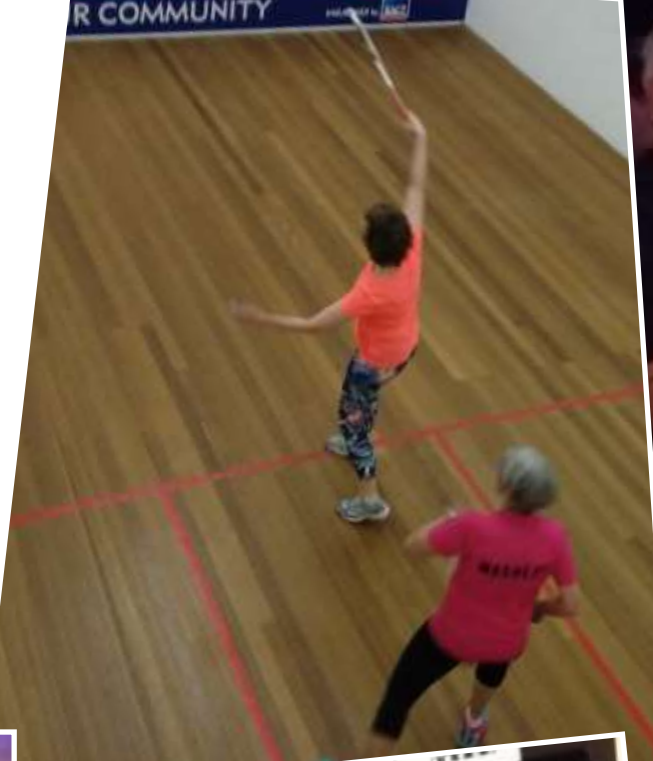
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INDIVIDUAL & TEAM EVENTS



SQUASH CALENDAR

AUSTRALIA

GOLD COAST QLD Aust Masters Individual Championships
September 2-6, 2019

GOLD COAST QLD Aust Masters Teams Championships
September 9-13, 2019

VICTORIAN

BALLARAT November 22-24, 2019

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