



# Tasmanian Masters Squash

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Tasmanian Masters Squash

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## President's Pettifogging

by Garry Hulme

To paraphrase Scotty from Marketing, "how good is it to be back playing Squash?".

Normally in this final newsletter of 2020 I would review the year gone by. Bigger that. Suffice to say that we managed to stage the Tasmanian Masters Squash Championships at Eastside and the NW Tasmanian Masters Squash Championships at the Devonport Squash Centre in September and October respectively. Both tournaments were well attended, great fun and successful. Launceston folks were willing to revive the N Tas event, but with other deferred 2020 squash tournaments squeezed into the final four months of the year we kicked that can down the road.

Masters players have resumed the various pennants in which we participate, Boozers in Launceston, Devonport Squash, Kingborough and interclub in Hobart and others around the State. The Masters Squash pennant at Eastside is the only one still operating as a Masters members' only event and my thanks go to Tony Lawrie, Cheryl Unsworth and Chris Bennett for the time and effort they put in. Also, a big thanks to your wonderful committee which has maintained interest and energy through this somewhat surreal year.

And so, to 2021...

The three Masters tournaments are scheduled, Devonport March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, Hobart July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, and Launceston in September. The Skills sessions, Lightning tournaments and other deferred activities are being planned for in collaboration with Squash clubs and centres and will be publicised later. The AMSA Championships are rescheduled for Adelaide, October 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In early December we will be sending out a members' survey. I would like to see a high response rate to this, so we get a planning process better guided by your advice. Our treasurer, Glenn Tremayne is reviewing the membership payment cycle and is considering moving to a calendar year system and improving the notification, collection, and record-keeping, more on that in the new year.

Good luck for the various finals over December and all the best for those end of year dinners, at both of which you will be COVID-19 safe and drink responsibly. I wish you all a safe, enjoyable, and relaxed festive season.



### 2020 COMMITTEE

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# President's Prognostications

2020 Tasmanian Masters Squash Championships Eastside Squash Centre, 19-20 September

Garry Hulme

Following the lifting of the COVID-19 lockdown in Tasmania, championships were scheduled for Hobart and Devonport. The State Masters Championships were held at Eastside Squash Centre. Despite the inability of interstate contestants to attend, players from around Tasmania competed and enjoyed the chance to catch up with TMSA friends and play competitive Squash.

The matches were played in the Masters spirit, hard, fair, and friendly. The main problem players had was the end of match "no handshakes" rule. Racquet to racquet, fist to fist, elbow to elbow being the favoured alternatives. When initial agreement was not reached there were some intriguing variations in a sort of rock, paper, scissors dance routine.

Thanks go to all the volunteers who organised the competition, ran the canteen, marshalled players, and maintained the facilities. It is a requirement that these events have a COVID-19 plan, and a COVID-19 Coordinator. Andrew Koerbin filled this role with lots of helpers. It was disappointing to note that some participants needed reminding and guidance about the distancing, post-match sanitizing and other elements of the plan. This confirmed the value of monitoring compliance throughout the tournament.

The results and mugshots on following pages.

Garry



On behalf of all Eastside Squash members we thank the Clarence City Council for their ongoing support of our great sport.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year to everyone*





# HOBART CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS



## **DIVISION 1**

Winner: Morgan McGuire

Runner Up: Marty Bohata

Plate: Tim Melsom



## **DIVISION 2**

Winner: David Pentecost

Runner Up: Gaye Mitchell

Plate: Peter Tenni



## **DIVISION 3**

Winner: Ian Graeme

Runner Up: Bob Simmons

Plate: Adam Holbrook



## **DIVISION 4**

Winner: Geoff Green

Runner Up: Andrew Koerbin

Special Plate: Beth Bamford

Plate: Judith Fox







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# 2020 NW MASTERS TOURNAMENT

by Leon Barnett

An excellent turn out for the 2020 NW Masters Tournament held at the Devonport Squash Courts, the first tournament to be held in the NW since the COVID-19 break out.

Good numbers from both the South and Northern ends of Tasmania, bringing many old and new faces together.

Thanks to Michael Brown for putting together the draw, it was not an easy task but as usual he made it work.

The squash was great with all having hard tussles fighting for honors, but it was great to see how well the games were played.

Saturday night's social gathering at the Central Hotel was well attended with most if not all attending. The food was fantastic, the liquid was thirst quenching and the company, well one word fantastic.

Sadly, the curtain came down on the tournament on the Sunday, but a warm applause must go out to all who attended and to all who unfortunately couldn't make it, we look forward to your presence next year.



# NW TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Winner: Paul Brewtnall



Runner Up: Tim Shaw

## DIVISION 1



Winner: Matt Cock

**MISSING IN ACTION**



Plate: Alex McLachlan

## DIVISION 2

Runner Up: Grant Hopkins



Winner: Camillo Di Paolo



Runner Up: Andrew Moore



Plate: Mark Chettle

## DIVISION 3



Winner: Jason Bell



Runner Up: Andrew Koerbin



Plate: Graeme Fairbrother



Consolation Plate: Elaine Boxhall

## DIVISION 4





# MONDAY MASTERS PENNANT REPORT

Hi all

Since our last newsletter we've completed another Masters Pennant and are ready for finals in our final pennant for 2020. Our second pennant for the year saw a closely fought contest with two teams - JOKES and CARTOONS, tied in first place. JOKES came out on top in the final. Congratulations to Dean Knowles, Cameron Smith, Liz Hickey and Deb Minty. It was also good to see a couple of new faces playing in the pennant.

It was good to see a few tournaments get underway again. Unfortunately no Australian Masters trip this year. We are looking forward to our end of year dinner at least. It should be a good night at the Waterfront Hotel. Thanks to Cheryl for her tireless efforts recording results and keeping things flowing smoothly on Monday nights, and to everyone else stepping up to help with me taking a break with injury.

Cheers everyone and have a great Christmas.

- Tony Lawrie

## *Sponsorship and Advertising opportunities*



Do you know of any person or business that might want to promote their business through our Masters networks?

Let a committee member know so we can reach out to discuss a range of options from advertising in newsletters, social media, direct sponsorship of event(s), merchandise or other in kind support opportunities.





# AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS



INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

OCTOBER 11 - 15



TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

OCTOBER 18 - 22

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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2021 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS ADELAIDE Individuals - October 11-15 Teams - October 18-22

If you are interested in attending the Australian Masters Championships in 2021, please fill out form below and Email Annie Baker at [quirkyannie33@gmail.com](mailto:quirkyannie33@gmail.com)

*For more information Contact  
Annie on 0438452778*

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POSSIBLY ATTENDING

YES ☐

WOULD LIKE GROUP ACCOMMODATION YES ☐ NO ☐

INDIVIDUALS YES ☐ NO ☐ TEAMS YES ☐ NO ☐

# Player Profile

## - Matthewcock -



### ***Where were you born?***

I was born in Burnie, but moved to Devonport when I was 2 and apart from a 5 year stint away – that was home until last year when we moved to Port Sorell.

### ***Did you have a nickname and why?***

Cocky (Traditional Aussie nickname method...add the 'y').

### ***What do you enjoy about being a masters member?***

The friendly nature of all the masters players. Always good fun, good people, cold beer and nice wine.

### ***What would be your advice to someone considering joining masters?***

Do it now! If you aren't quite old enough – LIE ☺

### ***Do you have any other sports that you are interested in?***

I love all sports! Other sports I play or have played in the past include Racquetball, Aussie Rules, Cricket, Basketball, Tennis, swimming, Rowing, Baseball, Softball and I love to Fish.

### ***What is your best victory?***

It's a Toss-up between hard 5 Set wins....one against Gaye Mitchell in the Hobart Masters Tournament a few years ago (the only time I have beaten her!) and the other against Grant Hopkins in the recent NW Masters where I somehow managed to save 4 match points in the 4<sup>th</sup> game and then fell over the line in the fifth.

### ***What is your worst defeat?***

Too many to choose from....of late I certainly rue my loss against Gaye Mitchell in the Hobart tournament this year – being comfortably up 2 love with match points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> but then losing in 5.

### ***Does squash hinder or help your sex life?***

I couldn't really say either way.....but I do know it definitely makes me stiff (Just in all the wrong places ☺).

### ***What do you do for recreation?***

I stay busy and spend a lot of time chasing the kids around along with regular bike rides and swims. I head out fishing as often as I can.

### ***How many children/grandchildren do you have?***

I have a Daughter, Luka who is 10 and a Son Dempsey 9 – both now playing squash and loving it. They are improving every week and I'm sure it won't be too long and I'll be in trouble.

### ***What is something people don't know about you?***

Many moons ago I used to be a Chef.

Thanks Matthew



# Our Court Jester

- Andrew Koerbin



***Anyone who knows Andrew, he always has a joke to tell.  
Here are a few clever limericks Andrew has composed.***



There was a Masters player called Kym  
Whose frequent trips to Adelaide became quite grim  
In Covid areas he would roam  
Facing quarantine every time he came home  
14 day ban in the squash gym!



There once was a planet called Earth  
That was always full of mirth  
Then a nasty virus came  
Will we ever be the same  
Watch out in 9 months for all of the births!



Two squashies named Geoff and Derrick Green  
Were super fit and very lean  
They felt a bit crook  
The doc took a look  
And said "Guys, you've got COVID-19"



"My heart works like a brick"  
Says our mate Mike Bantick  
Doctors found his aorta too ripe  
So they installed a new pipe  
"Like new", says Vera his dancing sidekick



And one for the ladies:  
While all around me is shuttin'  
Have you seen him? He's all lamb, no mutton  
Prematurely grey locks  
He's a real silver fox  
I speak of Professor Brett Sutton



# Eastside Centre News

Eastside squash centre recently commenced a journey to spruce up its facilities reflecting a more comfortable and contemporary style for the benefit of players and spectators.

Commencing with the spectator area near court 7 & 8, now freshly painted, with NEW air-conditioning, lounges, noticeboard, table and chairs and carpet, with a new sink bench and additional storage ordered and arriving soon.

Much of what has been achieved to date and the design of the next phase opportunities has been through volunteers, donating their time with many working bees and in kind support.

But that's just the start, in 2021 the upstairs Clubroom and kitchen, viewing area / office and the pro-shop are being considered for serious and substantial improvement work.

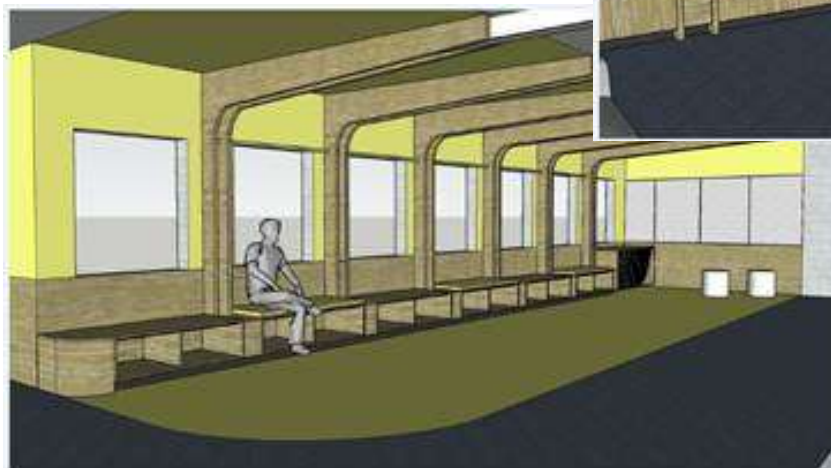
Eastside is looking to invest these activities and also is pursuing grant funding that may further assist and also accelerate commencement timeframes.

## Some designs being considered



⇐ Pro Shop

Clubroom/kitchen ⇨



⇨ Upstairs viewing





# 2021 SQUASH CALENDAR

## TASMANIAN

**DEVONPORT** NW Championships  
March 20-21

**HOBART** Tasmanian Championships  
July 2-4

**LAUNCESTON** Northern Championships  
September TBA

## AUSTRALIAN

**ADELAIDE** Aust Masters Individual Championships  
October 11-15

**ADELAIDE** Aust Masters Teams Championships  
October 18-22

## VICTORIAN

**TBA WHEN COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS EASE**