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2016 City of Kalgoorlie & Boulder Golden Open



Presentation Photo: WA Minister for Sport & Recreation Mia Davies MLA, **Champion Mike Corren**, Runner Up Ko Youngjo, Mayor of The City of Kalgoorlie & Boulder John Bowler.and the former Member for O'Connor Tony Crook MLA

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EDITORIAL

One can only marvel at the achievements of **Mike Corren**.

He may not have been the best player in the World (Highest World Ranking #38 in February 2004) but he is still doing what he does best ... playing the game he loves.

He keeps defying the odds by competing on the professional tour, reaching finals and even winning them at the tender age of 42!

Not many people can boast that they have reached 74 finals and won 51 of them! The "Moose" can but that's not what he is all about. He just loves the game, competing and giving it his best.

These days Corren is just out to prove "that people my age and older can do whatever they set out to do".

Congratulations to everyone involved with presenting the 2016 City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open. Thanks to David Cowell a most comprehensive report follows.

Well done to the WA Masters for presenting the Masters Juniors Challenge.

The concept is fantastic for bringing together and promoting interaction between seniors and juniors. It is also important from a learning and development perspective.

Finally, it has been a pleasure to be working with **Leanne French** from Bunbury. It is always wonderful to deal with people who are positive, enthusiastic and wanting to put their club on the map.



WORLD RANKINGS

1 July 2016

WA MEN:	TM:	HWR
Mike Corren	171	38
David Ilich	352	300
William Curtis	372	359
Tim Cowell	447	178

TM: This Month

HWR: Highest World Ranking

This month we have put together a poster to help promote their coaching team.

Lencourage all clubs to think about doing the same. I'm happy to work with any club to help promote your coaches and development activities.

We have also covered the 2nd running of the South West Junior Classic which has also become the first leg of the inaugural South West Grand Prix.

Nigel French has also been instrumental in delivering the one day event. An increase in participation at this year's has certainly pleased the club and clearly demonstrates they are delivering an attractive product.

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City of Kalgoorlie & Boulder Golden Open



Michael Corren has done it again! He simply loves Kalgoorlie!

Two years ago I wrote a feature article for SquashMad on the "Moose" recognising his fantastic achievement of 50 PSA tour titles. He was the first player since the

legendary Jansher Khan to have achieved that milestone.

On that occasion he had just won the 2014 Kalgoorlie & Boulder Golden Open in a tough 5 game battle against #1 seed Jan Koukal. That match lasted 56 minutes.

Well in 2016 it was just a fraction easier. The final lasted 45 minutes but it was the opening game which enthralled the crowd.

Lasting 22 minutes Corren took the important first game 18-16 which basically demoralised his 22 year old opponent Ko Youngjo from Korea,

From there Corren took complete charge of the match winning the next two games 11-3, 11-6 to lift his 5th Golden Open crown!

Not a bad effort from a 42 year old. Yes he even broke his own record as the oldest player to have won a PSA tour title!

Final:

[6] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [3] Ko Youngjo (KOR) 18-16, 11-3, 11-6 (45m)

Semi-finals:

- [3] Ko Youngjo (KOR) bt [1] Adam Murrills (ENG) 4-11, 2-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-6 (58m)
- [6] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [2] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 11-3, 11-9, 11-7 (30m)

Quarter-finals:

- [1] Adam Murrills (ENG) bt [7] Chris Lo (HKG) 10-12, 11-5, 11-3, 11-6 (37m)
- [3] Ko Youngjo (KOR) bt [8] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-7, 8-11, 13-11, 13-11 (46m)
- [6] Mike Corren (AUS) bt [4] Tsz Kwan Lau (HKG) 11-2, 11-9, 11-6 (27m)
- [2] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [5] Jong Myoung Park (KOR) 11-9, 11-9, 11-6 (30m)

1st round:

- [1] Adam Murrills (ENG) Bye
- [7] Chris Lo (HKG) bt David Ilich (AUS) 11-3, 11-8, 11-4 (20m)
- [8] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) bt [WC] William Curtis (AUS) 11-5, 11-4, 11-5 (30m)
- [3] Ko Youngjo (KOR) Bye
- [4] Tsz Kwan Lau (HKG) Bye
- [6] Mike Corren (AUS) bt Nathan Lindner (AUS) 11-3, 11-4, 11-5 (17m)







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GOLDEN OPEN

The 2016 **Golden Open** was a challenge from the very start; 92 players, 33 of those playing in 2 events, about 212 matches in 20 events over 2 1/2 days on 5 courts at 2 centres. Yes it was a challenge but we got it done!.

The Eastern Goldfields Squash Rackets Association (EGSRA) hosted the 44th Golden Open over the WA Day long weekend.

The tournament also included the 9th running of the PSA Men's 5K event. International players came from England, South Korea & Hong Kong.

Although participation was slightly down compared to 2015, the number of players electing to play 2 events increased.

As always with country tournaments knowing exactly where to place players in each division can be difficult.

Fortunately, the EGSRA weekly pennant competition is input into Squash Matrix. This makes positioning players from the club a great deal easier. Also with the recent Esperance Open, several players who travelled North also played in that tournament, so their ranking was more up to date.

Overall the players in the graded events were placed quite well as there

weren't too many matches that upset the apple cart.

The main upset was in the Ladies Division 1 where, affected by back soreness, Linda Towill lost in 3 to EGSRA top junior Jade Woods.

Most matches provided great results but it was always interesting reading the results of certain match ups.

A major challenge with The Golden Open is court availability. With 3 glass backs at the YMCA & 2 hard backs at the Hannans Club, it was always a juggle to allocate courts.

The PSA event is great for EGSRA. This is usually the only time that the members get to see players of a high standard competing.

Unfortunately due to 4 withdrawals the PSA draw was down to 11. But there was a silver lining, as it allowed for more of the graded matches to be played at the YMCA on the Saturday.

The locals really enjoyed the squash over the weekend with great displays in the PSA.

#1 Seed Adam Murrills (ENG) looked to be certain of a place in the final being 2-0 up against 2015 semi

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finalist Ko Youngjo (KOR).

The Korean somehow managed to fight back eventually coming out

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the victor 4/11, 2/11, 11/4, 11/8, 11/6 in 58 minutes.

Veteran & 4 time Golden Open winner Mike Corren showed age hasn't slowed him down by defeating #2 seed Rhys Dowling (AUS) 11/3, 11/9, 11/7.

The finals were a proud moment for the club, with visiting dignatories; Hon. **Mia Davies** MLA Minister for Sport & Recreation (Nat. Member for Central Wheatbelt), Hon. **Tony Crook** (Nat.) Former Member for O'Connor & **John Bowler** Mayor of Kalgoorlie & Boulder all in attendance for the Ladies Division 1 and the Mens PSA Final.

The Ladies final was set to be a good one with Lotte Eriksen (NOR) taking on WA's own Amanda Hopps.

Eriksen took control of the match but Hopps produced some fantastic attacking shots.

Hopps looked to be struggling with a leg injury but bravely soldiered on.

Eriksen won 3-0 11/3, 11/7, 11/7.

The PSA Final began with a tense 22 minutes opening game with Corren eventually winning 18-16.

After that, Corren had all the shots to put the young Korean under pressure.

This was Youngjo's first final in Kalgoorlie having lost in the Semi Finals in 2015 and being a finalist in the City of Perth in 2015.

Corren won 3-0 18/16, 11/3, 11/4 in 45 minutes.

Special mentions:

The PSA event saw Mike Corren win his 5th Golden Open in 7 years and also beat his own record as the oldest PSA Player to win a tournament at 42 years old.

The longest score line for a game was 22/20 Will Curtis v Tye Harland (Boys U19).

Overall, I received positive feedback about the running of the event, even with 8:30am starts and 6:00pm finishes! The tournament ran smoothly, it was a credit to the players and EGSRA Committee.

This year is also the final year of the Golden Open being played at the YMCA. With reports saying the EGSRA will be in their new 6 court centre by October 2016, the 45th edition of the Golden Open will be played there next year.

I have been invited to come back to

run the Golden Open for a third year so I'm excited about 2017 and looking forward to seeing the new centre.



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Thank You:

I would like to personally thank **Peter Siebert**, President of EGSRA, for again inviting me to run the tournament.

Also to **Pete's Angels**: Anne Truman, Janelle Hanks, Dianne Watts, Jenny Hosking & Sally Kelly for all their help with the behind the scenes.

To **Neil Butler** for being the tournament referee in what were some unusual circumstances regarding the courts.

The Major Sponsors:

City of Kalgoorlie Boulder, Department of Sport & Recreation, Fluid Line Services, Richard Argus and all the other sponsors. This tournament could not have happened without your fantastic support.

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Division	Position	Player	Club (Country)
PSA Mens	1	Mike Corren	Australia
Mens Div 1	1	Ben Halloran	Hilton
Mens Div 2	1	Tertius Classen	Mirrabooka
Mens Div 3	1	Ethan Baldwin-Wright	Moora
Mens Div 4	1	Tyron Holloway	Mirrabooka
Mens Div 5	1	Sam Torelli	Esperance
Mens Div	1	Cooper Kennedy	Esperance
Boys U13	1	Dylan Classen	Marmion
Boys U15	1	Josh Mitchell	Busselton
Boys U17	1	Trey MacKenzie	Esperance
Boys U19	1	William Curtis	Vic Park
Ladies Div 1	1	Lotte Eriksen	Mirrabooka (Norway)
Ladies Div 2	1	Christine Torelli	Esperance
Ladies Div 3	1	Melanie Gray	EGSRA
Ladies Div 4	1	Deb Hoffrichter	Esperance
Girls U13	1	Erin Classen	Marmion
Girls Open	1	Jade Woods	EGRSA

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Ladies Dlv 1 Final Presentation: (L-R) Hon. Mia Davies MLA, Runner Up Amanda Hopps,

Eriksen & Hon. Tony Crook

Champion Lotte





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MASTERS JUNIOR CHALLENGE

Tournament Director Linda McBrierty Reports

This year the WA Masters Committee decided to, once again, try and hold a Masters/Junior event.

Having tried and failed previously, there was initially some reluctance. However, we decided to forge ahead and agreed on a one day event on Sunday 12th June.

Posters and entry forms were distributed and returns were slow. But by the closing date, 21 Masters and 16 Juniors had entered. Not great numbers, but enough to fill the day.

At a Masters meeting on the Wednesday prior to the big event, a format for the challenge was still to be finalised. How do we make this a fun, enjoyable, challenging event, yet not push Masters too hard, while still giving Juniors enough matches to keep them interested?

It fell into place when we realised we had 12 Masters and 18 Juniors who could be reasonably matched.

Six divisions were established with 3 Masters and 2 Juniors in each. Each of the Juniors

played both Seniors: 3 matches per Junior/2 matches per Master. 4 games to 15 was the format.

Two other divisions with 3 Masters and 3 Juniors was also organised. As these held mostly Masters who do not play frequently and beginner Juniors, the matches were played with great spirit and hopefully the Juniors listened to the coaching tips and enormous amount of encouragement given to them.

The Challenge rounded off with a one game exhibition match between Sue Hillier (2014 Masters World Champion) and Danny Zande a great supporter of Masters for many years and one of the most entertaining players WA has ever seen.

The canteen was, once again, organised by Sue Cowell and her great band of Junior "Mums".

Overall the day was a great success with only positive comments received. Hopefully this will become an annual event on the WA calendar



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	MASTER	JUNIOR
Division 1	Sue Hillier	Remi Young
Division 2	Ray Bell	Callum Blakey
Division 3	Dustin Bartie	Brad Ward
Division 4	Ed Jennings	Erin Classen
Division 5	Helmut Goette	Damon Blakey
Division		Michael Bartie
Division 7		Isla Harris
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EVENT 3

Saturday, 17th September TERRACE SOUASH

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- One day ability based events
- Grades of 8 players dependent on entries
- Each player scheduled to play 3 matches

TOURNAMENT POINTS

= 100 points

ENTRY POINTS GAMES WON = 10 points

(includes byes & forfeits)

ENTRY FEES

1 X EVENT \$25.00 2 X EVENTS \$50.00 3 X EVENTS \$50.00

Note: Player lunch is included in all entry fees

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ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY, 26TH AUGUST









SOUTH WEST GRAND PRIX

Leanne French Reports

Nigel French and the Bunbury Squash Club were delighted to host the second Grays Squash South West Junior Classic Squash Tournament.

51 entries were received, which is a 63% increase in participation compared to last year's event. It was great to have 6 divisions, filling all courts available.

The Classic is a bronze ranked, abilities based event, which always means tough, close and exciting matches for all players. Which translates into fantastic viewing for spectators.

To make it even better it's the last junior tournament before the WA State Championships, with everyone eager to put their practice into play and gain valuable match experience.

Mike Cornish, tournament referee, started the day off with a rousing pep talk on court etiquette, fair play and good sportsmanship. It was a great reminder to everyone that this game should be played with honesty, respect and humility.

Shortly after, with the sweet sound of squash balls hitting strings and walls echoing through the centre game play was on!

Division 1 was hotly contested right from the word go with a first round match between Kane Holman and Jade Woods. Jade being the lone female in Division 1, was eager to start



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out well and took the first game 13-11. Kane ultimately won the match, with a 3-1 score line. But this fierce intensity set the tone for the entire day.

Division 2 saw Kael Owen and Isabella Diver matched up, with Isabella surprising the young Bunbury gun, and taking the match all the way down to the wire. Kael held his nerve, eventually taking the match in the 5th game, 13-11, 10-12, 4-11, 11-2, 11-5.

Division 3 hosted exciting match ups between players from Bunbury, Manjimup and Perth, with everyone eager to stamp their name on the Division title. Kaleb Sands and Max Forbes fought out the first match, with Kaleb winning in 4 games, 11-4,11-3,7-11,11-5.

Division 4 and 5 were the largest divisions, boasting 10 players each. To ensure a fair draw, qualifying rounds were held before the main action got underway.

Division 4 was a great mix of regional players, with a couple of 'Perthies' thrown in for good measure. A great start by Kai Whittaker and Eva French, with Kai taking the win in straight games.

Bunbury juniors dominated **Division 5**, with a lone Harvey Pianta flying the flag for the Manjimup Mozzie's. Harvey started the way he intended to finish,

SOUTH WEST GRAND PRIX

Leanne French Reports

with a first round win against Brittney Fenn in straight games.

The day was flowing smoothly until the fire alarm decided to rear its ugly head, sending everyone outside for a brisk 30 minute wait. Twas all for naught as the centre was cleared and play was able to restart.

Play recommenced with tight, well fought matches continuing to be played on all courts.

The Johnson brothers took out the longest game of the day, with a match score of 11-6, 20-22, 11-9, 11-9 Emmet successfully defeating Millar in 4. Well done boys!

The day culminated with Division 1 being the last court still playing, having set up an exciting final between Abel Jin and Remi Young. It was a nail biting 5 setter, with Remi taking the title for the 2nd year running, 11-9, 6-11, 14-12, 7-11, 11-8.

Division 6:

1st place: Ben Robins2nd place: Aliviya Arends
Plate: Maxine Salter

Division 5:

1st place: Dylan Morris2nd place: Harvey Pianta
Plate: Isaac Pesce

Division 4:

1st place Aled Phillips Johns 2nd place: Ethan Wynbergen

Plate: Eva French

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Division 3:

1st place: Isabella French 2nd place: Olivia Bunter

Plate: Max Forbes

Division 2:

1st place: Pascale Louka 2nd place: Olivia Lindsey Plate: Oscar Lindsey

Division 1:

1st place Remi Young

2nd place: Abel Jin Plate: Josh Blakey

Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to all juniors and parents for supporting the South West Squash Club. We would especially like to thank Thea and the Marmion Juniors (17 in total), being the largest contingent coming south.

We hope that you all continue that support by participating in the next tournament in the South West Grand Prix Series, which will be held on 27th August in Busselton.

Thank you so much to our **sponsors**:

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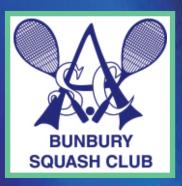
















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INTERSCHOOL CHAMPS



Sue Hillier Reports

The **2016 WA Squash Interschool Championships** were played at
SquashWorld Mirrabooka on 29June.

What a great response to this year's Championships! 53 teams entered which was a significant increase compared to the 26 that entered last year.

The response created a major challenge with respect to the running of the event as it proved impossible to accommodate all teams at the one centre on the one day.

WA Squash looked at several options but settled on splitting the event into two days. With 24 teams entered in Boys Division 1 it was decided to postpone that division until the third school term.

The Senior Girls, Junior Girls and Junior Boys had a total of 28 teams competing. The day saw some fiercely contested matches with all students showing great sportsmanship.

Division One Girls

- 1. Kennedy Baptist College Team 1
- 2. Mater Die College
- 3. Leeming Senior High School Team 1

With one game each, the final between Kennedy Baptist College and Mater Die came down to the last match between the No 1's, **Alicia Boey** and **Georgia Charles**, both State level players.

The girls had some great rallies, with Alicia's consistent length enabling her to win the game and secure the Championship for her school.

Division Two Girls

1st: Willetton Senior High School

Unfortunately, this was the only team in Division 2. The team played against the senior girls and did extremely well against their older opponents.

Division Two Boys

- 1. Rossmoyne Senior High School
- 2. Kennedy Baptist College Team 1
- 3. Leeming Senior High School Team 1

This division had quite a few State Level players entered ensuring some great matches throughout the day. The teams also had quite a few matches which were won by one point providing some nail biting moments for their teachers.

The final went down to the wire with Rossmoyne and Kennedy Baptist level at one game all before the No 1's **Greg Chan** (current Australian U13 Champion) from Rossmoyne and **Eric Gray** (ranked #2 U13 in Australia) from Kennedy Baptist took the court. Gray started strong hitting some clear winners before Chan managed to play his unusual array of shots securing the win and Championship for Rossmoyne.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the schools, teachers, players, SquashWorld Mirrabooka, Rodd Boughton, Zoe Massam and Kiara Rogers.

Lastly, thank you to the Department of Sport and Recreation for their continued support and Health Ways "Smarter than Smoking" for their positive message to the students.

EVENT GALENDAR

JUL 1-3

WA Closed Championships Squashworld Mirrabooka

JUL 2-3

WA State Junior Championships Squashworld Mirrabooka

JUL 4-5

WA State Junior Teams
Championships
Squashworld Mirrabooka

JUL 6-9

Performance Player Camp Bridgetown

JUL 15-17

WA Masters State Championships Squashworld Mirrabooka

JUL 22-23

Cambridge Open
Squashworld Cambridge

AUG 13-14

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AUG 27 SW Grand Prix

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SEP 10-11 Squash Magic

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SEP 16-17

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SEP 17-18 Squash Magic

Super Series Event 3
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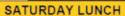
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Wednesday, 29th June

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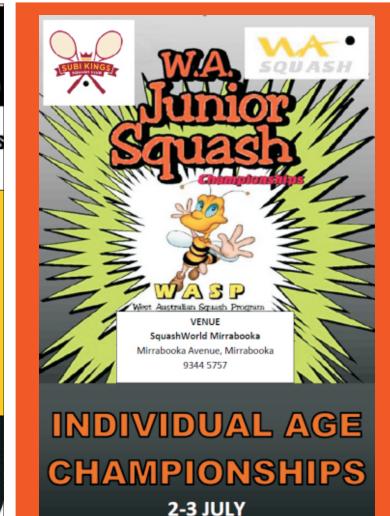
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The State Junior Team will be hosting a buffet lunch fundraiser on the Saturday for players and guests.
Cost: \$10 per person

Please include your RSVP and payment in entry form for catering purposes.

DIVISIONS FOR ALL ABILITIES





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July 22nd & 23rd

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