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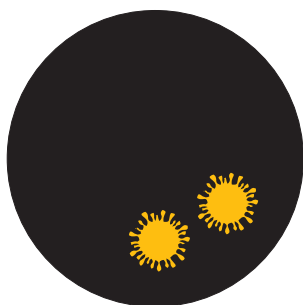


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EDITORIAL

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Sadly, our sport has been put on hold as the entire World battles the coronavirus pandemic!

The World has never witnessed such death and economic destruction since World War 2.

This invisible force has brought the World to its knees. We will never be the same!

The **SWAN** will continue on a monthly basis. Dean is going to write some stories and we may revisit some old articles from the SWAN that remember the "good times".

Here is a great time to make a contribution about anything that may brighten our gloomy days. Great memories, things you are doing to cope with self isolation and what plans you have for when the squash world begins to return to a "new" normal.

This edition looks at all the events that got played before the social distancing and self isolation laws came into effect.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Esperance, Moora and Marmion.

*Please take care over the next 6 months ...
Stay home - keep 2m apart from people -
clean your hands regularly.*



WORLD
RANKINGS

1 April 2020

WA MEN:

	TM:	HWR:
David Ilich	246	210
Damon Macmillan	306	298
Tim Cowell	404	178
Mike Corren	490	38
Tye Harland	512	365
Lewis Christie	584	565
Oscar Curtis	612	612

WA WOMEN:

	TM:	HWR:
Pascale Louka	321	250

TM: This Month
HWR: Highest World Ranking



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#HaveFun

It's healthy, it's a game, it's sport
– enjoy it! Have fun training
and competing at all levels.

#GiveBack

Volunteer, embrace
opportunities to give back
and thank those involved
with bringing you the game.

#BeSafe

Ensure participants
are safe on and off
the field.

#PlayFair

Be honourable –
do the right thing on
and off the field.



#BeHealthy

Look after the physical
and mental wellbeing of
yourself and others.

#BringYourBest

Bring your best to every game
and enjoy the challenge – win,
lose or draw.

#ShowRespect

Demonstrate mutual respect
for everyone – team-mates,
opposition, clubs, community
and treat others how you
want to be treated.

#IncludeAll

Invite everyone to participate
and make sport meaningful
for the whole community.



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Dean Williams

ADMINISTRATION

Dean's Diary

Well it goes without saying that we are facing tough times at the present and as I write this from home it's a chance to reflect on the last 15 months since WA Squash had a few changes.

I would like to commend the Board, our valuable WA Squash staff, all the clubs in WA, the Court Operators, the many committees we have, Masters WA, the State Government, and the general squash playing public who have all embraced a new enthusiasm and all have come on board with the same positive attitude. This has made my role as Caretaker GM a lot more enjoyable and rewarding.

When I look back at about a year ago, we had not sold our office suite, we didn't have much money, we had outstanding monies which had not been accounted for and expenses which had been burning a big hole in our accounts. Move a bit forward and we sold the office suite, stopped all the unnecessary payments, managed to do a rent-free deal for 2 years and above all whilst all this was happening, we were questioning what Squash Australia does with our funds.

This was not a particular pleasant time for the Board nor I, but in November the States voted out the President and 3 Board members which really confirmed our case. As WA was not a paid-up member at the time, we could not vote but as it turned out the correct result occurred anyway. We finalised the 2019 affiliation fees in March 2020 which was entirely due to the new President Jo Brodie's hard work and willingness to talk to us about why we took such action.

During 2019 WA Squash made a decision to promote squash in the Metro area with our inflatable courts, after an absence of about 10 years. A massive thank you to Tim Cowell who did over 40 schools' sessions and the results were showing when kids and families were going to their local club and playing again. I would love a dollar for every time I have heard from people "Oh Yes, I used to play squash" and now their kids are experiencing it and being taken to the centres. This is what we have to do. To Sean Brockman, Lindsay Crane and Josh Fiorentino who all did a fantastic job as well.

I must also mention the Juniors who went to Singapore instead of going to the AJC in Tasmania and make special mention of Lynn Marsh from Maddington-Gosnells Squash Club who was personally responsible for fundraising well over \$4,000 and along with Katy Scott and the Junior Committee who contributed as well. The effort that we all





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put in at a Bunnings sausage sizzle last year was extraordinary and Neil Butler and I don't want to see a sausage in a bun with onions ever again!!!

2020 started off with a bang and we had schools booked in all throughout the year and into 2021 and Clubs had started with very good numbers and the centres were busy and vibrant which was just fantastic to see. We had a record number of tournaments on the calendar and the year was looking great. As we all know what has transpired, all I can say is that whenever we return to normal, we will be ready to start again with renewed enthusiasm like never before.

Stay safe and our SWAN will continue with some different themes in the months ahead and I will continue my stories as a touring Pro next month.

If you have anything at all that you would like to put in to the SWAN please let me know on deanwilliams1956@gmail.com



Spectators at the 2nd Annual
2020 Moora Squash Classic.



MOORA

On the weekend of the 14th & 15th of March the Moora Squash Club hosted the 2nd Annual **2020 MOORA SQUASH CLASSIC**.

The 1st tournament was held last year in September but after considering how close it was to the “Wimbledon of Country WA Squash” - the WA Country Teams tournament, the committee decided to schedule the tournament at this new time slot in March.

Players converged on Moora travelling from Geraldton, Jurien Bay and Mirrabooka to participate in our 2nd tournament, local numbers were down from the Moora Squash Club and a few withdrawals meant we had 20 players, positioning the tournament in a perfect time slot, as a lot of you would know is near impossible especially with the jam packed 2020 calendar which has sadly been put on hold just after our tournament was held.

The competition was again fierce across the 4 divisions, with many tough 5 set matches and even some rallies as long as 36 between Luke Austin and Jarrad Thomas. We certainly had a higher quality of squash come to Moora over the weekend.

With the extra time we had we were able to run a mini round robin tournament of Doubles Squash, we made up 5 teams:

Mirrabooka 1:

John Tetlow & Tyron Holloway

Mirrabooka 2:

Daniel Richardson & Luke Austin

Moora 1:

Marius Barnard & Jarrad Thomas



Division 1

Winner: **Jacques Du Preez (Moora)**

Runner-up: **Luke Austin (Mirrabooka)**

Division 2

Winner: **John Tetlow (Mirrabooka)**

Runner-up: **Eugene Mulcahy (Mirrabooka)**

Division 3

Winner: **Celia Culverwell (Mirrabooka)**

Runner-up: **Keiran Sullivan (Moora)**

Division 4

Winner: **Michelle Du Preez (Moora)**

Runner-up: **Matthew Johnstone (Moora)**

MOORA

Moora 2:

Isla Harris & Jacques Du Preez

North Coasters (Jurien & Gero):

Kenneth Mascarenhas & Shaun Purslow.

Last year for a bit of fun we played doubles which inspired some players to play doubles again this year, no idea who won but that was hardly the point or the spirit on the day, we all had a great time and many laughs!

Thank you to our division sponsors **Moore Water Cartage** and **Moora Chiropractic Clinic**. Also thanks to **Meers IGA** for donating the fresh buns, **Topp Dogg** for donating some towels and the **Water Corporation** for providing bottled water for all the participants.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the participants and volunteers for your support in making our 2nd tournament another successful one.

On the back of this successful weekend for squash in Moora, the Moora Squash Club will likely host the event again next year once our lives hopefully return back to normal.

Please everyone stay safe, healthy and wash your hands! I am sure we will be back on the court before you know it!

If you are interested in playing squash in Moora when we reopen, contact our Club Captain Jarrad on 0438 960 724, the club's normal operating days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Moora Recreation Centre.





2020 MARMION JUNIOR CLASSIC

SQUASH FACTORY

14th MARCH 2020

CONGRATULATIONS to our WINNERS:

DIVISION 1: *Remi Young (Marmion)*

DIVISION 2: *Eric Marsh (Maddington/Gosnells)*

DIVISION 3: *Sterling Slyth (Blue Gum)*

DIVISION 4: *Ashton Phillips (Marmion)*

DIVISION 5: *Laney Rawling (Marmion)*

DIVISION 6: *Neil Louw (Marmion)*





2020 MARMION JUNIOR CLASSIC

The “Jindalee Family Dental” Marmion Junior Squash Classic was held on 14th March 2020. 39 juniors entered the individual event and 21 juniors participated in the doubles.

The tournament attracted entries from Marmion, Cambridge, Mirrabooka, Maddington-Gosnells, Vic Park, and Blue Gum.

We are very appreciative of Tournament Referee **Pam Addison** who helped along our new players with their marking and refereeing duties and kept our older juniors honest in their decision making and on-court behaviour!

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

DIVISION 1

Winner: **Remi Young (Marmion)**
Runner Up: **Kiran Byles (Marmion)**

DIVISION 2

Winner: **Eric Marsh (Maddington/Gosnells)**
Runner Up: **Jonathan Groenewald (Marmion)**
3rd Place: **Sam Menagh (Marmion)**
Plate Winner: Aiden Mascaro (Cambridge)

DIVISION 3

Winner: **Sterling Slyth (Blue Gum)**
Runner Up: **Will Rawling (Marmion)**
3rd Place: **Tim Andrews (Marmion)**
Plate Winner: Kaleb Lewis (Marmion)

DIVISION 4

Winner: **Ashton Phillips (Marmion)**
Runner Up: **Andreas Christou (Vic Park)**
3rd Place: **Alvaro Blackall (Mirrabooka)**
Plate Winner: Sean Macmillan (Marmion)

DIVISION 5

Winner: **Laney Rawling (Marmion)**
Runner Up: **Jayden Anderson (Marmion)**
3rd Place: **Domenic Christou (Vic Park)**

DIVISION 6

Winner: **Neil Louw (Marmion)**
Runner Up: **Evie Clark (Marmion)**
3rd Place: **Liam Cunningham (Marmion)**

Pam Addison presented the Sportsmanship Award to **Carina Stephenson** (Marmion).

The Doubles event was once again a huge success and played on Saturday afternoon after the completion of the individual matches.

Doubles partners were based on abilities with higher ranked juniors playing with the lower ranked juniors.

Thank you to our “3 Guest Players” (Callum Blakey, Adam Strunk and Bella Diver) for making up the final pairings.

12 doubles pairs were split into 2 Pools of 6 and then played an eight-minute PAR match against each team in their pool.

Points were then tallied to determine the winner of each Pool. The 2 winning teams played each other for 8 minutes in the Grand Final.

DOUBLES RESULTS:

Winners: Jonathan Groenewald (Marmion)

2020 MARMION JUNIOR CLASSIC

& Alex Marsh
(Maddington/Gosnells)
Runners Up: Jayden Anderson
(Marmion) & Daniel Marsh
(Maddington/Gosnells)

A big vote of thanks to Josh Blakey, Callum Blakey and Damon Blakey for helping on the Tournament Desk and taking control of organising matches and updating the tournament board. Thanks also to our wonderful parents for manning the canteen and providing some yummy food throughout the weekend.



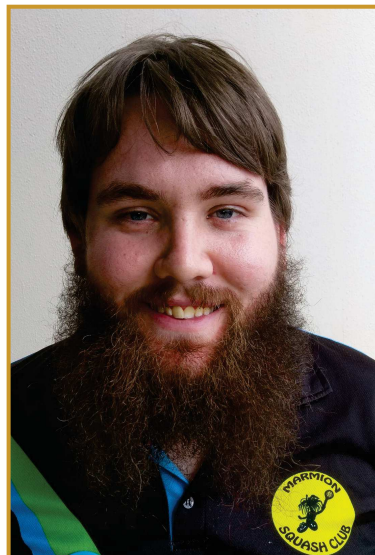
A special event happened at lunchtime when **Josh Blakey** participated in the World's Greatest Shave for blood cancer.

Josh had his hair and beard shaved for this worthy cause. Thanks to all our families who brought raffle tickets and donated during this event.



Once again thanks to all our sponsors Jindalee Family Dental, The Squash Factory and Marmion Squash Club.

Sue Cowell
Tournament Director



Photos courtesy of Clive Pollard & Sue Cowell

2020 MARMION JUNIOR CLASSIC



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2020 squash open

Esperance Squash Club President Deb Hoffrichter Reports:

The Esperance Open 2020 was again a very successful tournament with the standard of squash across the board being very high. The Club's new look was received very well and the addition of I Pads for all courts helped everything run smoothly. We again extend our gratitude for all those that travelled and a special mention for Kane Fasolo from Mirrabooka for doing our Draw and the Club Mirrabooka for your kind donation for Gary Johnston's Marine conservation.

I am exceptionally lucky to have such a great working committee that help Run the club, where would we be without volunteer's? Thank you so much.



PSA Esperance Men's Open

Final: [4] Mike CORREN def [2] Tim COWELL
11-5, 11-5, 11-7 (31m)

Playoff for 3rd: [1] David ILICH def [8] Scott JEROME
11-8, 10-12, 11-4, 11-4

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2020 squash open

Open	Mike CORREN def Tim COWELL	11-5, 11-5, 11-7
Div 1	Ricky MARRIS def Jackson KIELY	9-11, 6-11, 12-10, 11-2, 12-10
Div 2	Brendan MARSH def Bryce BRAITHWAITE	11-5, 13-11, 14-12
Div 3	Daniel HOGAN def Eric MARSH	11-8, 13-11, 12-14, 11-9
Div 4	Connor HOGAN def Jackson TOWILL	7-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-9
Open	Zoe PETROVANSKY def Clare SLYTH	15-7, 15-10, 15-9
Div 1	Isabella DIVER def Hannah SLYTH	15-10, 8-15, 11-15, 15-11, 15-13
Div 2	Kelli SCHEER def Carole PEARSON	15-11, 12-15, 15-10, 15-13
Div 3	Isla MCMULLEN def Corina MALATZKY	15-7, 15-8, 15-5
Div 4	Jess HEASMAN 5PRR 4 wins 0 Losses	Sally KELLY 5PRR 3 wins 1 Loss
Div 1	Oscar CURTIS def Remi YOUNG	11-3, 11-7, 11-5
Div 2	Lachlan HOVINGH 5PRR 4 Wins 0 Losses	Isla MCMULLEN 5PRR 3 Wins 1 Loss
Div 3	Charlie RICHARDSON 5PRR 4 Wins 0 Losses	Luke JAMIESON 5PRR 3 Wins 1 Loss



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WA MASTERS UPDATE

By Janis Haswell

While we are currently unable to physically participate in our favourite sport due to Covid-19 restrictions, WA Squash will endeavour to stay in touch with our members as usual through our monthly medium, the SWAN newsletter, as well as emails from the committee.

Covid-19 - This 'fine mess' we find ourselves in.

The forced closure of squash centres during this pandemic is particularly worrying in Perth, with some of the very few centres we have left here struggling to stay afloat at the best of times. Hopefully, some relief via the Government may be offered. And of course, the full support of players once we are on the other side of these unprecedented (for us) times will be invaluable.

Untimely and unwelcome as we may all find it, the current pause in the squash calendar presents a good opportunity to reflect on some great things that we often take so much for granted (apart from being able to step on the court with your playing partner and enjoying a game of squash, and spending time with family).

For instance, consider how lucky we are, under normal circumstances, to be able to participate regularly in a great sport with good friends and/or opponents, and to have squash court owners and managers and fantastic governing squash bodies that facilitate our involvement, from your local club and State committees, to the overarching AMSA.

At all levels these committees and organisational bodies comprised largely of volunteers who give freely of their time to ensure all squash players have pennant competitions and tournaments to get involved in.

The work that goes into organising pennant fixtures and tournaments is difficult and endless, from ensuring sufficient entries to guaranteeing enough great games for all. Then there is the usual list of organisational requirements: payment, the draw, trophies, checking people in, finding fill-ins at the last minute, catering, and the list goes on.

Keeping players interested in participating in these organised events is also becoming increasingly difficult as life overtakes us at times. So, when we do get back on the court, give your support to WA Masters by entering the tournaments and other events on offer. You're missing out if you don't.



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Yes! On reflection we're a lucky bunch.

Social distancing and staying sane

Well! Social distancing! That is just not in the Masters Squash lexicon, not usually, at least. So how are we coping? What are ardent squashies substituting for squash to keep fit and healthy? It's an interesting question, and one that for which, no doubt, the answers will begin to vary as the weeks 'crawl' by.

The saying 'use it or lose it' seems to become more relevant with each passing year, so may stir a bit of panic in the, shall we say, older cohort of Masters. How long will it take to get back to where we were in terms of our fitness?

Speaking for myself, I'm lucky enough to belong to a gym that is providing online video workouts and positivity and motivational chats, as well as the opportunity to ask questions and interact via the internet with trainers and other gym members.

I endeavour to include the workouts, either partially or wholly, into each day. I'm not saying it always happens, but having that option gives me the motivation to do at least something physical each day. I have also taken my bike down from its skyhooks, dusted it off, oiled it up and taken off on some challenging rides (such a hardship when you live on the beautiful west coast, something else to feel lucky about). My best distance so far is twenty kms; however, I do not feel obliged to include my time at this point, or ever for that matter.

I will be lobbying others about how they are coping with social distancing and NO SQUASH in the weeks to come, and will share my findings to provide inspiration to get up and just do it (sorry Nike).

A message from WA Masters Committee Chair – Roger Campbell

Hi Everyone

These are tough times for those of us who love squash and the camaraderie that goes with it. There are probably a number of changes to the way we live our life that will continue on after this pandemic is over. I miss my children and grandchildren as many of us probably do, but I am sitting here typing this and there is a WhatsApp conversation going on between all of us.

A granddaughter baking and icing a cake to a grandson pressure cleaning the yard. It has taught us to be more interactive and that is something I hope will continue. We have also talked to family in New Zealand more regularly. There is certainly the technology to keep in touch easily and we have been encouraged/forced to learn how to use it.

The exercise we get from squash is vital to many of us as it is often the main way we stay active.

WA MASTERS UPDATE

By Janis Haswell

We all need to make sure we get as much exercise as we can. I ride a bike to work each day and go around South Perth. The number of people out walking, running and riding has gone up about 500% since the closure of the gyms and other rec centres. We are lucky we have such great weather in WA and also great park areas where people can get out and have a bit of exercise.

We also need to be aware of the impact on the squash centre managers and owners. There are a number of people who rely on the centre for their livelihood and we need to make sure we support them as much as we can and as soon as we can. We can't afford for any centres to find this break in trading terminal.

As soon as the centres are allowed to reopen you can be sure we will be getting Masters Squash back up and running. This will be first with Friday nights at Blue Gum, but we will also look at how we can get the wider Masters family together.

The committee has already talked about a number of events for the rest of the year. This is the 40th year of masters in WA and we have talked about how to celebrate. It will probably be a dinner dance somewhere in July or August. Hopefully the restrictions will be lifted by then. We would hope to have not only current Masters players come along, but also a number who have played in the past. Look out for more news as we get closer and have the certainty to be able to organise things.

Hope you are all well and sticking to the rules and social distancing regulations. I hope to catch up with you as soon as we can.

Roger
Chair, Masters Committee

And finally ...

HAPPY EASTER!



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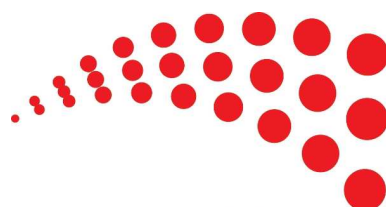
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