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SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER : FEBRUARY 2021

LOUKA & MOOSE WIN WEST COAST TITLES



What-a-month!

Well 2021 has got off to a great start with a Junior Coaching Camp, the Junior New Year Bash and the West Coast Open.

Congratulations to **Pascale Louka** and **Mike "Moose" Corren** on your awesome wins.

Just as things were getting back to normal COVID19 decided to rear its ugly face again!

So WA had to experience a 5 day Lockdown!



Let's hope everything will be back to normal real soon! Then we can all sit back and contemplate when we might be likely to get the jab.



WORLD
RANKINGS

1 February 2021

WA MEN:

	TM:	HWR:
David Ilich	265	210
Damon Macmillan	336	298
Tim Cowell	442	178
Mike Corren	527	38
Tye Harland	560	365
Will Curtis	688	359

WA WOMEN:

	TM:	HWR:
Pascale Louka	356	250

TM: This Month
HWR: Highest World Ranking

NATIONAL JUNIOR RANKINGS

BU11

BU13

BU17

- 1 Alexander Marsh
- 2 Aiden Finlay-Mulligan
- 1 Oscar Curtis
- 3 Dylan Classen

BU19

- 2 Greg Chan
- 3 Remi Young

GU11

GU13

GU15

- 5 Carmela Christou
- 3 Maxine Salter
- 1 Isla Harris

GU17

- 2 Hannah Slyth
- 3 Erin Classen



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Dean Williams

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Dean's Diary

January was a little slow to start as we emerged out of a nice holiday period here in WA without a care in the world as the Covid virus had seemed to disappear and we were so complacent that it all seemed too good to be true.

Clubs started putting in pennant teams for the new Autumn season starting on the 8th of February and we had a lot of interest in the WA Squash Camp, the Junior New Year Bash and the West Coast Open all completed before the end of January.

As I said it was too good to be true as the announcement came to have a snap 5 day lock down in Perth, Peel and the South West. This happened on Sunday afternoon the 1st of February so we were very lucky in getting our 3 events completed but we had to put the start of pennants back a week to now start on February 15th.

This week has seen something new and that is people playing squash with a mask on. It is not ideal and very problematic but at least we can play and support our court operators who have done it tough since this Covid outbreak. Sadly, some centres are shut but some have remained open with people playing with masks on. We are all hoping we can return to normal from this Sunday the 14th of February.

In keeping with my theme as telling some stories whilst on tour as a professional, my thoughts have turned to how lucky we were travelling around with no restrictions and no real knowledge of any major illness which may have been in some countries. The only time we all got very sick was in Pakistan. I was lucky to be picked in an Australian team in 1975 (I was 19) as an Amateur and to go to the inaugural Hashim Khan Team Trophy event.

We were treated very well in what was quite a hostile environment in Karachi as the country was experiencing some unrest. The hotel was OK, it was very hot and humid and we were told to not drink the water or to eat anything from the street stalls but to eat only in the hotel.

After the first day nearly all the Aussies and English players had the runs and were vomiting a lot. Bottled water was scarce so we were boiling the water but players were losing a lot of

April 16-18

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May 28-30

WA OPEN
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July 3-4

WA STATE
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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July 5-6

WA STATE
JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

WA SQUASH • T B A



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weight and strength. We found out later that the fruit was impregnated with water so when we had a nice fat orange we were drinking the local water!! Needless to say the Aussie team did not perform very well and Pakistan won the event quite easily!!

To this day it is rumoured that it was done on purpose to stop us being a threat. Even Geoff Hunt was sick. I contracted Hepatitis from there which to this day I'm a carrier and cannot be vaccinated against it. We all returned to Karachi on a regular basis for major events like the 1984 World Open and I can honestly tell you that in those days if you were able to beat a Pakistani in Karachi it was one of your greatest tests in World Squash ... Great memories.

Dean

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RIP Graham Nathan:

Graham was born in 1947 and simply loved squash. He won the 1965 Junior Boys State title and numerous state schoolboys championships. It is fair to say that Graham had challenges with his weight and squash really helped him stay fit and trim but his weight fluctuated a lot throughout the years.

I remember one of my first ever trips in the junior boys team in 1971 in Hobart and Graham had got himself really fit and made the Men's team which included the great Bob Meuleman and Barry Osboine. He was quite a laconic player with great wrist deception and that year he really played well. He loved squash so much that all he wanted to do was to manage a centre and he did that at the Scarborough courts and then later on he took the lease on the Wanneroo centre on Wanneroo Road, a lovely 10 court centre. People loved Graham for his jovial humour and wonderful smile. The players from that era will miss him and our thoughts are with his family.

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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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of sport and recreation @TrueSportWA







Thanks Dean Williams

Once again Brentwood Squash Club were the hosts for this first event of the New Year and once again it was a great tournament.

This is an ability based tournament which means boys and girls are mixed up and placed in a division based on their Sporty HQ ranking.

We had 33 entries and 5 divisions of no more than 8 in a division. It's a great concept as it gives both boys and girls a chance to play different players with different styles. One match I saw stood out when Caitlin Pratt lost a 5 set thriller to Eric Marsh which was played in the best of spirit.

Hannah Slyth continues to improve by winning Division 2 which included a great win over Isla Harris. Its wonderful to see these two go head to head and improve so much. They don't know it yet but this rivalry is so important to their growth and to have it here in Perth is a huge bonus. Both are ranked highly in Australia.

Dylan Classen was a class above everyone in Division one as was Alex Marsh in Division 3. Luke Scott took out the Division 4 and Saoud Kidwai won Division 5.

A huge thanks to our 5 referees who volunteered throughout the event and a massive thanks to Kane Fasolo and Racquet shop for donating the prizes.

Another big thank you to all the parents who helped out during the 2 day event and to Sue Hillier in the WA Squash office for once again putting a great camp together which fed into the New Year Bash.

2021 WA Squash Junior New Year's Bash		
Event	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	<i>Dylan Classen</i>	<i>Daniel Marsh</i>
Division 2	<i>Hannah Slyth</i>	<i>Isla Harris</i>
Division 3	<i>Alexander Marsh</i>	<i>Declan Munro</i>
Division 4	<i>Luke Scott</i>	<i>Laney Rawling</i>
Division 5	<i>Saoud Kidwai</i>	<i>Kayla Clarke</i>





WEST COAST OPEN

Thanks Dean Williams

This event has a great history going back to the late 80's when it was a major event on the Calendar. It stopped for a few years but thanks to Kane Fasolo it was resurrected and is now back as a major tournament to kick start the year.

The ladies was looking like the usual winners would take it out but at the very last minute we had a few withdrawals and for the first time in a long time we knew we would have a new winner. Pascale Louka has improved so much it looked like it was hers for the taking but Joannah Yue had other ideas.

The final was a very close affair and it went right down to 9-9 in the fifth when Pascale caught a lucky break and won the fifth 11-9 against a very gallant but tired Joannah. A victory well deserved and it backed up Pascale's victory over Joannah in the final of the State Grade Ladies last December when Pascale won in 4.

Vice-President of WA Squash Leigh-Anne Kaye defeated Linda Towill 3-1 to take 3rd spot.

The Men's event was always going to be a Mike Corren vs the rest affair and to see if the young guns could break the stranglehold that Dave Ilich has in being R/U . Sadly, Dylan Classen was put through the wringer by Mike and Dave gave young Lewis Christie a free lesson.

The main upset was Brenden Ward who played a great 5 setter in beating Remi Young before going down in 4 to Dylan for the 3v4 playoff. Great to see Brenden back after a break and we look forward to him improving over the year.

The final looked as though, for a while, that Dave had finally thought of a way to break Mike Corren and when he led 7-0 in the first the word went out that Dave might be able to take a game off Mike.

From that moment on Mike went into another gear and was relentless with his pressure and managed to take the first game 12-10 in what had to be one of the best games many had seen. The next two games were over in a blink of an eye and once again Mike Corren took the title.

WEST COAST OPEN



Pascale



Thank you
Neil, Pam, Doug and Luke



Mike and David



Harrison, Joannah,
Lisa Christou (Plate) and Pascale

WEST COAST OPEN

Once again a huge thanks to Kane Fasolo for running the tournament and for donating the prizes from Racquet Shop. This was the first event for the points race toward the **NEW TOP 8 SHOOT OUT Competition** which will be explained further on in this newsletter.

2021 West Coast Open Championships

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
Mens Open	<i>Mike Corren</i>	<i>Dave Ilich</i>	12-10, 11-2, 11-3 (37 min)
Ladies Open	<i>Pascale Louka</i>	<i>Joannah Yue</i>	11-2, 6-11, 11-7, 10-12, 11-9 (34 min)
Mens Div 1	<i>Jamie Serra</i>	<i>Caillin Blackwood</i>	11-5, 11-8, 13-11 (21 min)
Ladies Div 1	<i>Hannah Slyth</i>	<i>Hay Yu Hayley Chiu</i>	11-1, 11-2, 7-11, 11-3 (22 min)
Mens Div 2	<i>Steven Jones</i>	<i>Brendan Marsh</i>	11-2, 6-11, 11-7, 12-10 (24 min)
Ladies Div 2	<i>Isla McMullen</i>	<i>Tanya Chapman</i>	11-6, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6 (26 min)
Mens Div 3	<i>Greg Blycha</i>	<i>Mark Rukuata</i>	5-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-9 (20 min)
Mens Div 4	<i>Amos Bruce</i>	<i>Harrison King</i>	5-11, 11-9, 15-13, 7-11, 11-6 (38 min)



WEST COAST OPEN



This year will see for the first time a **points race** which will lead to a top 8 shoot out for both Mens and Ladies.

The finishing touches are still being put together but we wanted to inform players about this new initiative. The final events, weighting and rules are being fine tuned. The tournaments will be listed with weighting for regional events and extra weighting for the WA Open and WA Closed.

Basically the idea is to run this over 6 months this year until mid June and allocate points to every division and to every placing in the event. The top 8 points winners will then compete in a round robin over 7 weeks to decide a winner, so every game, point and match will count.

From this WA Squash has decided to then pick a WA representative team consisting of 2 under 19's, 2 under 23's and 2 open Mens and Ladies to then play somewhere against either another State or even travel to Singapore ... if the world is back to normal.

WA Squash realise that for many years there was no incentive for players to continue after their junior years and this causes a drop off in standard and a drop off in players. If we can go back to the past when playing for your State was a realistic goal I feel we can achieve a lot greater depth in the playing group as they will stay in the sport.

Points will be posted in the SWAN and on the WA Squash Website.

WA Squash would like to thank two new sponsors (Wayne Krahner and Deb Hoffrichter) who have come on board and from now on these competitions will be known as the **Security Distributors Mens Top 8 Shoot Out** and the **Shark Lane Piggery Ladies Top 8 Shoot Out**.

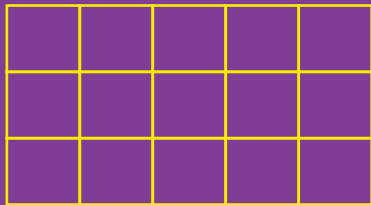
New Media Wall



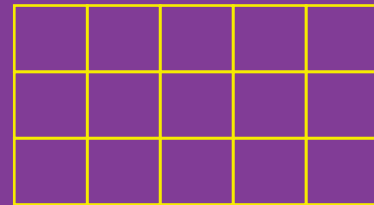
The Wall with Sanny Ang

After many years of wanting one, WA Squash has finally been able to purchase 2 Media Walls. It really adds to the professionalism at awards nights and especially at trophy presentations.

*We recognised our fantastic partners in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI). Also our long term partner in Healthway with their **Smarter Than Smoking** message which WA Squash promotes actively throughout the State with our schools and inflatable courts programs.*



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2021 MARMION JUNIOR CLASSIC

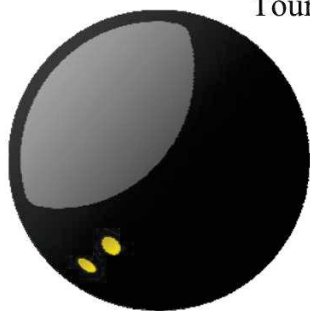
**Abilities Based Junior Tournament
PLUS "CLASSIC CUP DOUBLES"**
(Saturday afternoon after the individuals)

13th MARCH 2021

@ The Squash Factory, 18 Garino Rise, Wangara

Enter via Sporty Hq
ENTRIES CLOSE 5.00pm TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021
No late entries will be accepted.

Tournament Director: Sue Cowell
Tournament Referee: Pam Addison



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“Illness and Injury”

This month we take a look at the injury rule which places the onus on the Referee to decide the type and outcome.

We will not include Bleeding but will deal with that next month and its relationship to each type of injury
From the rules:

14 ILLNESS, INJURY AND BLEEDING

14.1 Illness

14.1.1 A player who suffers an illness that involves neither an injury nor bleeding must either continue play immediately, or concede the game in progress and take the 90-second interval between games to recover. This includes conditions such as a cramp, nausea, and breathlessness, as well as asthma. Only 1 game may be conceded. The player must then resume play, or concede the match.

14.1.2 If a player's vomiting or other action causes the court to become unplayable, the match is awarded to the opponent.

Comment: Fairly straight forward with the referee having to inform the player of the outcome if the player is delaying play in order to overcome the illness.

14.2 Injury

The Referee:

14.2.1 if not satisfied that the injury is genuine, must advise the player to decide whether to resume play immediately, or to concede the game in progress and take the 90-second interval between games and then resume play, or concede the match. Only 1 game may be conceded;

Comment: The Referee has to be satisfied that the injury is genuine. This is particularly so in the case of Self Inflicted. In the case of Contributed and Opponent Inflicted injuries these are usually more obvious.

The Referee must ask the player if they are able to continue straight away and tell the player of the outcome if they are not able to do so.

14.2.2 if satisfied that the injury is genuine, must advise both players of the category of the injury and of the time permitted for recovery. Recovery time is permitted only at the time the injury takes place;

Comment: The Referee determines the type of injury and advises players what the outcome of the injury will result in.

14.2.3 if satisfied that this is a recurrence of an injury sustained earlier in the match, must advise the player to decide whether to resume play immediately or concede the game in progress and take the 90-second interval between games, or concede the match. Only 1 game may be conceded.

Note: A player who concedes a game retains any points already scored.

Comment: Can only sprain the left ankle once. CAN SPRAIN THE RIGHT ANGLE AND THIS IS TAKEN AS A NEW INJURY! And so on.



Let's play fair!



“Illness and Injury”

14.3 Categories of injury:

14.3.1 Self-inflicted: where the injury is the result of the player's own action. This includes a muscle tear or sprain, or a bruise resulting from a collision with a wall or falling over. The player is permitted 3 minutes to recover and, if not then ready to resume play, must concede that game and take the 90-second interval

between games for further recovery. Only 1 game may be conceded. The player must then resume play or concede the match.

Comment: Self-inflicted can also mean playing too close to the opponent and being hit by the opponent's reasonable back swing or follow through. Ask yourself “Who caused the problem?”

14.3.2 Contributed: where the injury is the result of accidental action by both players. The injured player is permitted 15 minutes to recover. This may be extended by a further 15 minutes at the discretion of the Referee. If the player is then unable to continue, the match is awarded to the opponent. The score at the conclusion of the rally in which the injury occurred, stands.

Comment: Once again ask yourself “Who caused the problem?” If you cannot decide then it is probably an accidental situation. 15 minutes plus another 15 minutes at the discretion of the referee. Once again ask the player if they are able to continue.

14.3.3 Opponent-inflicted: where the injury is caused solely by the opponent.

14.3.3.1 Where the injury is accidentally caused by the opponent, Rule 15 (Conduct) must be applied. The injured player is permitted 15 minutes to recover. If the player is then unable to resume play, the match is awarded to the injured player.

Comment: 15 minutes only and then ask the player if they are able to continue.

14.3.3.2 Where the injury is caused by the opponent's deliberate or dangerous play or action, if the injured player requires any time for recovery, the match is awarded to the injured player. If the injured player is able to continue without delay, Rule 15 (Conduct) must be applied.

Comment: Ask yourself “Could this problem have been avoided by the opponent stopping play and asking for a let?” If the answer is Yes then the next question is whether or not the player is able to continue immediately.

A deliberate action may be running into the opponent with such force that the opponent is knocked over or pushed into the wall and is severely winded.

A dangerous action does not necessarily mean a deliberate action. A player may have an excessive back swing or follow through and hits his opponent. The Referee has to decide into which action this falls.

There is no clear way to determine except possibly the way the match is being played. Sometimes you have to go with your “Gut feeling” at the time. Not very scientific.

In all cases of injury where the player has required time to recover the Referee must ask the injured player if they are able to continue. The player makes the decision to continue not the Referee. The Referee makes his final decision based on the players decision to continue or not.



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2021 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CAMP @ SQUASHWORLD BRENTWOOD

This year the camp was held on 28 and 29 January at Squashworld Brentwood. We had 27 juniors from Dampier to Mandurah and in between attend.

The theme this year was movement. Looking at efficient ways to move around the court. We started with a warm up then into King of the Court. We then established 5 groups for our coaches to go through movement of drops, crosscourts, drives, serves and returns. This was broken up with noughts & crosses then connect 4 challenges. It was great to see the tactical thinking of the players and teamwork.

With Healthways one of WA Squash major sponsors we discussed the benefits of eating healthy. This was put to the test with the juniors making their own lunches. It was great to see they all had plenty of greens and salad in their sandwiches.

After lunch and a well-earned rest Neil Butler spoke to the players about the markers call and their ability to tell a story. We broke the players into groups of 6 to put what they learnt earlier into game practice. Each group had 2 juniors playing, 2 marking/refereeing and 2 taking stats of the players on court – this gave the players feedback on where their ball lands each rally. We finished the day with a good stretch and cool down.

Day 2 we had some tired bodies, so had a good warm up getting the legs moving again. Back into the same groups reiterating the shots from the day before with targets and into game situations. Then we had a discussion on game plans and what ifs scenarios.

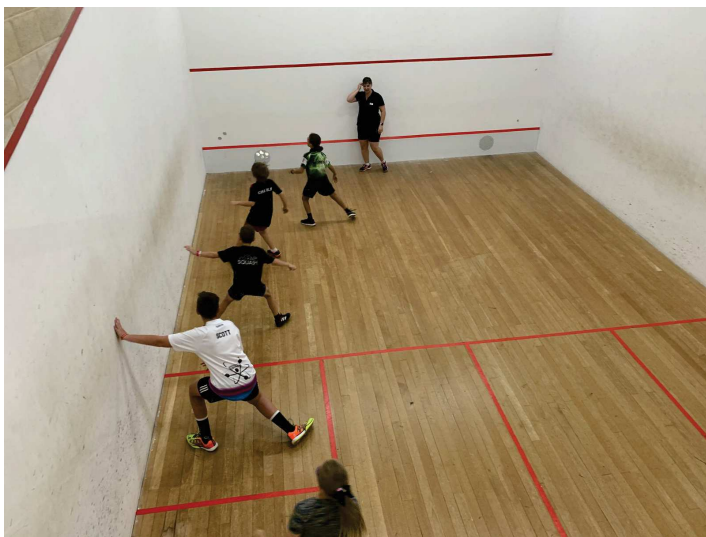
The juniors then went onto play COVID squash – which challenged a few to start with but all players showed resilience and adapted. We finished with a good stretch, followed by another healthy lunch then a rest before they started the first round of the New Years Bash tournament.

Thank you to the coaches who assisted throughout the event:

Sanny Ang, Lisa Christou, Deb Hoffrichter, Abel Jin, Leigh Kay, Pascale Louka, Katy Scott and also thank you to Eileen Jellis and Michaela Pratt for their assistance.

Thank you to Squashworld Brentwood for the use of the facility and lastly, thank you to all the players who showed the 8 True Sport Values and made the camp so enjoyable for us all.

2021 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CAMP



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**WA Squash General Manager Dean Williams
congratulates West Coast Open Champion Mike Corren**

MIKE CORREN



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Squash Media interview with Mike “the Moose” Corren

What was 2020 like for the Moose? (Squash, Covid-19, etc)

It was quite a crazy year wasn't it? One minute we were all doing our thing and looking forward and then the next minute ... !!

I suppose it gave me time to reflect a little about where I was and what I was doing etc. Squash wise it didn't bother me too much as it's just a matter of knowing what specific muscles you need to keep working and alive. I'm very proud of what we salvaged out of the year though Kim, we ran a fantastic WA Open & Closed, a few events at Cambridge also, it could have been a lot worse!

I understand you are moving on from Cambridge. What are your plans for 2021 and beyond?

The 'plan' is to just let things happen in their own time! I have been enjoying the break, training and playing more and doing some group coaching at Cambridge, the next step will be to offer clinics/exhibitions to clubs around WA and expand on the group and team training. I think my time at Cambridge gave me a great affinity for the average club player and I really want to focus on showing people how to improve and enjoy their games more.

What was the highlight of your time at Cambridge?

There was quite a few Kim! I think we ran some great events at Cambridge and got

some great numbers and perhaps most importantly our events were FUN! Over the nearly five years I was there I think the place took a huge leap forward and it was a real team effort between myself, Kane and Simmo.

It's funny though that the term 'pathways' is usually associated with Juniors Kim, I believe it refers to adults as well when it comes to squash clubs, the satisfaction I got from seeing folks that I 'fed' into our system of say ... playing in house, then their first ever tournament, then they start bringing their kids down, then the kids start working with Tim in the Junior program, then they play their first tournament outside Cambridge and as happened last weekend in one example.. they win their division! Wow.. now that is hugely satisfying!

Are you now looking at retiring from professional/competitive squash? If not, what would you still like to achieve?

NO! You NEVER get this game right Kim! There is always something to improve and achieve ... if you want to and at this stage I still want to so ... until that runs dry I intend to keep shuffling forward.

What do you feel has been the secret to your longevity on the court?

I think mainly because I have just never stopped, I have had my ups and downs like everybody but I have just kept going, it's a personal choice I suppose Kim, I'm almost embarrassed to admit this but Squash from a



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Squash Media interview with Mike “the Moose” Corren

competitive aspect is still on my mind most minutes of the day! I'm very, very tough on myself and the standards I try and keep with my training are very high ... and taxing!

The main thing though Kim is quite simply that I WANT to keep playing well, I want to train and do all the things necessary to play well and compete ... it's just a choice, other folks chose good jobs and careers and bought houses and nice cars and a doggy ... I would be quite happy to exchange with them if they want!

Have you got any aspirations to play in the World Masters?

Not at this point Kim. For me I still find playing Opens the main challenge, I must admit though I did watch the last World Masters as I was following my old mate Liam Kenny who ended up winning his age division. I got in touch to congratulate him and talk obviously turned to some banter about taking each other on in the next one! Alas that event never took place due to Covid of course, but .. never say never Kim!

You have dominated the WA scene for a number of years now – what is your take on WA Squash and where it is heading?

I think Squash in WA is in a great place, as is the association. It has taken a lot of hard work by the new board and by some exceptional individuals like Kane, Dean, Deb Hoff, Hitchy, etc. Like with anything in Squash though, the hard work never stops!

Personally, I would like to see a 'streamlining' and eventual phasing out of the traditional pennant system to be replaced by clubs having a strong In House system so as to bring Club unity to the forefront again, alongside this clubs can have challenge days/matches against other clubs that can be both competitive and social, this could also lead into an annual State wide club tournament to find out the best club in WA!

The last piece in this puzzle would be more tournaments, I believe tournaments are the ultimate expression of competitive AND social Squash.

What are your thoughts on the running of PSA events in Australia? Besides Covid19, what is holding Australia back?

That's a difficult question Kim! I will try and answer it from the way I saw it as a club operator. If you wanted to run a low level PSA event it would set you back a minimum of \$12-13K .. and that's US dollars! Then I would take a look around my club and thought that if I had that money to improve the facilities for my members and the public ALL year round and not for an event that lasts 2 or 3 days ... then it's a no brainer isn't it?

Considering where we are at in Australia I think we need to focus on our own first Kim, our social players, our club players, improve our facilities, run great local events and offer everybody a great Squash experience, and that's from a longtime PSA member!



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Australia's best player on the circuit is now #166 in the World. Gazing into your crystal ball do you see Australian players ever getting back into being competitive?

It's going to take an exceptional individual Kim, somebody that wants it really badly and that's prepared to do everything and more to achieve their goals. They are probably going to have to move overseas pretty early on but I also strongly believe they need to be one of the best players in the OPEN division before they do this otherwise they will never survive O/S. A young player should aim at winning his Club Champs first, then local Opens, then the State Champs/Open then ... National events.

My road to heading O/S was a 4 year process which started with me moving to Queensland after I was knocked back for an AIS scholarship, I 'moved' to Brisbane anyway and spent large portions of the year living in my car and following them around the local tournaments, then I spent 3 years in New Zealand playing tournaments nearly every weekend.

My target was a chap named Paul Steel who was 18 in the World at the time (I was also up against the World # 38, 63 & 80 most weekends!), the first time he played me he beat me 9-0 9-0 9-1!

I made him my yard stick in terms of earning the right to go O/S, it took me three years! I beat him 3-0 in 90 minutes in

the 1997 Nationals team event and then moved to Europe three days later, I didn't think I was top 20 standard though Kim.. just that I was probably at a level where I could survive and not make a fool of myself.

I guess what I'm saying is that one needs to EARN the right to pursue a career in Squash, it's a bloody tough gig, just because Mummy & Daddy has a credit card doesn't make you a pro squash player!

Squash Australia has a new CEO. If you had some time with him what would you advise him to do?

Well.. I think our biggest issue in Australia is the loss of so many venues over the years, this is due to the fact that we went the commercial route all those years ago and when the real estate boom hit venues started getting sold and made into other things like apartments and whatnot. I feel we need to both try and save and support as many of the current venues that we can and at the same time use every opportunity to build new venues when possible.

That might sound far fetched Kim but I'll give you an example, if Squash ACT and Squash Australia had used the money they put into running that Australian Open for three years into buying some land and building a new club then that would still be there today and servicing the community. In my mind spending 500K on a Squash event is throwing money away when we have much bigger issues at hand.

2021 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Please send your tournament poster to
kim@squashmedia.com.au as soon as possible

FEB		Battle of Belmont	Masters		Postponed
FEB	27-1	South West Masters Team Tournament	Masters		Bunbury
FEB	27-1	Esperance Open	Senior	PSA	Esperance
FEB	27-1	Esperance Junior (Age Based)	Junior	Silver	Esperance
MAR	12-13	Moora Teams Classic	Senior		Moora
MAR	13	Marmion Junior Squash Classic (Ability)	Junior		Squash Factory
MAR	19-21	Mandurah Open	Senior		Mandurah
APR	2-5	Australian Junior Open	Junior	Platinum	DEVONPORT
APR	9	Vic Park Junior (Ability)	Junior	Bronze	Vic Park
APR	16-18	WA Closed	Senior		Mirrabooka
APR	17-18	Sponsor TBA Junior Classic	Junior		Mirrabooka
MAY	1-2	Geraldton Open	Seniors & Masters		Geraldton
MAY	1-2	Geraldton Junior Open (Ability)	Junior	Bronze	Geraldton
MAY	8	Hilton Masters	Masters		Hilton
MAY	14-16	Broome Invitational			Broome
MAY	28-30	WA Open	Senior		TBA
JUN	5-7	Golden Open	Senior		Kalgoorlie
JUN	5-7	Golden Junior Open (Age Based)	Junior	Silver	Kalgoorlie
JUN	5-7	Northwest Junior Champs	Junior	Bronze	Wickham
JUN	29-30	Interschool Squash Competition	Junior		TBA

Feb 27 - Mar 1

esperance open

Esperance

March 19-20

MANDURAH OPEN

Mandurah

April 16-18

WA CLOSED

Mirrabooka

May 28-30

WA OPEN



June 5-7

GOLDEN OPEN

Kalgoorlie

June 5-7



Kalgoorlie

2021 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

July 3-4

**WA STATE
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**



July 5-6

**WA STATE
JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**



July 9-11

**WA STATE
MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS**



JUL	3-4	State Junior Championship (Age Based)	Junior	Gold	TBA
JUL	5-6	State Junior Championship Teams Event	Junior	Gold	TBA
JUL	9-11	State Masters Championships	Masters		TBA
JUL	31-1	FeNaCING Championships	Senior		Dampier
AUG	28-29	Belmont Masters	Masters		Belmont
SEP	11	Cambridge Junior Teams Event	Junior		Cambridge
SEP	17-19	Vic Park Open	Senior		Vic Park
SEP	25-27	WA Country Teams Championship	Seniors & Juniors		Mirrabooka
SEP	25-28	Australian Junior Individual Championships	Junior	Platinum	ACT
SEP	30-3	Australian Junior Teams Championships	Junior		ACT
OCT	9-16	XVIII Australian Masters Games	Masters		Belmont
OCT	11-15	Australian Masters Championships	Masters		ADELAIDE
OCT	18-22	Australian Masters Teams Championships	Masters		ADELAIDE
OCT	29-31	Busselton Invitational			Busselton
NOV	12-14	Great Southern Teams Event			Katanning

Sept 25-27

**COUNTRY
Teams
Mirrabooka**

Sept 25-28

**AUSTRALIAN
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Sep 30 - Oct 3

**AUSTRALIAN
JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**



October 9-16

**AUSTRALIAN
MASTERS GAMES
Belmont WA**

October 11-15

**AUSTRALIAN
MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Adelaide**

October 18-22

**AUSTRALIAN
MASTERS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
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2021 Australian Masters Games entries now open!
9-16 October, 2021

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2021 is the year for getting back into sport, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones, and exploring more of our backyard. Let's get active, social and adventurous together in 2021!

*Photo: Alex French
Thanks Joe*

Age groups:
TBC

Squash Dates:
Mon 11 to Thu 14
October 2021

Venue:
Belmont Squash Centre,
144 Robinson Ave, Belmont WA 6104



For more information:
www.australianmastersgames.com

WA MASTERS UPDATE

By Janis Haswell

Just as we were all getting geared up to commence the first pennant season of 2021 the unthinkable happened: a Perth, Peel and South West lockdown was imposed due to a Covid 19 infection. Squash courts, gyms etc. once again targeted for closure. Hopefully, the quick action taken by WA will have us back on the courts by February 14.

The Battle of Belmont

The Battle of Belmont kick starts the Masters official tournament calendar. This popular event was scheduled to take place on Friday 5 February, but we will now have to wait for an update on when it can go ahead. With luck it will only need to be postponed a couple of weeks. The Masters committee will keep you updated with information regarding any rescheduling of events.

Traditionally, the tournament is a fast, furious and fun event, made more so by the fact it is played over one night. The team names are always, shall we say, of particular interest. And everyone is generally very keen to get back to into competition mode. The entry fee is \$12, and that will include your game and supper, and a range of super prizes will be up for grabs for the winners and runners up. Watch for WA Masters email communications regarding the new date so that you don't miss out.

Friday Night Squash

Season One is due to commence on Friday 12 Feb; however, the commencement date will now need to be confirmed, dependent on lockdown guidelines. WA Masters squash will inform members of the new commencement date if required. Or call Squashworld Brentwood on 0421 490 799 for more information.

Venue: Squashworld Brentwood, Disney Street, Brentwood. Cost: \$15 (includes your match and supper). To get involved contact Kane on 0421 490 799 or email masters@squashworld.com.au

2021 South West Masters Teams Tournament

Our South West Masters tournament is scheduled to be held over the Labour Day long weekend of Saturday 27 February - Monday March 1, and the event will again be held at the South West Sports Centre in Bunbury. Warren and the Busselton committee are keen to get entries in early to ensure great match-ups for all players. See the poster for entry details, and a few reminiscent snaps from last year's Gourmet BBQ function in Bunbury to spike your interest. The Gourmet BBQ is also scheduled for this year.

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WA Masters Committee needs your help

Acting on recent feedback regarding Masters tournament prizes, the committee is seeking suggestions from members about prizes to get a better idea of what people want. What would you like to receive as a prize-winner at a Masters event? We have given towels and wine for some time, and, on occasion, a special wine glass. Strangely, no complaints to date about receiving wine as a prize, but it would seem that some (lucky people's) linen cupboards are bursting at the seams with squash logo towels. The Masters Committee would love to have some suggestions from members about what they would like to receive. As an example, the Masters 40th Anniversary glasses seemed to be extremely popular. You might also get some good ideas from websites such as www.giftwaredirect.com.au. It would be most welcome if, when you get that brilliant idea, whether it's your own idea/preference or you saw it on a website, you could drop us an email at wamasterssquash@gmail.com and tell us your thoughts. It would be greatly appreciated - by us initially, but certainly by you when you win.

WA Masters Squash website

Don't forget to visit Masters Squash website www.wamasterssquash.com and the WA Masters Squash Facebook page to stay in touch. These sites are always a good starting point for anyone seeking information about WA Masters, photos from past events, information about coming tournaments, and the sites include a whole host of other details and information. Visit us there. Leave us a comment.

A final note

Ok, we've had a little stutter to the commencement of our WA Masters Squash calendar, but I know this will only serve to increase our enthusiasm to get going. We managed to have a pretty full year in 2020 given the struggles around the rest of the country. So, get involved again in 2021! As you all know, it is well worth the effort to support the Masters events. There's so much to take away from them all.



Bob and Warren



Chris and Warren



Ron, Joyce & Warren

Flashback ...
2020 SW Masters

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By Janis Haswell

South West Masters Teams Squash Tournament

Sat Feb 27 - March 1, 2021

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

SOUTH WEST SPORTS CENTRE
BUNBURY

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SUN NIGHT



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Top 5 JUNIOR RANKINGS

February 2021



U11 Boys

Alexander Marsh
Sterling Slyth
Charlie Richardson
Josh Bell

U11 Girls

1 Carmela Christou
2
3
4



U13 Boys

Aiden Finlay-Mulligan
Eric Marsh
Ashton Clement
Will Rawling
Tobias Baker

U13 Girls

1 Maxine Salter
2 Jessica Jellis
3
4
5



U15 Boys

Waldo Vorster
Lee Stone
Jonathan Groenewald
Matthew Rogers
Oscar Courtney

U15 Girls

1 Isla Harris
2 Hannah Slyth
3 Isla McMullen
4
5



U17 Boys

Oscar Curtis
Dylan Classen
Daniel Marsh
Dewald Vorster
Harri Fox

U17 Girls

1 Erin Classen
2 Caitlin Pratt
3 Eva French
4
5



U19 Boys

Greg Chan
Remi Young
Kiran Byles
Aled Phillips Johns
Daniel Hogan

U19 Girls

1 Michaela Pratt
2
3
4
5

These WA rankings are extracted from the Squash Australia National Rankings.



National Junior Rankings - Top 5

Rankings - February 2021



U11 Boys

Alexander Marsh	WA
Henry Kross	NSW
Kieran Willathgamuwa	NSW
Max Aitken	QLD
Harlan Guziak	VIC

U13 Boys

Flynn Bartlett	QLD
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	WA
Marcus Wang	NSW
Michael Lawrence	QLD
Joel Roshan Raj	QLD

U15 Boys

Aryan Madan	SA
Joshua Rahul Raj	QLD
Haider Naqvi	VIC
Darcy Hayes	VIC
Henry Siviour	NT

U17 Boys

Oscar Curtis	WA
Andre Lynn	VIC
Dylan Classen	WA
Harvey Allan	VIC
Connor Hayes	VIC

U19 Boys

James Lloyd	ACT
Greg Chan	WA
Remi Young	WA
Diego Hernandez	ACT
Luke Eyles	QLD

U11 Girls

1	Olivia van Zon	SA
2	Nadia van Zon	SA
3	Elizabeth Wang	NSW
4	Ella Matthews	NSW
5	Carmela Christou	WA

U13 Girls

1	Sarbani Maitra	QLD
2	Hala Hegazy	VIC
3	Maxine Salter	WA
4	Lilly Wilson	QLD
5	Madison Nargar	NSW

U15 Girls

1	Isla Harris	WA
2	Hannah Slyth	WA
3	Amelia Guziak	VIC
4	Katlyn Hall	SA
5	Maja Maziuk	NSW

U17 Girls

1	Madison Lyon	QLD
2	Maggie Goodman	NSW
3	Erin Classen	WA
4	Kaitlyn O'Neill	ACT
5	Courtney Scholtz	VIC

U19 Girls

1	Kurstyn Mather	QLD
2	Kate Winters	SA
3	Caitlin Purvis	TAS
4	Katie Davies	QLD
5	Sophie Fadaely	QLD

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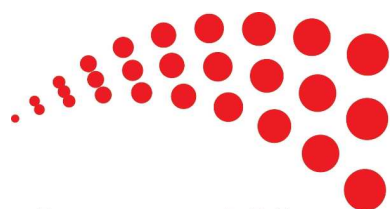
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