

**SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER: MAY 2021** 



## **2021 AJO CHAMPIONS**









Dylan Classen



Caitlin Pratt Remi Young



#### **EDITORIAL**

#### Congratulations ...

To all the WA winners and placegetters at the Australian Junior Open held in early April in Devonport. Awesome effort!

At first glance it would appear our athletes received a Squash Australia Certificate as their prize.

Apparently, a delay was experienced with getting the trophies to the Championships but Squash Australia will be forwarding them out to all the winners and placegetters in due course.

It is critical that this doesn't happen again. One cannot redo the presentation photos and that moment in history is lost forever.

Much more emphasis must be placed on getting the trophies to any event on time.

Mike Corren and Erin Classen dominated the WA Closed in April. Will they be too good again at the WA Open?

The WA Open is at the end of May but please don't delay getting your entry in ASAP and before the 24th May cutoff.





#### 1 May 2021

WA MEN:	TM:	HWR:
David Ilich	261	210
Damon Macmillan	342	298
Mike Corren	427	38
Tye Harland	537	365
Will Curtis	643	359

WA WOMEN: TM: HWR: Pascale Louka 341 250

TM: This Month
HWR: Highest World Ranking

BU11 BU17 1 Alexander Marsh

1 Oscar Curtis

4 Dylan Classen

BU19 1 Remi Young

GU11 5 Carmela Christou

1 Hannah Slyth

2 Isla Harris

**GU17** 

**GU15** 

ATIONAL JUNIOR RANKINGS

3 Erin Classen











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### **ADMINISTRATION**

## Dean's Diary

Well, I think it's fair to say that April had it all. We started with Easter and ended with a lockdown!! This month has flown by with the usual number of meetings either with the Board or with the new CEO of Squash Australia Mr Rob Donaghue. Sometimes there are not enough hours in the day or week to get it all done!

On Friday the 8th we had the Vic Park Junior timed event which was a huge success held at LeisureLife Rec Centre, home of the Vic Park Squash Club. President Lisa Christou and her committee did a great job and the kids had a great time and played a lot of squash. Not far away at Mirrabooka a girls only OPEN day was held and it attracted 18 new girls to squash. The club arranged coaches and a healthy morning tea and lunch and the girls had great fun. Once again, a huge thanks to Serena Richardson and the club committee for all their help in making this a great success.

The State Closed was held from the 16th to 18th April along side the Head Junior Classic at Mirrabooka and once again Kane Fasolo and the Mirrabooka Club hosted a wonderful 3 days of squash. The full report is in the SWAN.

A snap lock down was called by our Premier over the Anzac Long weekend and then a further softer lockdown with some restrictions was called from Mon the 26th to Sat the 1st of May. This threw confusion into whether squash could be played as all indoor activities had to wear a mask but on reflection the Government changed a ruling and allowed all vigorous activities either indoor or outdoor to continue without wearing a mask ... common sense at last!! So we look forward to May with the Geraldton Open, the WA Open and all pennants heading toward finals.

As promised in last month's edition of the SWAN and in keeping with telling some stories of what life was like as a touring pro for over 12 years, I was very lucky to do an enormous amount of travelling and one story I haven't told is about the American Hardball game. In the late 70's an event was established in Toronto called The Mennen Cup which comprised the top 4 American Hardball players and the top 4 International players (called softball players). It was by invitation only as the American Hardball game was quite popular and they wanted to see who was the best in the world as this game was only played in the USA and Canada.

Geoff Hunt adapted quite well and it was on his third attempt that he won the event beating the legendary Sharif Khan (son of one of the world's greatest squash players Hashim Khan).

Commonly known as 70+ this game of squash was played on a slightly narrower court, same length and was very fast. Some say the 70+ came from the speed of every shot which was never under 70 MPH!



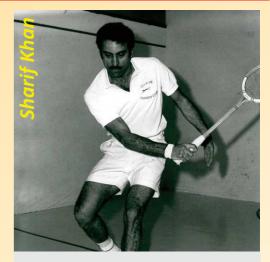
### **ADMINISTRATION**

## Dean's Diary

I was lucky enough to be invited twice in 1983 and 84 where on my first attempt I was like a fish out of water but as I had never even seen a ball or played the game, I managed to learn a lot and looked forward to the next time I could play it.

The following year I played Sharif "The Sheriff" Khan in my pool of 4 and he was expecting an easy match. I had been practising it as much as I could leading up to this event and I exceeded every expectation as I managed to beat him. Well this caused a huge stir and because I came second in my pool I was drawn to play Jahangir Khan in the semi.

As usual I was beaten by JK but that meant I had to play Sharif again for 3rd and 4th. Well it was on ... I did lose to him but it was a brutal match where I was hit in the back by a ball by Sharif and I can honestly tell you it hurt! I thought it had gone through me it was that bad. The mark remained on my back for months much to the relentless mocking and humour of the other players.



Sharif captured every major North American hardball title, and won the North American Open (the most prestigious hardball title at the time) a record 12 times in 13 years between 1969 and 1981. He reached the final 15 consecutive times between 1968 and 1982). He also won the US Professional Championships 9 times in 10 years between 1970 and 1979.

The Hardball game has all but died out and the USA is now on board with the international "softball" game which is great to see. We all knew that for squash to be truly global we had to have the USA playing our game. By the way in case you are wondering, Jahangir used to zip over via Concorde to play the big hardball events during our normal tour and he won them all! Quite amazing.

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## WA@AJO21





#### Thanks Sue Hillier

The Australian Junior Open was played in Devonport, Tasmania from 2 April to 5 April 2021. We had 6 players travel to Devonport:

U19 Girls – Erin Classen

U19 Boys - Oscar Curtis, Remi Young and Dylan Classen

**U17 Girls – Caitlin Pratt** 

U15 Girls - Hannah Slyth

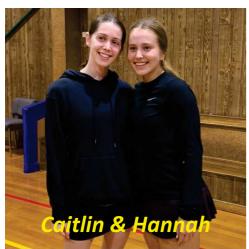
These juniors took the chance to travel to Devonport to play against players from other States risking possible COVID isolation on their return to Perth. Luckily, they were all fine with no restrictions on return. Last minute restrictions meant no players from Brisbane could travel to the event. All players placed in the top three of their



event which is a great achievement and confirmation that they are on track with their training.

Erin Classen played up an age group, starting at No 4 seed in the U19. Her biggest challenge was against No 1 seed Maggie Goodman from NSW in the semi-final. It took 43 minutes with a first game loss for Erin to defeat Maggie in 5. The final was against No 2 see Szu Yu Lee from Victoria which Erin won in straight sets. This is Erin's first U19 Australian title.

In the U19 Boys we had 3 of the top 4 seeds. No 1 seed Oscar Curtis, No 2 seed Remi Young and No 4 seed Dylan Classen. Both Oscar and Dylan played up an age group. With these seedings



Remi and Dylan were to meet in the semi-finals which they did winning their previous matches in 3. With a WA showdown this was to be an exciting match. Dylan came out playing a more disciplined game to win in 4.

U19 No 1 seed, Oscar Curtis showed throughout the tournament maturity and discipline beyond his age to win all matches in 3. His longest match 31 minutes was against Dylan in the Final. This is Oscar's second U19 Australian title having won the AJC last year. A 1-2-3 finish for WA in the U19 boys.













Caitlin Pratt was in a round robin pool in U17 Girls. She lost narrowly in 5 to the No 1 seed Courtney Scholtz from Vic in an earlier round. Caitlin won the 3 v 4 playoff in 3 placing her 3rd. A great effort and hopefully, she beats Courtney next time they meet.

U15 Hannah Slyth was in a draw with 2 round robin pools. Hannah seeded No 1, won all her pool matches in 3. Hannah won her semi-final in 4 and although very nervous in the grand final she won in 3 securing her first Australian U15 title.

	<b>AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>			
U19B	R1	Oscar Curtis [1]	BYE	
	R1	Dylan Classen [4]	Ryan Kelton [9]	11-2, 11-3, 11-3
	R1	Remi Young [2]	BYE	
	R2	Oscar Curtis [1]	Diego Hernandez [6]	11-6, 11-0, 11-3
	R2	Dylan Classen [4]	Andre Lynn [5]	11-4, 13-11, 11-4
	R2	Remi Young [2]	Sam Goodman [8]	13-11, 11-8, 11-2
	SF	Oscar Curtis [1]	Ben Hudson [3]	11-9, 11-4, 11-2
	SF	Dylan Classen [4]	Remi Young [2]	11-2, 9-11, 11-4, 11-7
	3 v 4	Remi Young [2]	Ben Hudson [3]	11-7, 11-4, 11-2
	FINAL	Oscar Curtis [1]	Dylan Classen [4]	11-7, 11-3, 11-9
U19G	R1	Erin Classen [4]	BYE	
	R2	Erin Classen [4]	Sophie Fadaely [5]	11-7, 11-4, 11-9
	SF	Erin Classen [4]	Maggie Goodman [1]	11-2, 7-11, 10-12, 12-10, 11-7
	FINAL	Erin Classen [4]	Sze Yu Lee [2]	11-9, 11-7, 12-10
U17G	M1	Caitlin Pratt [3]	Aimee Treloar [5]	11-6, 11-1, 11-2
5PRR	M2	Caitlin Pratt [3]	Jaime Schubert [4]	11-8, 11-8, 11-8
	M3	Caitlin Pratt [3]	Shona Coxsedge [2]	12-10, 4-11, 4-11, 5-11
	M4	Caitlin Pratt [3]	Courtney Scholtz [1]	11-7, 6-11, 11-8, 5-11, 6-11
	3 v 4	Caitlin Pratt [3]	Jaime Schubert [4]	11-5, 11-4, 11-7
U15G	M1	Hannah Slyth [1]	Joanne Joseph [3]	11-6, 11-8, 11-2
8PRR	M2	Hannah Slyth [1]	Katlyn Hall [6]	11-4, 11-7, 11-8
2x4PRR	M3	Hannah Slyth [1]	Dehara Palihakkara [7]	11-5, 11-3, 11-0
with	1 v 4	Hannah Slyth [1]	Emmy Lamb [4]	11-7, 11-3, 8-11, 11-4
Finals	1 v 2	Hannah Slyth [1]	Amelie Guziak [2]	11-8, 11-3, 11-5









The Easter long weekend saw a host of junior players from all states but QLD heading to Devonport Tasmania to compete in the Australian Junior Open. Six of our juniors represented WA at the tournament.

From a parent's perspective, it was wonderful to see our juniors supporting each other throughout the tournament. Every one played amazing squash, stepping up and facing every opponent with all of their might. Our juniors played aggressively and all their hard work and preparation paid off. I want to congratulate each and every player - Oscar Curtis, Remi Young, Dylan Classen, Erin Classen, Hannah Slyth and Caitlyn Pratt - for their great results. A special shout-out to Hannah and Caitlin as they both played the best squash I have seen them play thus far.

The atmosphere at the AJO was competitive yet all juniors from all the states showed good sportsmanship on and off the court. It was lovely to see the players catching up with old friends and making new friends over the long weekend.

The highlight of the Australian Junior Open was the last day of the tournament when the players played in the doubles tournament. Although every player played to win it was so good to see the players having fun with lots of laughter and smiles on the court.

WA had a very successful tournament and our state can be very proud of them!

#### Thanks Michelle Classen

The AJO has always been a great opportunity to play different people and experience a different level of competition. It was especially interesting this year considering it had been 2 years since some of us had seen let alone played some of the players from the other states.

It was my last AJO so I was happy to finish 3rd, showing that my hard work had paid off. I hope the new crop of juniors take advantage of the opportunity tournaments like the AJO give you so that you can have the same great experiences in great places with great people like I did.

Thanks Remi and good luck for your future!



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## More GOLD!

Hannah Slyth
pictured with
Jenny Duncalf and
Doubles partner
Joanne Joseph.





**U15 Girls Doubles Champions** 

Hannah Slyth & Joanne Joseph (Vic) def Emmy Lamb & Amelie Guziak 11-9, 11-3 U19 Mixed Doubles Champions

Erin Classen & Dylan Classen def Maggie Goodman & Sam Goodman 11-8, 11-2 (14m)

During the Easter weekend I played in the Australian Junior Open and Mixed doubles with my brother Dylan in the U19s. It was great seeing everyone again and meeting new people while having lots of fun together. Overall, I took out U19 girls title and the U19 Mixed double title. It was a great experience competing in the U19 girls, as my mindset was focus and determined to win the title. It meant a great deal playing with my brother in my first doubles competition and winning the title together. I'm also proud of all the other Western Australian players who competed at the AJO, as all players walked away with an award. The WA players have shown their dominance at the AJO! Thanks Erin

The experience I had at the Australian Junior Open (AJO) was filled with a mix of emotions. First of all when I first arrived I was just excited to be able to travel again for Tournaments as Covid Cancelled a year's worth of tournaments. I was also prepared to work hard for all my matches at this tournament as I spent a year of hard training, working on my personal understanding and development in Squash. I found that I was pretty relaxed during the tournament but I was very nervous for the U19s Boys Final. I fell second in the U19 Boys to the deserving Oscar Curtis but thought I could have performed a lot better than I did on the last day of the tournament. I had a great time and a great experience as I'm now able to work on my game and perform even better at the next tournament. Thanks Dylan

16-18 April 2021

#### 2021 Honour Board



2021 WA Closed			
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Men's Open	Mike Corren	David Ilich	Not played
Division 1	Anthony Shear	Daniel Hartigan	Chris Chan
Division 2	Brenton White	Kenneth Mascarenhas	Wayne Bonner
Division 3	Craig Taggart	Dwayne McColl	Marc Kaye
Division 4	Jonathan Groenewald	Waldo Vorster	Patrick Stackhouse-Minson
Division 5	Aidan Mascaro	Miles Heyward	Alexander Marsh
Ladies Open	Erin Classen	Pascale Louka	Amanda Hopps
Division 1	Olivia Lindsey	Caitlin Pratt	Cara Allan
Division 2	Tanya Chapman	Ann-Jeanette Bass	Corina Malatzky
Division 3	Georgia Gould	Melanie Hackett	Kellie Thomas
Division 4	Carolyn Temple	Kay Uchiyama	Georgia Dennison





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#### Thanks Dean Williams

The 2021 WA Squash State Closed Championships were once again hosted by Mirrabooka Squash Centre with an enormous amount of help from the Mirrabooka Squash Club.

With just on 150 entries it made for a fantastic atmosphere and having it at Australia's biggest centre it was always going to be a great event. At the same time the Head Junior Classic was held with finals played early on Sunday morning. A separate report follows.

The Men's event was always going to be a battle of age vs experience and we saw the evergreen Mike Corren play Oscar Curtis in one semi and Will Curtis take on Dave Ilich in the other. Oscar had also just come back from winning the AJO under 19 title by beating team mate Dylan Classen and by all reports was ready to have a real hot go at the Champ.

At one stage in the match when Oscar had taken the second game and the scores were level in the third some people were thinking we may just see Mike pushed a bit for the first time in a long time but as always Mike's experience of playing the right shot at the right time came through to take a tight 3rd game and then dominate the 4th to reach another State final.

Dave Ilich had a point to prove when he took on Will Curtis and after losing to Will twice in recent matches it looked like Will might just do it again but Dave dug deep and didn't make any unforced errors and deep into the 3rd game with the score at 1-1 games, it seemed to everyone that Dave had broken Will's resolve and he took the tight 3rd game.

The 4th was an anticlimax with Will showing no intent to compete and Dave ran out a very easy winner in the end. So the final was again Mike v Dave and it went the same way as many times before with Mike taking the Dean Williams perpetual trophy and his 5th consecutive title, 3 games to nil.







The Ladies event was eagerly anticipated as four ladies were vying for the title: Amanda Hopps was hoping to go back to back, Erin Classen was hoping to add her first Closed title to go with her WA Open from 2 years ago, Pascale Louka who leads in the Shark Lake Piggery Ladies Top 8 Shootout points race was looking to extend her lead and Joannah Yue who is slowly gaining form and poses a threat to whoever she plays.

The semi's saw Erin take on Joannah and the other semi saw Amanda play Pascale .The match between Pascale and Amanda was a tight affair with Pascale taking it out in 4 games.

The other semi saw a very tight match with Joannah nearly squeezing out a victory in the fifth but a far superior Erin held her nerve and took the match out in 5 hard fought games.

The final was played at a very fast pace and the first 2 games could have gone to either player but Erin just managed to play the big points better and eventually ran away in the third to take it 3-0.

A fantastic result for Erin who won the Barbara Wall Perpetual trophy. Erin had also just become the third ever girl to win an Australian Junior Under 19 title only a few weeks before. Pascale still leads the Top 8 Shoot out but the gap is closing!!

Many thanks to the refs who were fantastic throughout the entire event: Neil Butler, Pam Addison, Luke Jamieson and Deb Butler.

A very special thank you to Kane Fasolo again for running an outstanding event which takes a lot of time and energy to do the draw, change things around to appease everyone and at the same time be quite calm and composed. A huge thanks to Kane and to his Mirrabooka Centre staff ... everyone was fantastic!







David Ilich [2] BYE



Down of 1	Down d 2	Comi Finale	Final
Round 1	Round 2	Semi Finals	Final
Mike Corren [1] BYE	<b>Mike Corren</b> [1] def Lewis Christie [8]		
Lewis Christie [8] def Glenn Hitch [9] 11-9, 13-11, 11-9	11-5, 11-3, 11-9	Mike Corren [1] def	
Remi Young [5] def Dan Jones [12] 11-7, 11-1, 11-7	12-10, 7-11, 11-9, 11-5 Oscar Curtis [4] def		
Oscar Curtis [4] def Caillin Blackwood [13] 11-4, 11-3, 11-5	11-5, 11-8, 11-2		Mike Corren [1] def David Ilich [2]
William Curtis [3] def Geoff Watters [14] 11-8, 11-8, 11-5	William Curtis [3] def Scott Jerome [6]		11-4, 11-6, 12-10
Scott Jerome [6] def Callum Blakey [11] 7-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-7	11-4, 11-6, 11-5	<b>David Ilich</b> [2] def William Curtis [3]	
Brenden Ward [7] def Francois Vorster [10] 11-5, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8	<b>David Ilich</b> [2] def Brenden Ward [7] 11-1, 11-1, 11-3	4-11, 11-3, 11-9, 11-4	





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Erin Classen [1] def Khris Wiaceck [16] Round 2

Semi Finals

**Final** 

Khris Wiaceck [16] 11-0, 11-1, 11-2

**Leigh-Anne Kaye** [7] def Isabella Diver [11] 11-9, 3-11, 11-9, 10-12, 12-10 Erin Classen [1] def Leigh-Anne Kaye [7] 11-4, 11-5, 11-1

> Erin Classen [1] def Joannah Yue [3] 11-5, 9-11, 12-10, 6-11, 11-8

Fiona Whooley [5] def Hannah Slyth [9] 11-5, 11-9, 5-11, 12-10

Joannah Yue [3] def Hayley Chiu [13] 11-4, 11-4, 11-7 Joannah Yue [3] def Fiona Whooley [5] 11-4, 11-4, 11-2 \*

Erin Classen [1] def Pascale Louka [4] 11-9, 14-12, 11-8

Pascale Louka [4] def Katherine Tonkin [14] 11-5, 11-3, 11-6

Linda Towill [6] def Lisa Christou [10] 11-6, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6 Pascale Louka [4] def Linda Towill [6] 11-3, 11-5, 11-7

Fiona Tomlinson [8] def Isla Harris [12] 11-2, 11-3, 11-3

Amanda Hopps [2] def Michaela Pratt [15] 11-2, 11-7, 11-3 **Amanda Hopps** [2] def Fiona Tomlinson [8] 11-1, 11-7, 11-6 Pascale Louka [4] def Amanda Hopps [2] 11-7, 6-11, 11-9, 13-11























#### Thanks Michaela Pratt

Held in conjunction with its sister tournament, the WA Closed, the Head Junior Classic showcased great squash and good times.

The draw had a slightly unusual set-up, with a separate Girls and Boys Division 1 followed by 5 mixed divisions. This allowed for closer matches to be played in the top Divi's, and, speaking on behalf of the girls, stopped us from getting cooties from the boys. Every Division was played as a round-robin, resulting in lots of matches and some exhausted and sleepy youngsters at the end of the event.

Mirrabooka Squash Club is definitely doing something right, with the three Division 6 players on the podium belonging to this club. Ethen Alwyn came in at 3rd place, with Isabella Mijatovic placing 2nd and Sydney Ennis, who only dropped 1 game all tournament bringing home the bacon.

In the Division 5, Belmont's Jacob Curry won, with the Bookas Millard Chong claiming second place and Teagan Scott taking home bronze. In this Division, half of all matches went to at least four games, showing Sportyhq, Kanehq and Jaemhq are grading superbly.

Having completed a term of the "Squash Girls Can" program at Brentwood, a muchimproved Josie Jones finished second to Mirrabooka's up and coming Charlie Richardson in Division 4.

In an exclusive post-tournament interview, Charlie revealed that one of his favourite parts about the tournament was the hits and giggles between matches that he and his mates had time for when they jumped on spare courts between matches. A poignant reminder to us all that juniors need to be having fun amongst the competition. Vic Parks Ray Varshan came in at an extremely close third, having the same number of wins and losses as Josie, but with one less game to his tally.

In the semi-finals of Division 3, Mirrabooka's Rory Jones, shattered the stranglehold of the Christou Clan, as there was almost an all-Christou final. Andreas Christou finished second and Domenic Chistou finished third, after a very close 5-setter with Harrison Jones.

In Division 2, Cambridge's Aiden Mascaro, managed to continue his Sporty HQ winning streak of 13 greens in a row. Maybe someone at the next junior tournament (the Golden Open) can put some red on his copybook! Sam Menagh (Marmion) finished in second place and third place went to Isla McMullen from Mandurah (when will that girl stop growing?)

In the Boys Divi 1, Daniel Marsh managed a clean sweep, racing though without dropping a game. Dewald Vorster (a certified eshay) was the runner up and newly



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recruited ex South Australian Aiden Finlay-Mulligan finished in third. Great to see Aiden making the trip from Esperance.

In the Girls Division 1, a hugely improved Hannah Slyth (Bluegum) was the champion, followed by Narrogin's Caitlin Pratt.

A squash mystery was also solved at the tournament, with the revelation that Katy Scott is running the cute new WA Squash Instagram page (@wa\_squash, for all you tech savvy squashies not already following it!) Well done and thanks Katy.

In life, having a sibling basically means that you have someone to compete with. Always. Don't get me wrong, you love your brother or sister, but you also have to do better than them, regardless. There were 4 (almost five!) sibling battles played out over this tournament.



In Division 6, Isabelle Mijatovic claimed the bragging rights over her bro Nicholas Mijatovic. In Division 5, older sibling Joey Scott got the jump over Teagen Scott, chalking up a convincing win in 3. In the boys Division 1, Dewald Vorster proved that with age comes talent, as he was too good for his younger brother, Waldo and the Christou's cracked a mention. As much as I would like say this trend continued in the Girls Division 1, my younger sister Caitlin won the bragging rights in the Pratt family. No more sleepovers for Caitlin at our house!

While all the players had a blast, unfortunately the same cannot be said for one of the tournament referees. In a sad day for Neil, his pride and joy, Collingwood lost to the Eagles, much to the delight of everyone else. On a happier note, thank-you to Neil, and the other referees: Pam, Luke and Deb. As usual, every decision they made was faultless.

Head has been sponsoring this event for at least 15 years and we thank them and acknowledge their continued support.

Kanehq, Squashworld and the Mirrabooka Squash Club, in typical style, kept the toasties coming and the tournament running flawlessly. A massive thank-you to all.





#### JUNIOR CLASSIC



2021 HEAD Junior Classic			
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Boys Div 1	Daniel Marsh	Dewald Vorster	Aiden Finlay-Mulligan
Girls Div 1	Hannah Slyth	Caitlin Pratt	Michaela Pratt
Division 2	Aidan Mascaro	Sam Menagh	Isla McMullen
Division 3	Rory Jones	Andreas Christou	Domenic Christou
Division 4	Charlie Richardson	Josie Jones	Varshan Ray
Division 5	Jacob Curry	Millard Chong	Joey Scott
Division 6	Sydney Ennis	Isabella Mijatovic	Ethan Alweyn









## JUNIOR CLASSIC























#### **VIC PARK JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

A fantastic turnout for the inaugural Vic Park Junior Ability Based Tournament! Great sportsmanship was shown by all. A big thanks to our helpers: Sue Hillier, Tanya Chapman, Kayoko Uchiyama, Derek Nunn, Lisa Christou, Katy Scott and a huge thank you to Lou Cotter and his wife for providing food for the day. What a feast!!

















#### **VIC PARK JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

2021 Vic Park Junior Ability Based Tournament			
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Plate
Div 1	Ashton Clement	Brendan Scott	Domenic Christou
Div 2	Laney Rawling	Jessica Jellis	Jacob Curry
Div 3	John Lewins	Avish Chopra	
Div 4	Isabella Mijatovic	Nicholas Mijatovic	

Div 1	Div 2
Ashton Clement def	Laney Rawling def
Brendan Scott 19-18	Jessica Jellis <b>19-12</b>
Div 3	Div 4
<b>Div 3</b> John Lewins def	<b>Div 4</b> Isabella Mijatovic def

Referee Quiz Winners
Congratulations to
Brendan Scott &
Domenic Christou

Timed match format -

player with the most points at the end of the allocated time (15min per match) wins.



## "Respect"

Going away from the written rules of the game for a moment there are some unwritten rules that should be followed. We covered some of these in last month's article.

Codes of Conduct for players, spectators, parents' coaches, officials are all written for a very good reason so as to encourage good sportsmanship and good behaviour across the board.

That is not to say that we should not be any less enthusiastic about playing, supporting, coaching or officiating.

What the various Codes of Conduct are attempting to do is to ask the different personnel involved in sport to show RESPECT toward others involved in the game or match both on and off the court.

Some years ago, the then Department of Sport and Recreation produced the following:-

#### SPORTS OFFICIALS ... RESPECT THE ROLE. RESPECT THE PERSON.

- Most officials are volunteers who do it for the love of the game
- Officials deserve your respect and support
- Abusing an official won't change the outcome of the game
- Officials can see things you can't because they watch the game from a different angle
- Officials aren't perfect; they do make mistakes ... just like players

#### WITHOUT OFFICIALS THERE WOULD BE NO GAME

Recently, an article in the sports pages reported where the coach of a major basketball team told his player to play the game, but he would take care of the referee! Is this showing respect?

This is not to say that you can't question a decision but give the referee a chance to explain (although not compelled to do so), accept the decision (you may not like it) and continue on with the game.

When playing and not liking a decision made by the referee or marker, before speaking, think how you would like to be treated if it was you upstairs refereeing or marking the game.

Treat the referee or marker with the same respect that you would want to be treated with.

Finally, respect is a two-way street. If you respect the players, then generally players will respect you.

A piece of wise advice as an official is "Laugh with the players and not at them".







The Top 8 Shootout **T8S** (*sorry but I have reduced it down to 3 letters/numbers for quick referral.*) has begun and whilst we still have a few issues to iron out we are progressing positively. We have two awesome sponsors onboard and they are highlighted further on in the SWAN.

The final events have been listed but weightings and rules are still being fine tuned. At the time of writing the tournaments have been listed with preliminary weightings attached for regional events and extra weighting for the WA Open and WA Closed.

#### List of WA Squash Sanctioned Open Tournaments up until 15th June 2021:

Dates:		Event:	Type of event:	Weighting:	Venue:
JAN	29-30	West Coast Open	Senior	100	Squash World Brentwood
FEB	27-1	Esperance Open	Senior	180	Esperance
APR	16-18	WA Closed	Senior	175	Mirrabooka
MAY	1-2	Geraldton Open	Seniors & Masters	140	Geraldton
MAY	28-30	WA Open	Senior	200	Belmont
JUN	5-7	Golden Open	Senior	160	Kalgoorlie

The **T8S** will award points over 6 months this year until mid June. It is intended that points will be allocated to every division and to every placing in the event. The top 8 points winners will then compete in a round robin event over 7 weeks to decide the winners, so every game, point and match will count.

The **T8S** will be played over 7 weeks, with prize money of \$1,000 to the winner, \$500 for 2nd, \$300 for 3rd and \$200 for 4th.

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 would like to welcome and thank Stephen and Deb Hoffrichter from **Shark Lake Piggery** *for sponsoring the Ladies Top 8 Shootout*.



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# TOP 8 SHOOTOUT POINTS

#### Points after the WA Closed

	Ladies Open	
1	Pascale Louka	38,400
2	Erin Classen	35,500
3	Johanna Yue	30,220
4	Linda Towill	20,551
5	Amanda Hopps	20,416
6	Leigh Kaye	18,681
7	Lisa Christou	15,048
8	Isabella Diver	13,065





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#### Points after the WA Closed

	Mens Open	
1	Mike Corren	45,000
2	David Ilich	35,900
3	Remi Young	24,699
4	Oscar Curtis	22,720
5	William Curtis	20,416
6	Brenden Ward	18,681
7	Scott Jerome	18,176
8	Lewis Christie	17,275

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MAY	1-2	Geraldton Open	Seniors & Masters		Geraldton
MAY	1-2	Geraldton Junior Open	Junior	Bronze	Geraldton
MAY	14-16	Broome Invitational			Broome
MAY	15-16	Hilton Masters	Masters		Hilton
MAY	27-30	WA Open	Senior		Belmont
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	25-27	South West Open	Senior		Bunbury
JUN	29-30	Interschool Squash Competition	Junior		TBA
JUL	3-4	State Junior Championship (Age Based)	Junior	Gold	Brentwood
JUL	5-6	State Junior Championship Teams Event	Junior	Gold	Brentwood
JUL	9-11	State Masters Championships	Masters		Belmont
JUL	31-1	FeNaCING Championships	Senior		Dampier
AUG	13-14	TOP 8 SHOOTOUT: Pool Finals			Mirrabooka
AUG	21	TOP 8 SHOOTOUT: Finals			Mirrabooka
AUG	28-29	Belmont Masters	Masters		Belmont
AUG SEP	28-29 <b>4-5</b>	Belmont Masters WA Squash Under 23 State Title	Masters		Belmont Belmont
			Masters  Junior		
SEP	4-5	WA Squash Under 23 State Title			Belmont
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**Geraldton** 

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**WA OPEN** 

SQUASH Belmont

GOLDEN OPEN **Kalgoorlie** 

June 25-27

SOUTH WEST OPEN

Bunbury

July 3-4

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**May 15-16** May 1-2

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> > June 5-7

GJO

Kalgoorlie

July 5-6

SQUASH Brentwood

July 9-11

**Belmont** 

Sept 25-27

Teams

**Mirrabooka** 

Sept 25-28

Sep 17-19

**VIC PARK OPEN** 

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Sep 30 - Oct 3

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October 9-16

MASTERS GAMES

**Belmont WA** 

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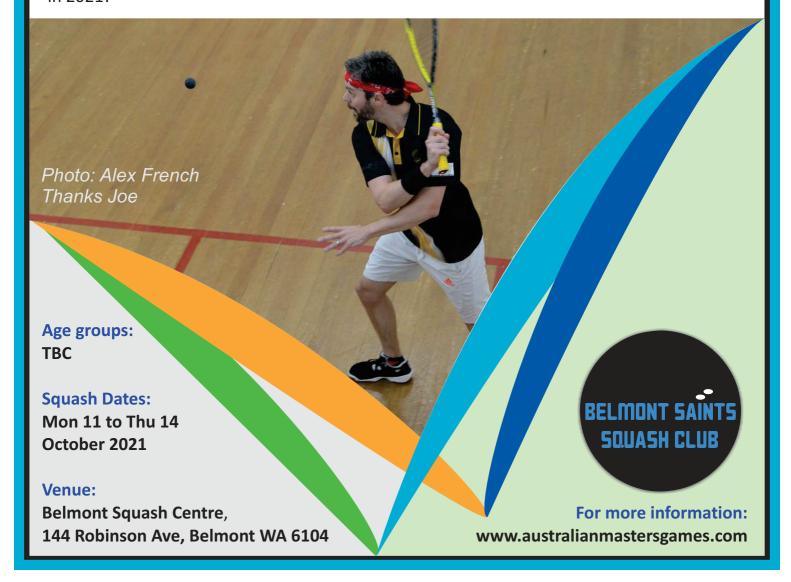


#### 2021 Australian Masters Games entries now open! 9-16 October, 2021

Entries are now open for squash as part of Australia's best multisport festival - the 2021 Australian Masters Games!

Join us in October for a week-long festival of sport that brings together weekend warriors from around Australia, for an unmissable sport and social program with the beautiful city of Perth as the playground. With more than 50 sports on offer and no qualification criteria aside from meeting the minimum age requirement for our sport, there really is something for everyone.

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!





#### Top 5 **JUNIOR RANKINGS May 2021**



	IVIG	<i>y</i> 20	021	
U11 Boys	U11 Girls		U11 Boys	U11 Girls
Alexander Marsh	Carmela Christou	1	Alexander Marsh	Elizabeth Wang
Charlie Richardson		2	Kieran Willathgamuwa	Olivia van Zon
<b>Sterling Slyth</b>		3	James Boswell	Ella Matthews
Josh Bell		4	Thomas Wang	Nadia van Zon
		5	Benjamin Wiese	Carmela Christou
U13 Boys	U13 Girls		U13 Boys	U13 Girls
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	Jessica Jellis	1	Flynn Bartlett	Sarbani Maitra
<b>Ashton Clement</b>		2	Marcus Wang	Hala Hegazy
Will Rawling		3	Michael Lawrence	Madison Nargar
Luke Jamieson		4	Manaia Kara-Brown	Lilly Wilson
Tyler Stone		5	Joel Roshan Raj	Tina Ma
U15 Boys	U15 Girls		U15 Boys	U15 Girls
Waldo Vorster	Hannah Slyth	1	Aryan Madan	Hannah Slyth
Eric Marsh	Isla Harris	2	Joshua Rahul Raj	Isla Harris
Jonathan Groenewald	Maxine Salter	3	<b>Denver Field</b>	Amelie Guziak
Lee Stone	Isla McMullen	4	Patrick O'Shannessy	Joanne Joseph
Oscar Courtney		5	Haider Naqvi	Katlyn Hall
U17 Boys	U17 Girls		U17 Boys	U17 Girls
Oscar Curtis	Erin Classen	1	Oscar Curtis	Madison Lyon
Dylan Classen	Caitlin Pratt	2	Andre Lynn	Maggie Goodman
Daniel Marsh		3	Harvey Allan	Erin Classen
Harri Fox		4	Dylan Classen	Courtney Scholtz
Matthew Rogers		5	Connor Hayes	Kaitlyn O'Neill
U19 Boys	U19 Girls		U19 Boys	U19 Girls
Remi Young	Michaela Pratt	1	Remi Young	Kurstyn Mather
Greg Chan		2	Diego Hernandez	Jana Hegazy
Kiran Byles		3	Lockie Miller	Sophie Fadaely
<b>Dewald Vorster</b>		4	Charlie Carey	Georgia Lane
<b>Aled Phillips Johns</b>		5	James Lloyd	Ashley Eckford







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Alas! Another small Covid glitch in WA; however, it seems we will be able to continue with the Masters Squash competition season ... and playing without masks — only having to wear them off-court. Thank you to Dean Williams and WA Squash for your hard work lobbying the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for this decision. It's great to have squash finally and officially be recognised as a 'vigorous' indoor sport??

#### The Battle of Belmont

The Battle of Belmont began life many years ago as the 'Tussle on the Terrace', where players from north of the river played those from south of the river. It was hugely popular, and it was run centrally from the Terrace Squash Centre until WA Squash moved from the premises. This change did not deter Masters, with the committee arranging alternative venues for the event each year, most recently to Belmont Squash Centre.

The tournament has remained a favourite Masters event, and is usually the first for the year. And despite the need to cancel and reschedule the competition this year due to a Covid lockdown, it proved to be so again, with sixty plus entrants in 16 teams turning up to do battle.

While the team names are usually quirky and cheeky, this was not the case this year. With the short, sharp lock down imposed earlier in the year and the subsequent reshuffling required to find an appropriate alternative date that wouldn't clash with, or be too close to, other events on the Masters Squash calendar, quirky names (they're not that easy to come up with) were lower on the priority list than normal.

This did not affect the fun or the serious elements that always mark the Battle of Belmont, and the usual close, tough matches were fought right to the end of the night. The teams were numbered from 1A and 1B through to 8A and 8B. After all matches were played each corresponding A and B team combined their accumulated scores, with teams 8A and B winning the night. Teams 6A and B were the runners up. The format worked very well, with each matchup bringing a very close tussle.



#### Winners

**Team 8A** Mat Campbell, Boby Markovic, Craig Sanders

**Team 8B** Ali Butler, Terry Brookes, Audrey Lazaroo, Marton Nicholas

#### **Runners up**

**Team 6A** *Joannah Yue, Jason Severn-Ellis, Keith Ferrara, Greg Harwood* **Team 6B** *Roger Campbell, Pat Barker, Nikki McCullough, Eileen Jellis* 

Just a reminder of our upcoming events. Please get your entries in to each event as soon as you can to assist in organising the draws:

#### Hilton Classic Individuals Tournament:

Date: Sat 15 to Sun 16 May Venue: Hilton Squash and Fitness Centre - 292 South St, Hilton Entry: \$30 (see entry form for

payment options,

www.wamasterssquash.com. Email

entries to wamstournament@gmail.com or contact Terry Brookes on 0423 496 588.





Please keep lunchtime on Sunday July 18 free. The venue is yet to be confirmed, but it's wise to register your interest as early as possible as seats generally get snapped up quickly, particularly if there are still limitations being placed on restaurant venues at that time. Look out for more details about the function in your emails sent out by the Masters committee.

#### **WA Masters 2021 State Championships**

The Masters State Championships will be held over Friday 23 July, Saturday 24 July and Sunday 25 July. The Championships will be held at Belmont Squash Centre. Be sure to put these dates in your calendar.

#### **Australian Masters Games 2021**

The Australian Masters Games will take place in Perth this year from Saturday 9 – Saturday 16 October. The squash component will take place from Monday 11 – Friday 15 October, and will be held at the Belmont Squash Centre. See https://sams.asn.au/calendar-of-events/tournaments/for information on all the participating sports in the Games.



#### **AMSA Championships 2021**

The 2021 National Masters Championships will be held in Adelaide from Monday 11 – Friday 22 October. If you intend competing in the Championships, please let WA Masters Squash know via email <a href="mailto:wamstourament@gmail.com">wamstourament@gmail.com</a>

Please note: there are conflicting dates between the AMSA Individual Championships and the Australian Masters Games for those squash players intending on entering the Australian Masters Games.

The Australian Masters Games squash events will take place on 11 - 15 October scheduled to be held at Belmont Squash Centre, which conflicts with the AMSA Individuals event in South Australia, which also runs 11 - 15 October.

#### Friday Night Squash

Remember – you always have the option of extra competitive squash matches at Masters Friday Night Squash. No need for a full-season commitment if that's not possible for you – reserves always welcome. It's a great night of squash and friendship. Contact 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

#### A final note

Here in WA, we are so lucky to be able to continue playing squash under relatively normal conditions. Not only does playing our social squash and pennant fixtures provide a terrific exercise outlet, it is also so important for our sense of wellbeing: catching up with friends and striving to play our best, whether it's on a casual basis or as a firm weekly commitment – it's something to look forward to.

A special thanks must go to the Masters Squash Committee for their terrific efforts in organising, and sometimes, over the past twelve or so months, needing to reorganise at short notice, all our yearly events to ensure Masters provides a varied and full calendar for members, and remains an important part of WA Squash.

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MAY	15-16	Hilton Masters	Hilton
JUL	9-11	State Masters Championships	Belmont
AUG	28-29	Belmont Masters	Belmont
OCT	9-16	XVIII Australian Masters Games	Belmont
OCT	11-15	Australian Masters Championships	ADELAIDE
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