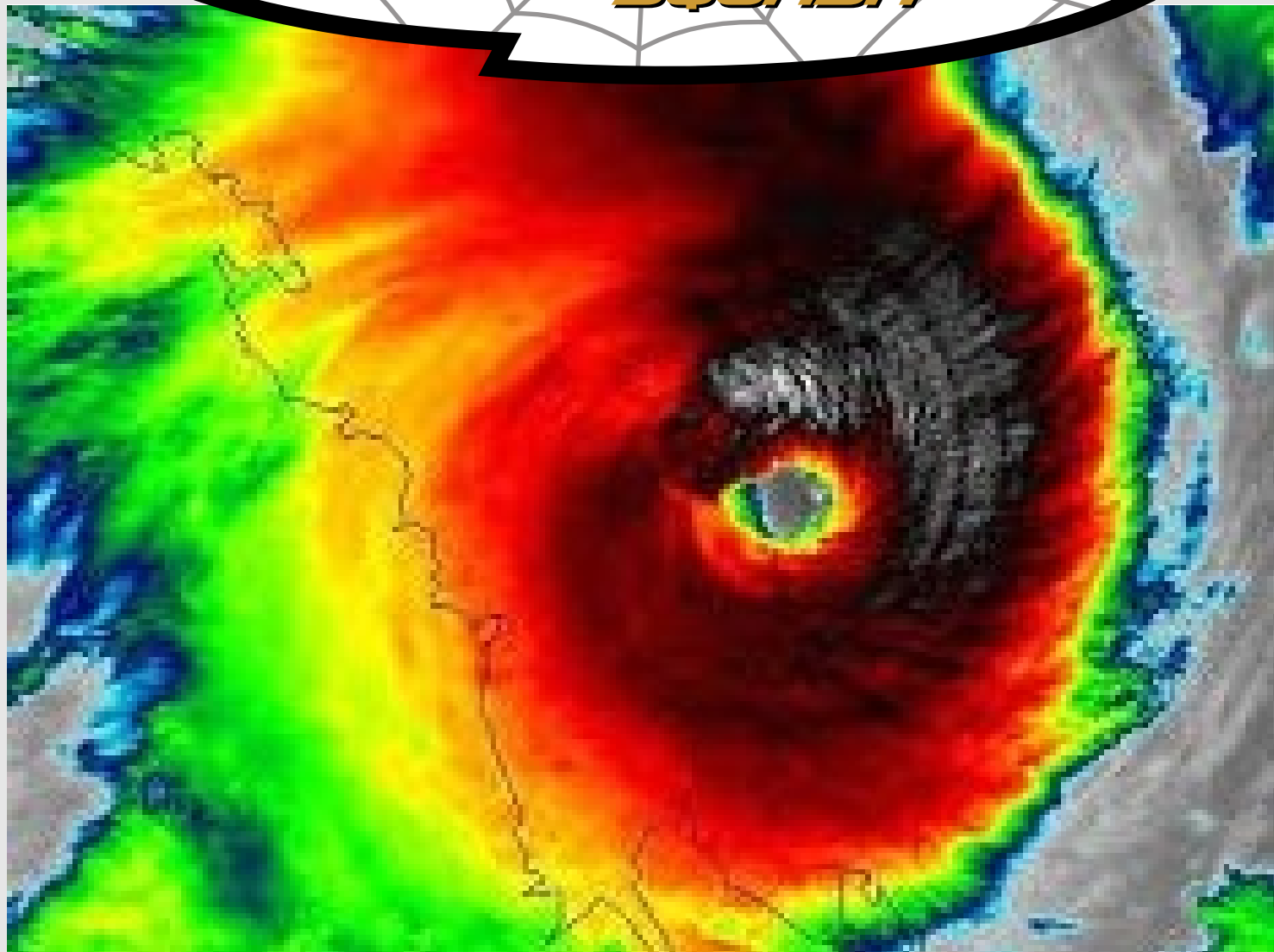


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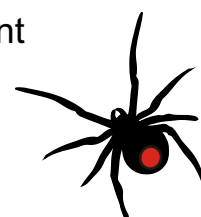
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HELLO & WELCOME

Well 2015 has now officially started. Despite a cyclonic start to the tournament season, players converged on Mackay for the 2nd Junior Qualifier for 2015.

Our thoughts are definitely with all the squash players particularly in Central Region who may have been severely affected by Cyclone Marcia.

The Mackay tournament was held on the 21-22 February weekend. It was great to once again see junior squash action. Some kids have celebrated a birthday and others have just grown from the last time we saw them. Sadly, for some their growth spurt has been delayed!

The NR held their AGM on 21st February 2015. All executives were returned for another year at the helm. Alex MacDonald was voted in as President, Jayden Wadd as Vice President, Kay Barclay as Secretary and Rachel McDermott as Treasurer. Congratulations to you all.



EDITOR
Kim Schramm



Great to see Ingham's **Kaci Newman** make a successful comeback from injury.

Last year Kaci reached the semi finals of the U13 Australian Junior Championships before getting injured. At the time it was thought Kaci had dislocated her patella. Further tests have revealed she has Osgoods-Schlatters Disease (OSD) in the knee. It really isn't a disease but an overuse injury which is common in adolescents.

Now in U15 Kaci won one match in Mackay but the signs are there she will be back to her best over the coming months. Good luck Kaci!

Contributions are always welcome. Please send stories and photos to
kim@queenslandsquashmanagement.com.au

WORLD RANKINGS

1 March 2015

TM: This Month - HWR: Highest World Ranking



NR MEN:	TM:	HWR:
Steve Finitsis	59	45



NR WOMEN:	TM:	HWR:
Lisa Camilleri	54	28

2015 **NR** Junior Qualifier #2



With Mackay lucky enough to be missed by Cyclone Marcia, it was business as usual for the second Redbacks qualifier.

Unfortunately, Marcia left behind an environment of high humidity and westerly winds which made conditions on court almost unbearable to play in.

Staying hydrated became a must for all competitors while they sweltered both off and on the court.

Players sought refuge in the air-conditioning when possible, except for the few crazy younger ones who continued to play $\frac{3}{4}$ court during the day.

There were a couple of new faces competing, with some juniors from "52 Squash" testing their skills against players from Mackay, Townsville and Ingham.

It will be interesting to see how they progress in the future, with all enjoying the experience and hopefully competing again in the future.

Wes Dyer had a successful tournament, managing to beat both Michael Hains (3-0) and Callan Menzies in a nail-bitter 3-2, only to lose in 3 to Lucas Nielsen in the U19 Finals.

BJ MacDonald had a relatively easy run for his win in his age division. Both he and Wes continue to improve and are showing the results of the hard work and training that they have been doing lately.

Spare a thought for Annette Hankinson, who had to watch her daughters, Danielle and Hayley slug it out against each other in a gruelling 5 setter, with younger sister Hayley being the victor on this occasion.

A big thank you to Kay Barclay, Alec MacDonald and Lucas Nielsen for running the tournament smoothly, Margaret Purcell for collecting fees and to all the wonderful people behind the scenes who helped throughout the weekend.



2nd March, 2015
CIRCULAR:

At the General Meeting of **Q Squash Northern Region** held in Mackay on 21st February it was discussed that considerable effort should be made to encourage nominations from Northern Region juniors to attend the Australian Junior Championships which are to be held in Cairns during the September school holidays.

Since it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend a national event so close to home Northern Region would like all Centres to promote the event immediately by encouraging as many juniors as possible to participate.

The Cairns Committee will be only too happy to provide details for the tournament and widespread coverage will be made available in the Redbacks monthly newsletter.

The tournament will also be featured on the Squash Australia website for online nominations.

Hope to see you all there

Kay Barclay
Secretary
Q Squash Northern Region Inc.



2015 **NR** Junior Qualifier #2

Mackay Leisure Centre hosted the 2nd NR Qualifier for 2015 and the first junior tournament for this year on the 21-22 February. With 54 entries across 8 events the tournament provided some wonderful competition.

CONGRATULATIONS

Girls U9 Winner: **Kyana VanKerkwyk**
Runner Up: Kayce Hoani Vincent Plate: Sarah Brazier

Girls U11 Winner: **Payton Douglas**
Runner Up: Taylor Connor

Girls U13 Winner: **Hayley Hankinson**
Runner Up: Gemma Brownsey Plate: Grace Brownsey

Girls U15 Winner: **Tia McLennan**
Runner Up: Hayley Hankinson Plate: Danielle Hankinson

Girls U17 Winner: **Jessica Green**
Runner Up: Summer Palmer Plate: Danielle Hankinson

Girls U19 Winner: **Ozanna Beckmann**

Boys U11 Winner: **Ben Russell**
Runner Up: Ethan VanKerwyk

Boys U13 Winner: **BJ MacDonald**
Runner Up: Alex Fox Plate: Matt Brazier

Boys U15 Winner: **Wesley Dyer**
Runner Up: BJ MacDonald Plate: Kyle Hoani Vincent

Boys U17 Winner: **Wesley Dyer**
Runner Up: Michael Hains Plate: Michael Sutherland

Boys U19 Winner: **Lucas Nielsen**
Runner Up: Callan Menzies Plate: Tom Fox

Boys U21 Winner: **Darryn Dyer**
Runner Up: Lucas Nielsen Plate: Adrien Crook



JUNIOR RANKINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to all the juniors who are featured on this page. Page 5 is dedicated to the Top 5 NR ranked players in each age group. These rankings were updated following the 2015 Mackay qualifier.



UNDER 9 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

1 Jack Butcher

UNDER 11 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

1 Lachlan Erba
2 Evan Girgenti
3 Ethan Van Kerkwyk
4 Gavin Palmer

UNDER 13 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

1 Brendan MacDonald
2 Jordan DiBella
3 Alex Fox
4 Matthew Brazier
5 Ben Russell

UNDER 9 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

1 Ally Rhodes
2 Kyana Van Kerkwyk
3 Kayce Hoani-Vincent
4 Sarah Brazier
5 Olivia McDermott

UNDER 11 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

1 Kate Butcher
2 Payton Douglas

UNDER 13 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

1 Hayley Hankinson
2 Gemma Brownsey
3 Charlotte Erba
4 Grace Brownsey
5 Hannah Atherton



UNDER 15 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

1 Wesley Dyer
2 Bradley Martin
3 Jake Webb
4 Kurtis Solari
5 Kyle Hoani-Vincent

UNDER 17 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

1 Michael Hains
2 Sean Motti
3 Brody DiBella
4 Justin DiBella
5 Ben Hobbs

UNDER 19 BOYS NORTHERN REGION

1 Ivan Jensen
2 Lucas Nielsen
3 Callan Menzies
4 Zac Thomson
5 Max Dunsmore

UNDER 15 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

1 Tia McLennan
2 Danielle Hankinson
3 Bianca VanVuren
4 Kaci Newman
5 Rachel Hobbs

UNDER 17 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

1 Abbey Butcher
2 Jessica Green
3 Summer Palmer
4 Courtney Nipperess
5 Caitlin Purcell

UNDER 19 GIRLS NORTHERN REGION

1 Ozanna Beckmann
2 Sophie Devine

2015 **NR** Junior Qualifier #2



Girls Program

BACK: Taylor Connor

FRONT: Kayce Hoani Vincent, Sarah Brazier, Olivia McDermott, Payton Douglas, Kyana Van Kerkwyk,

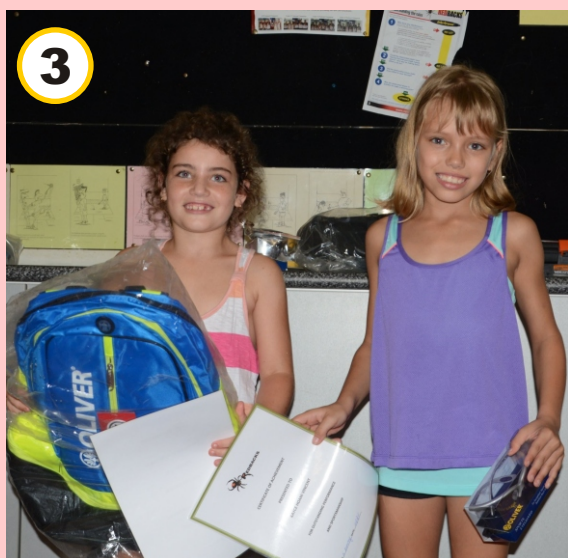
BACK: Taylor Connor, Hannah Atherton, Gemma Brownsey, Grace Brownsey

FRONT: Kyana Van Kerkwyk, Kayce Hoani Vincent, Payton Douglas, Ethan Van Kerkwyk, Ben Russell



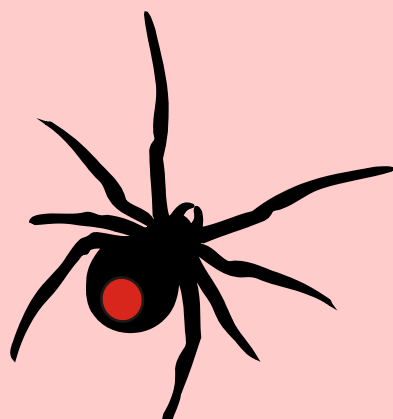
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2015 **NR** Junior Qualifier #2

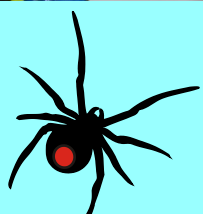


Mackay Champs:

1. U11 Payton Douglas
2. U13 Hayley Hankinson
3. U9 Kyana Van Kerkwyk
4. U17 Jessica Green
5. U15 Tia McLennan

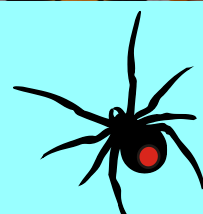


2015 NR Junior Qualifier #2



Mackay Champs:
 1. U19 Lucas Nielsen
 2. U15 Wesley Dyer
 3. U17 Wesley Dyer

Mackay Champs:
 4. U13 BJ MacDonald
 5. U11 Ben Russell
 6. U21 Darryn Dyer





REDSTAR AWARDS



Two NR players will be selected each month to receive either the **REDSTAR** Excellence Award or the **REDSTAR** Encouragement Award. To qualify for the excellence award a player must finish on the podium. To qualify for the encouragement award a player needs to show a level of improvement or a performance that pushes their opponent all the way.

REDSTAR Excellence => Wes Dyer



Wes Dyer is this month's **Redstar Award** winner for **Excellence**.

The 13 year old stepped up into the U15 and U17 ranks and won both events against more seasoned opponents.

In the U15 event he beat his old foe BJ MacDonald 11-5 11-7 11-6 but in the U17 U19 combined Wes reached the final against Lucas Nielsen where he went down in three 4-11 8-11 8-11.

Seeded #5 Wes beat #3 seed Michael Hains 11-6 11-6 12-10 before beating #2 seed Callan Menzies 7-11 3-11 13-11 13-11 11-9 it was a most impressive "never say die" performance.

Well done Wes. We all hope you have a fantastic 2015.

REDSTAR Encouragement => Alex Fox



Seeded #2 for the U11 & U13 combined Townsville's Alex Fox only lost to BJ MacDonald in the Round Robin event.

He lost to BJ 4-11 5-11 0-11 but beat Matt Brazier, Tom Climpson, Ethan Van Kerkwyk and another rising star Ben Russell.

His match with Ben Russell was a nail biter with Alex emerging victorious in four 12-10 5-11 17-15 11-3. Being able to win close games is the key to future success.

It helps to build confidence and indicates a mental toughness when it really counts.

Keep up the good work Alex!

CONGRATULATIONS

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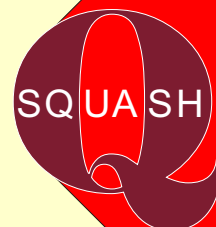
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AGM

Sat 7th March 2015

Kay Barclay
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2015 Tournament Calendar

21-22 MAR NR Qualifier #3 in Townsville
3-6 APR AJO in Sydney - Willoughby
17-19 APR Oceania in NZ - Invercargill
2-3 MAY NR Qualifier #4 in Mackay

28 JUN - 5 JUL QJC in Brisbane - Aspley
26 SEP - 4 OCT AJC in Cairns
17-18 OCT NR Qualifier #1 in Ingham
29 OCT - 1 NOV Mackay Open PSA WSA

18-19
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21-22
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21-22
MAR15
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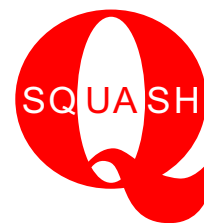
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ATTENTION: All Junior Squash Players

The 3rd Northern Region Qualifier for 2015

>>> 21-22 March 2015 <<<



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FRIDAY 13 March 2015

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AVAILABILITY TIMES:

Best of 5 Games to 11 PARS - Tie break at 10 all. To win a game you must win it by 2 points
All grading will be made relative to Q Squash standards and the tournament committee reserves the right to regrade any players.

All players **MUST BE** Financial members of Q Squash and under their respective age group as at **5 July, 2015**.

All Players are to mark and referee the next match at the completion of their own match.

Players are to be present and checked in with Tournament Control **30 MINUTES** before the scheduled time of their match.

The wearing of Protective Eyewear is **COMPULSORY** at this tournament.

XX Yellow Dot balls will be used.

Entry fees are due and payable once the draw has been completed. No refunds will be made.