

# THE SWAN

SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2020

## 2020 WA SQUASH OPEN



*Breaking*  
**NEWS**

The 2020 WA State Junior Championships will be held at Mirrabooka from **1-2 Oct (Teams)** and **3-4 Oct (Individual)**. Please enter via Sporty HQ

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# EDITORIAL

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Great to see lots of **court action** again!

Congratulations to all the players who won events during August.

Preparations are well underway for the 2020 State Junior Championships. There has been a date change with the teams event to now being played on the 1-2 October whilst the Individual remains from 3-4 October.

A "B Grade" Teams event has also been added to the program to encourage and get our beginners started.

State Junior Zone Teams 1-2 October  
State Junior B Grade Teams 1-2 October  
State Junior Individuals 3-4 October

Individual entries close on 18th September via Sporty HQ. Contact Sue Hillier for more information about the teams event.



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**WORLD RANKINGS**

**1 September 2020**

## WA MEN:

	TM:	HWR:
David Ilich	245	210
Damon Macmillan	306	298
Tim Cowell	402	178
Mike Corren	489	38
Tye Harland	512	365

## WA WOMEN:

	TM:	HWR:
Pascale Louka	319	250

TM: This Month  
HWR: Highest World Ranking

## Our Top 5 National Ranked Juniors

BU11	1 Alexander Marsh
BU13	1 Alexander Marsh
	2 Eric Marsh
	3 Aiden Finlay-Mulligan
BU15	2 Daniel Marsh
BU17	1 Greg Chan
	2 Oscar Curtis
	3 Dylan Classen
BU19	3 Greg Chan
	5 Remi Young
GU13	2 Maxine Salter
GU15	2 Isla Harris
	3 Hannah Slyth
GU17	1 Erin Classen
GU19	4 Erin Classen





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# Be a True Sport

*The way we play together shapes the way we live together*

## #HaveFun

It's healthy, it's a game, it's sport  
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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.

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and make sport meaningful  
for the whole community.



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Dean Williams

# ADMINISTRATION

## *Dean's Diary*

August has been a fantastic month with a full month of pennants and league being played as well as of course our very prestigious WA Open. Centres are experiencing renewed enthusiasm for squash and bookings are healthy and sales of equipment are going very well which is always a very good indication that people are booking courts and playing competition.

The WA Open got me thinking about the Amateur and Professional era's and its a history that we cannot ignore because players who crossed over to professionalism were in some ways disadvantaged. For example Geoff Hunt's record is always compared to Jahangir Khan's who is regarded as the Greatest Of All Time (the GOAT).

Geoff broke Hashim Khans British Open record of 7 titles when he defeated Jahangir in 1981 to win his eighth. Jahangir went on and won 10 straight from 1982 -1991. Geoff didn't play a few British Opens in the late 60's as he was an Amateur and wanted to play for Australia in the World Teams Titles which started in 1967 (Geoff went on to win the first 3 Titles in 1967, 69 and 71).

He was "invited" to play in the British Open as an Amateur in 1969 and won his first title but was not allowed to collect any prizes as this would have turned him professional. Geoff's next win was in 1974, 3 years after turning pro. Jonah Barrington was a pro and therefore was unable to play for Ireland or England in the 1971 World teams Titles.

So from 1971 to 1981 Geoff could not play at all in the Australian Amateur Title as he was a pro until the 1st of September 1980, when the Governing body of squash (the ISRF) announced that Squash was "open". He won it again in 1980 and 1981 (I was the unfortunate runner up on both occasions) and then he retired due to injury in 1982.

So if you could guess, I'm sure Geoff would have won all the Aussie titles in that time to amass a record which would have never been broken but as it stands Ken Hiscoe has the record. The World Open as we know it today had a rocky start and the stats of today include the ISRF World Amateur Title which Geoff won 3 times but it was only played every 2 years!!

Geoff won the first 3 titles over a 6 year period ... today its played every year! The very first official World Open was combined with the British Open in 1976 which Geoff won by defeating Mohibullah Khan in an epic 5 setter, so Geoff won 2 titles in the one victory.



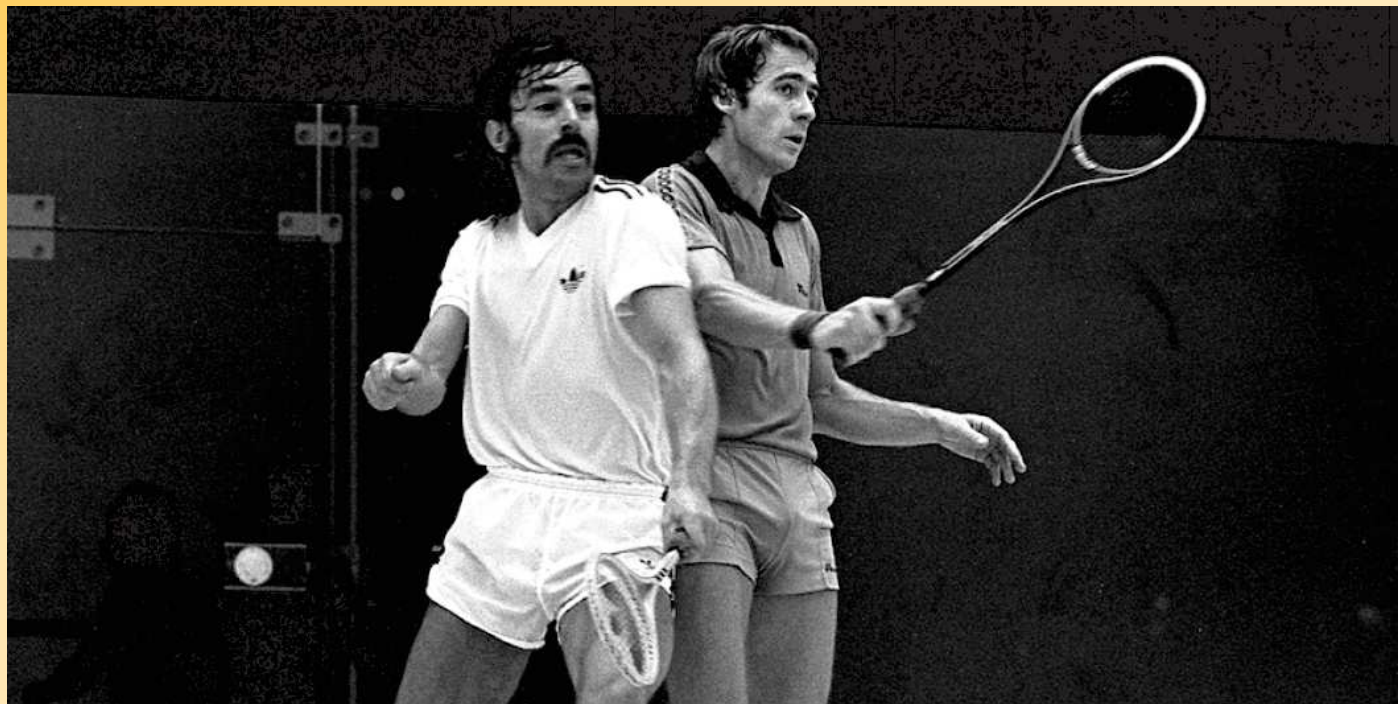




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## Dean's Diary



*Jonah Barrington v Geoff Hunt*

The world open was not played in 1978 but from then on it was played every year. Geoff won every World Title that he played in until losing to the great Jahangir Khan in Canada in 1981 in 4 games. So the record shows Geoff won 7 World Titles, but in that time he could not play in 7 years as it was not played or he was a professional and the ISRF was the only recognised World Title.

So in my humble opinion Geoff Hunt could quite possibly have won at least 12 World Titles and 10 British Opens to stake a claim as the GOAT. You need to know history so as an informed decision might be made.

Just to emphasise my point ... just imagine how many Grand Slam Tennis Titles Ken Rosewall or Rod Laver would have won if they were allowed to play. Rod missed 24 Grand Slams whilst being a professional and Ken missed more than 36. Gives you something to think about doesn't it ??

*Dean*



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(COVID-19)

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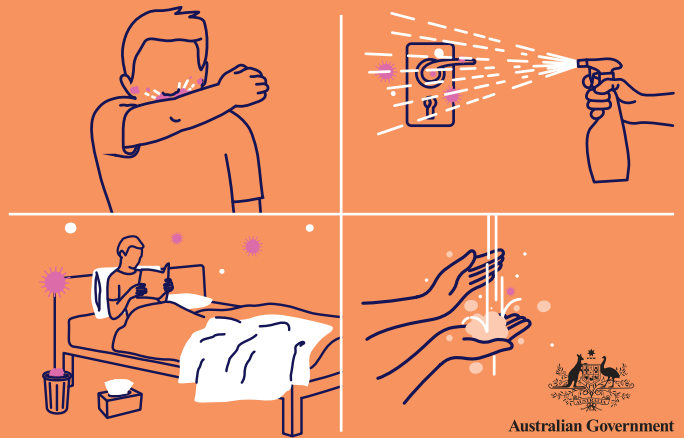
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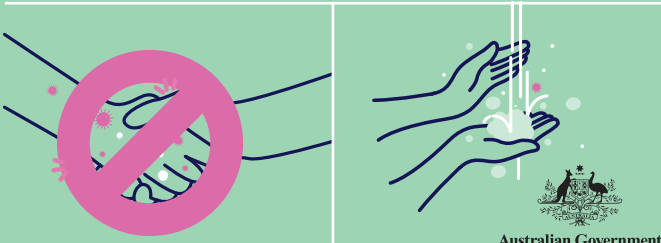
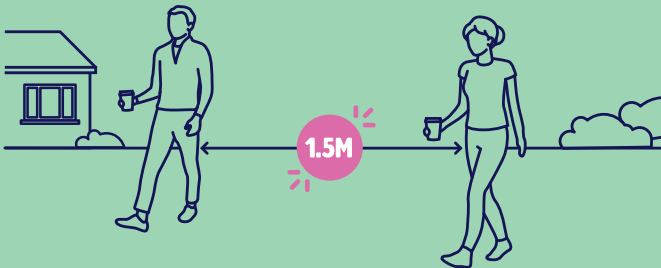
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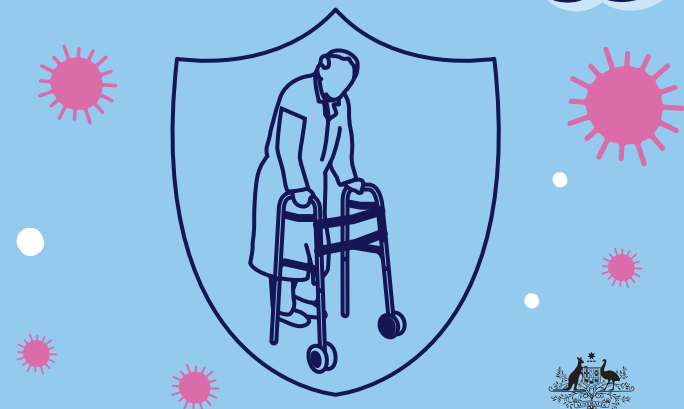
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# WA OPEN

14-16 August 2020



After all the drama this year it was absolutely fantastic to be able to hold the 70th Men's WA State title and the ladies 67th continuously run titles. There was a time when it looked like we may not be able to hold this prestigious event and WA Squash took the decision to hold the WA Open even though we knew that with our borders closed and we were not going to attract any interstate or overseas players we felt that this event had to be held over and above any other event. If we can play all the other events before the end of the year it will a huge bonus.

WA Squash would like to sincerely thank the Mirrabooka club and centre for holding a wonderful tournament with over 180 entries in many divisions. The event was played in tremendous spirit which the referees loving the fact that we did not have any disputes!

The WA Open has been going since 1951 when in a Jubilee year the great John Freedman won his first title. It was of course an Amateur title until 1981 when the ISRF and Squash Australia announced that professionals could play. I for one was so happy to play again after missing 4 years whilst I was on the World tour. This great trophy was used for the 'Open' and so recognising the history of the event.

2020 WA Open was memorable for two reasons. Firstly, we had a Ladies final between coach and pupil and we crowned a new champion in Amanda Hopps who defeated last year's winner Erin Classen. This win meant a lot to Amanda who has been runner up on many occasions and now to have her name on the trophy adds to a great career. In 1988 Amanda became the second only WA junior girl to win the Australian Junior title and in 2014 became World over 45 champion.

The 70th consecutive playing of the Mens Championship was won by Mike Corren who equalled Dean Williams' record of 9 Titles. It was a tremendous effort from the State number one and he was all class in his victory over David Ilich 3/0. Mike's experience and skill level is worthy of a former top 30 in the world on the PSA tour and all his shots were on display in a clinical performance considering no one had had any real match play for months. Well done Mike .

A huge thank you also to the volunteers behind the canteen, the refs and markers, and a massive thanks to Kane Fasolo, who was the tournament Director, for an amazing job well done. With the State Closed due to be played on 2/3 rd of October we may well see a repeat performance from Amanda and Mike .

**Dean Williams**



# WA OPEN

14-16 August 2020



2020 WA Open			
<b>Open</b> <b>Div 1</b> <b>Div 2</b> <b>Div 3</b> <b>Div 4</b> <b>Div 5</b> <b>Div 6</b>	<b>Men's Championship</b>		
	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>RUNNER UP</b>	<b>PLATE</b>
	Mike Corren	David Ilich	Jason Patmore
	Jack Hillier	Geoff Watters	Brad Grinter
	Michael Dufour	Brad Hibbs	Daniel Marsh
	Forrest Tallowin	Kenneth Mascaenhas	James Quirke
	Bryca Braithwaite	Leon Wilon	Daniel Richardson
	Pawel Gaca	Gareth Reed	Eric Marsh
	Michael Tarn	Charlie Russo	Joe Wilkinson
<b>Open</b> <b>Div 1</b> <b>Div 2</b> <b>Div 3</b>	<b>Ladies Championship</b>		
	Amanda Hopps	Erin Classen	Pascale Louka
	Hannah Slyth	Isla Harris	Michelle Hodge
	Isla McMullen	Tanya Chapman	Emma McMullen
	Sharee Zhang	Georgia Gould	Kim Duffecy
<b>Div 1</b> <b>Div 2</b> <b>Div 3</b> <b>Div 4</b>	<b>Junior Graded Championships</b>		
	Dylan Classen	Remi Young	
	Hannah Slyth	Michaela Pratt	Harrison Huxham
	Sterling Slyth	Ashton Clement	Tyler Stone
	Domenic Chritou	Varshan Ray	Mathys Edery



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# WA OPEN

14-16 August 2020



**Juniors: Div 4**



**Juniors: Div 2**



**Mens: Div 4**



**Mens: Div 5**



**Mens: Div 6**

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**Ladies: Div 3**



**Mens: Div 3**



**Mens: Div 2**



**Ladies: Div 2**



**Ladies: Div 1**

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## *My Pilbara Squash Adventure*



*With a suitcase full of junior Squash Rackets and the excess luggage of an inflatable blower I landed at Karratha Airport on 29 July 2020. Sally Perren from the Dampier Club had offered to pick me up, advising she was just outside in a white 4WD. As I got out into the warm weather the whole carpark was full of white 4WDs, thankfully Sally saw me looking baffled and came to the rescue.*

*The drive to Dampier, only about 15minutes, was along the salt lakes. My introduction to the NaCl part of FeNaClING weekend ahead. Red Dog was there to welcome me to Dampier and the Dampier Archipelago was so unexpected after the red landscape.*

*I visited the Dampier Club later for their pennant night to meet many of the locals.*

*My first view of the courts was their*

*'Welcome to Dampier Squash Club' sign, how*

*fantastic. The people were so welcoming and I got to view a great night of squash.*



### Thursday 30 July

*Who knew you couldn't get a taxi from Dampier to Karratha? Rookie error by me, overcome thanks to the chef at my accommodation. Making my way to Tambrey Primary School highlighted more of the red Pilbara dirt.*

*The Phys Ed teacher, Scott Ross was the nicest teacher to work with and an expert at backing the trailer. We had about 20 minutes to set up the two inflatable courts before the first class*



## *My Pilbara Squash Adventure*



*arrived. Unrolling the courts was an effort but to then spread them out reminded me of my age and lack of strength. I did manage to set up the first court only to find the blower from the trailer was broken and luckily I didn't get electrocuted when I tested it (advice I later learnt). The one I brought up from Perth worked well, so down to 1 court. There is nothing worse than a class of students getting bored waiting for their turn, I quickly decided with the teacher to use the three corners of their undercover area as our stations enabling each group to have a limited go on the one inflatable court. Thankfully this worked well.*

*The students were fantastic and had great hand/eye co-ordination. They were all surprised how many chemicals were in a cigarette and that smoking could kill you. A few students told me some stories 'Miss: my grandma smoked and now she is dead. Miss: my parents smoke and its so bad.'. However, they got the message that Playing Squash is Smarter than Smoking.*

*Although the day was exhausting for me, the highlight was watching the students jump up and down with excitement to play on the inflatable court. The low was speaking to the students at recess asking me what it was, only for them to reply 'What is Squash Miss?'*

*I was dreading packing the courts away at the end of the day, but with several students and teachers we got them packed away. I'm in awe of Tim, Mike, Sean, Lindsay and Brennan doing this several days a week.*

*From there I was back at the Dampier courts to run a Foundation Coaching Course for 3 players from Dampier & Karratha clubs. We had great fun going through the fundamentals (they learnt left handed). Its great to see players wanting to give back, teaching the basics and fun of the game. The fact they are willing to take on this accreditation is a tribute to them and I hope that Dan, Paul and Shane get some club training sessions happening whether for juniors or seniors.*

### **Friday 31 July**

*It was a rush to get the inflatable blower fixed, no electrical company would fix it. I got the chance to coach Preston, one of the talented juniors in Dampier. I was impressed with his skills, speed and temperament; I look forward to hearing about him in the future. I coached several seniors and enjoyed their enthusiasm and love for the game. I even got to hit with one of the girls that used to be in the Junior State Team many years ago who has taken up squash again.*



## My Pilbara Squash Adventure

Friday night was the welcome to FeNaCLING tournament at their majestic outdoor setting. Time to catch up with Perth players, meet those from Broome, Karratha, Wickham and of course my team.

### 1 & 2 September

This was my first FeNaCLING team tournament. I've never played a tournament on outdoor courts, but with the warm weather I was looking forward to it. It was great to see teams with club names on the back of their shirts and all the friendly rivalries. The squash was tough but everyone played with such great sportsmanship ... I loved every minute (well maybe not all the long rallies). It was good to speak to the clubs and find out how they are going.

Thank you to **Keiran Dart**, the Dampier President and the club for deciding to go ahead with the tournament in this COVID time with limited resources. A special thank you to **Sally Perron** and **Andre Blignaut** for organising the event and all the work they did beforehand. Thank you to Silas Brisky for organising the presentation dinner. The setting for the dinner was magical.



Thank you to Neil Butler for his management of the event and refereeing.

Special thanks to **Linda, Leigh and Tyron** for picking up the blower from the Karratha school and getting it to Dampier. A bigger thank you to **Simon Keogh**, who with magical skills and great apprentices fixed the inflatable court blower ... we are indebted to you. Thank you to **Shane Great-Rex** for taking it back to the Country Development trailer.

It was a great opportunity for me to meet so many people I have worked with over the years in Squash. It was fabulous to see the clubs doing so well and all keen to re-commence/continue their junior programs.

Country clubs have transient members and it's a juggling act to keep these programs growing, but with a little assistance from its members the job doesn't need to be onerous on the one person.



## 2020 FeNaCING Team Squash Championships

Fe[Iron]NaCl[Salt]NG[Natural Gas]

The name, FeNaCING, comes from the chemical symbols of the three main production and export commodities in Karratha and Dampier: Iron Ore-Fe, Salt-NaCl and Natural Gas-NG ... (not strictly correct but it makes the name work!)

### A Grade

**Final Vic Park defeated Karratha 17-11**

- 1 Sue Hllier defeated Paul Orr 11/8, 11/4, 6/11, 11/8
- 2 Derek Nunn defeated Andre Blignaut 11/9, 11/6, 11/9
- 3 Lisa Christou lost to Hannes de Beer 8/11, 11/8, 11/8, 8/11, 3/11
- 4 Glen Gould lost to Rhys Collins 10/12, 1/11, 11/13

### B Grade

**Final Mirrabooka defeated Dampier 26-2**

- 1 Tyron Hollway defeated David Rigby 6/11, 11/5, 11/8, 11/5
- 2 Linda Towill defeated Jordan Ralph 11/3, 11/2, 11/6
- 3 Leigh Kaye defeated Kieran Dart 11/6, 11/6, 11/8
- 4 Tracey Marshall defeated Deb Butler 11/8, 11/9, 6/11, 11/7

### C Grade

**Final Dampier 2 defeated Mirrabooka 21-7**

- 1 Rowan Newbold defeated Trevor Cruickshank 11/2, 11/5, 10/12, 11/6
- 2 Guy Archibald lost to Tanya Chapman 5/11, 12/10, 3/11, 9/11
- 3 Steph Branch-Smith defeated Pam Butler 11/5, 11/5, 11/3
- 4 Declan Munro defeated Sam Dawson 11/8, 11/7, 8/11, 11/7





## 2020 FeNaCING Team Squash Championships







# Graduating Juniors, What's next?

**Abel Jin**

## How did you get involved in playing squash?

*I started playing squash in Malaysia at around the age of 8. While I was waiting for my brother to finish his badminton training, I went down to the squash courts nearby and watched many juniors and adults playing it. That was when I got really interested in the sport and started playing.*

## What do you enjoy most about playing squash?

I really enjoyed the competitive aspects of squash such as participating in tournaments and travelling around the country playing with other juniors from different states. However, the social aspect of it is also very important and enjoyable making new friends and having people to train with and improve together.

## You will soon be out of juniors and stepping into senior play, what is the next step for your squash?

Definitely would like to continue to play socially in the clubs and maybe help with the club juniors training when I can.

## What do you think we could do to promote squash better to the 18-23 year old's out there to get them into the sport or keep them playing squash?

In my opinion, I think having tournaments with and U21 or U23 age group would help a lot. Since many juniors who are moving out of the U19 would like to compete still, and going straight into open age group may be too big of a jump. Social squash is also another method to promote the sport such as pennants.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of

## *Heather Hughes*

Heather passed away  
on 14 August 2020.



*Heather won the Ladies WA Open in 1959. She ran the Canning Bridge Squash Centre with her husband Harold on Ogilvie Rd, Applecross for many years. Heather worked tirelessly in squash and was an Australian Selector in the 1980s.*







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# 2020 STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams  
Championship  
1-2 October 2020

Individual  
Championship  
3-4 October 2020

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# 2020 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

SEP	4-6	WA State Masters	MASTERS		Mirrabooka
SEP	19-20	Cambridge Junior Teams	JUNIOR		Cambridge
SEP	26-28	WA Country Teams Champs	SENIOR		Mirrabooka
OCT	1-2	WA State Junior Team Champs	JUNIORS		Mirrabooka
OCT	2-3	WA State Closed Championship	SENIOR		Mirrabooka
OCT	3-4	WA State Junior Championships	JUNIORS	Gold	Mirrabooka
OCT	9-10	Hilton Open	SENIOR		Hilton
OCT	30-1	Busselton Open	SENIOR		SEBEL Busselton
NOV	14-15	Spring Teams Event	MASTERS		Squash Factory
NOV	TBC	Manjimup Junior Champs	JUNIOR	Bronze	Manjimup
NOV	28-29	Cambridge Junior Champs	JUNIOR	Bronze	Cambridge
NOV	28-29	Cambridge Open	SENIOR		Cambridge
DEC	12-15	Australian Junior Championships	JUNIOR	Platinum	GOLD COAST
DEC	19-22	Oceania Junior Open	JUNIOR	Platinum	GOLD COAST

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*Caillin Blackwood Reports on*  
**2020 Leschenault Classic Teams Event**

The Leschenault Classic Teams Event returned for it's second year over the August 28-30 weekend with 65 players teaming up in teams of three in five different grades. Teams from Bunbury/Leschenault, Marmion, Mirrabooka & Busselton took to the courts on Friday Night, Saturday & Sunday with some excellent squash on show.

In E Grade, a Bunbury Leschenault team consisting of Dave Thomson, Judy Hughes & Tyler Stone powered through the weekend coming out victorious.

D Grade saw another Bunbury Leschenault team: Mike Genders, Rod Stephens & Lee Stone perform well to take out their division.

C Grade was dominated by a Bunbury Leschenault team consisting of Gys Van Syl (Busselton player), Mark Lush & Mark Giltay.

In B Grade, Busselton took home the chocolates with Ryan Callegari, Oliver Godson & Cory Smith dominating the weekend of squash.

A Grade saw Busselton powering to victory with some ominous form ahead of Country Week. They took out the Leschenault Classic Event for 2020 with Dan Taylor, Sean Brockman and Josh Mitchell (both undefeated!) playing some sublime squash.

A mention has to go to a shot played by Jamie Herring against Dan Taylor. During a tense volley exchange, Dan hits a ball, wrong foots Jamie when suddenly Jamie's racket comes from behind his back and hits the ball into the opposite nick, leaving Dan and the crowd in disbelief!

The event this year saw an increase in entries of over 40%. The Saturday night BBQ was an absolute hit with good food, good company and good music!



*Raffle Winner: Bec Herring*



## 2020 Leschenault Classic Teams Event





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## 2020 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

# OCTOBER

OCT	1-2	WA State Junior Team Champs	JUNIORS		Mirrabooka
OCT	2-3	WA State Closed Championship	SENIOR		Mirrabooka
OCT	3-4	WA State Junior Championships	JUNIORS	Gold	Mirrabooka
OCT	9-10	Hilton Open	SENIOR		Hilton
OCT	30-1	Busselton Open	SENIOR		SEBEL Busselton



# **CAMBRIDGE JUNIOR TEAMS CHALLENGE**

## **WHEN**

**19th-20th September**

## **WHERE**

**Squashworld Cambridge**

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## **FORMAT TO INCLUDE**

**Round Robin Teams Event**

**3 person teams, mixed grades**

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## **ENTRY FEE**

**\$60 team entry**

## **ENTRIES CLOSE**

**Tuesday**

**15th September 2020**

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# WA MASTERS UPDATE

By Janis Haswell

*As WA continues on its merry 'hard lockdown' way, so does WA Masters Squash. We didn't even let a pandemic, epic though it is, stand in the way of important milestone celebrations, and all the tournaments we are endeavouring to squeeze into the shorter timeframe we are working with this year.*

## **WA Masters 40th Celebration**

*The WA Masters 40th Celebration, from its inception, was destined to be a wonderful, memorable occasion for many reasons, not the least of which being the involvement of our loyal, talented, fun-loving Masters cohort. Equally responsible, though, is the utmost determination and dedicated effort of our committed Masters Committee to make it so. An excellent recipe for a successful evening.*

*The Pagoda was a fitting choice of venue for this special occasion. It has a rich history in WA, and many of us would remember it as the Pagoda Ballroom; however, it was originally built as tea rooms in the 1920s. The building also served as living quarters for soldiers during WWII. After the war it reopened and became a popular ballroom and reception centre. It has since housed roller skating, jazz music, ballroom dancing and weddings before arriving at its current status with the building now restored, in its unique Edwardian Oriental style, housing the Pagoda Restaurant and Bar. Many of us have fond memories of the place for one reason or another, and can now add yet another.*

*It was fantastic to see so many people joining in the celebrations; it was great to see the close to 100 past and present Masters players who attended thoroughly enjoying the evening, catching up with friends not seen for a while and sharing memories and news.*

*The formal part of the evening was woven into the gaps between the delicious three course meal that we were all served. Masters Committee Chair, Roger Campbell, welcomed everyone and guided us through a potted history of WA Masters Squash, shining a light on people who have been instrumental in starting, supporting and sustaining Masters. It was great to see many of those people in attendance.*

*Our first Australian champion was Jenny Felton, who won the over 40 age group. In 1979 the Australian Squash Championships were held at Balga Squash Centre, and included Juniors and Masters. Del Mazzucchelli played a major role in organizing this event. In 1980 the Sun Alliance Mature Age Championships were held at Cambridge courts, with over 60 entrants in 9 divisions. Peter Sanders and Sandy McBride won the championship titles.*



*An important part of the celebrations was the presentation of this year's recipient of the 2020 Award for Services to Masters, the deserved winner being Warren Oliver, an overall popular choice. Warren works tirelessly to keep our Busselton Masters Teams Tournament, now, since the closure of Busselton squash courts, the South West Masters Teams Tournament, well and truly on the annual Masters program. It's the first Masters tournament of the*



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year, and one we all really look forward to. The professional and thorough organisation of the tournament as well as the arranged social components ensure a brilliant weekend for all attendees. Warren and Debby also run an extremely busy pharmacy business in Busselton, and they generously donate many of the prizes for the tournament. Thank you so much Warren for your generosity of time and energy in keeping this much-loved tournament on the agenda for Masters. Roger's introduction of Warren is excerpted below.

*This year we are honoured to thank Warren Oliver for his work with Masters over the last 20+ years Warren lives in Busselton and has not been part of a masters committee. Ron Clayton has*

*provided the following information on Warren.*

*Warren with his wife Debbie and family moved to Busselton and Warren joined the Busselton Squash Club pennant competition at the beginning of 1996.*

*Warren is a very focussed player on the squash court which guarantees any opponent will have to work hard for a win. He never seems to get puffed or tire. There was a report that someone did see him raise a sweat in one point recently.*

*He became actively involved in the club and was elected Treasurer for the 1997 Busselton Squash Club Committee; a position Warren held for the next 19 years. Warren is now the Club Captain and is actively involved with organising Pennants and is the resident Barman every week!*

*He played in his first Busselton Masters Teams Tournament in 1998 and has only missed one year since then. Warren has been the organizing force behind the tournament for many years. He is an enthusiastic user of technology and even named his tablet and email address "WazzaPad" for keeping in contact with players. He is an enthusiastic entrant in WA Masters Squash tournaments whenever work permits.*

*Warren's dedication to the Busselton Squash Club saw him awarded Life Membership in 2016. He also runs a busy Pharmacy and the company has been a generous sponsor of the Busselton (South West) Masters Teams Tournament for many years.*

*In conclusion, Warren is one of those people who contribute above and beyond what would normally be expected in a volunteer position.*

*As the old saying goes, "if you want to get something done, give the job to a busy person".*

*As Ron has stated Warren has organised the South West Masters even when Busselton didn't*

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*have courts, moving the event to Bunbury and working with the Bunbury Club to make sure things worked. We had to get to Debbie to make sure Warren was here tonight but as we know you often need to go to the power behind the throne. Warren probably thinks this is not deserved but that just says to me that this award is very much deserved.*

*With the meal and formalities over, the 'usual suspects' kept the DJ busy, dancing right to the end of the evening, leaving no doubt that everyone had a wonderful, memorable evening.*

## **2020 WA Masters 40th ANNIVERSARY State Championships**

*The Masters Championships, run over the weekend of 4, 5 and 6 September, was a lively, busy tournament and a great success this year with close to 100 entrants. The full report, photos and results will be available in the next issue of the SWAN.*

## **What's up next for Masters**

*The next event for Masters in 2020 is the WA Masters Spring Teams Tournament. This will be held at the Squash Factory, Wangara as in past years, and is scheduled for around mid-November. Full details and entry forms will be available closer to November.*

## **Friday Night Masters**

*Friday Night Masters continues, and the competition still needs more players. The Friday Masters squash evenings commence at 7.30pm and the cost is \$15, which includes squash and supper. Come along and join in this great squash and social evening. You won't regret it. Contact [masters@squashworld.com.au](mailto:masters@squashworld.com.au) to get involved.*

## **A final note**

*WA continues to fare well in the face of the Covid 19 pandemic, while our Masters family in other states are not so fortunate. We here are, generally speaking, back to enjoying a pretty full squash program. Squash court owners/operators/staff continue to do a fantastic job of complying to rules and regulations with regards to keeping the premises and courts sanitised ensuring a safe place for patrons to come along and enjoy the sport. So, thank you once again to the venues and also to the players for their continued wonderful efforts. Let's all keep up the good work. It benefits all of us.*

*Don't forget – promote Masters Squash, including the Friday Night Masters at Squash World Brentwood, to your team mates and friends. Help keep our great sport alive.*



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# Top 5 JUNIOR RANKINGS

## September 2020

### U11 Boys

- 1 Alexander Marsh
- 2 Sterling Slyth
- 3 Charlie Richardson
- 4 Tyler Stone

### U11 Girls

- 1 Maxine Salter
- 2 Jessica Jellis

### U13 Boys

- 1 Alexander Marsh
- 2 Eric Marsh
- 3 Aiden Finlay-Mulligan
- 4 Will Rawling
- 5 Ashton Clement

### U13 Girls

- 1 Maxine Salter
- 2 Jessica Jellis

### U15 Boys

- 1 Daniel Marsh
- 2 Alexander Marsh
- 3 Jonathan Groenewald
- 4 Eric Marsh
- 5 Aiden Finlay-Mulligan

### U15 Girls

- 1 Isla Harris
- 2 Hannah Slyth
- 3 Maxine Salter
- 4 Isla McMullen
- 5 Jessica Jellis

### U17 Boys

- 1 Greg Chan
- 2 Oscar Curtis
- 3 Dylan Classen
- 4 Kiran Byles
- 5 Daniel Marsh

### U17 Girls

- 1 Erin Classen
- 2 Caitlin Pratt
- 3 Isla Harris
- 4 Hannah Slyth
- 5 Maxine Salter

### U19 Boys

- 1 Greg Chan
- 2 Remi Young
- 3 Oscar Curtis
- 4 Dylan Classen
- 5 Kiran Byles

### U19 Girls

- 1 Erin Classen
- 2 Michaela Pratt
- 3 Caitlin Pratt
- 4 Isla Harris
- 5 Hannah Slyth







# National Junior Rankings - Top 5

Rankings - September 2020



## U11 Boys

1	Alexander Marsh	WA
2	Henry Kross	NSW
3	Joel Roshan Raj	QLD
4	Kieran Willathgamuwa	NSW
5	Daniel Lim	NSW

## U13 Boys

1	Alexander Marsh	WA
2	Eric Marsh	WA
3	Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	WA
4	Flynn Bartlett	QLD
5	Marcus Wang	NSW

## U15 Boys

1	Joshua Rahul Raj	QLD
2	Daniel Marsh	WA
3	Aryan Madan	SA
4	Lachlan Walmsley	NSW
5	James Slade	NSW

## U17 Boys

1	Greg Chan	WA
2	Oscar Curtis	WA
3	Dylan Classen	WA
4	BJ MacDonald	QLD
5	Andre Lynn	VIC

## U19 Boys

1	Sam Sergio	NSW
2	Dylan Molinaro	VIC
3	Greg Chan	WA
4	James Lloyd	ACT
5	Remi Young	WA

## U11 Girls

1	Tina Ma	VIC
2	Elizabeth Wang	NSW
3	Lilly Wilson	QLD
4	Bella Mifsud	VIC
5	Ella Matthews	NSW

## U13 Girls

1	Sarbani Maitra	QLD
2	Maxine Salter	WA
3	Joanne Joseph	VIC
4	Charlotte Evans	SA
5	Hala Hegazy	VIC

## U15 Girls

1	Maja Maziuk	NSW
2	Isla Harris	WA
3	Hannah Slyth	WA
4	Sarbani Maitra	QLD
5	Sophie Simpson	NSW

## U17 Girls

1	Erin Classen	WA
2	Kurstyn Mather	QLD
3	Ella Burge	QLD
4	Amber Chen	ACT
5	Madison Lyon	QLD

## U19 Girls

1	Katie Davies	QLD
2	Remashree Muniandy	SA
3	Kate Winters	SA
4	Erin Classen	WA
5	Kurstyn Mather	QLD

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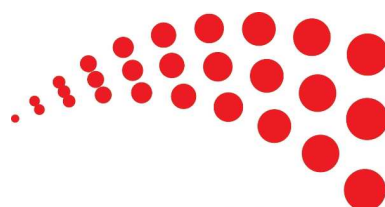
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