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BUSSELTON INVITATIONAL







Squash-A-Thon

EDITORIAL

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Congratulations ...

To Mike Corren and Erin Classen ... winners of the 2022 Cambridge Open. These two fine athletes consistently dominate the major events in WA!

> Mike defeated David Ilich 11-6, 11-7, 11-3 whilst Erin defeated Pascale Louka 11-5, 7-11, 11-1, 11-6.

The event's **Ultimate Warrior** was **Dylan Classen** who had to hold off a spirited fight back from Tim Cowell to grind out a tough win 11-5, 11-7, 10-12, 5-11, 13-11 in 51 minutes to take 3rd position.

There was a changing of the guard at Busselton when **Hannah Slyth** took out the open beating her mum and last year's winner Clare in four.





ALJESOME EFFORT - LIELL DONE !!!

Just like to recognise the efforts of Serena Richardson and her crew of amazing sponsors and volunteers who organised the 2022 Junior Squash-A-Thon.

The event raised over \$3,500 for junior squash in WA and celebrated World Squash Day at the same time.

PSA WORLD TOUR	WORLD RANKINGS 8 November 2022		
PSA PLAYER:	TM:	HWR:	
Mike Corren	202	38	
Oscar Curtis	255	255	
David Ilich	362	210	
Remi Young	424	395	
Will Curtis	469	306	
Erin Classen	131	131	
Pascale Louka	299	250	

TM: This Month HWR: Highest World Ranking





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Behind the Scenes

with Leigh Kaye



The ball is about to start rolling with the upgrades to the WA Squash state centre - Belmont. The smaller, less noticeable items such as lighting, removing of cupboards and moving of offices, will commence shortly, with bigger ticket items kicking off a little later.

A huge thanks to Belmont Saints Squash Club for working with us to make these significant changes. We will do our best to remain open during this time, keeping player health and safety in mind at all times. If there are any tradesmen out there in the squash community that would like to offer their services, please drop me a line.

In preparation for the phasing out of SportyHQ by March 2023, training commenced with three online 'Intro to revolutioniseSPORT' sessions. The next phase of training 'Getting Started' will also be offered across three dates; we are trying to get a 6pm time slot for WA. Links will be sent out for you to join in on these. We strongly recommend 2-3 people per Club attend these online sessions. Clubs have been emailed this information directly however please give us a shout if you haven't received it and want to attend the training.

On the world stage, you may have heard about the billionaire United States banker who's funded the start-up of a 'Grand Slam' of squash, complete with \$1 million in prize money. The Australian Open has been nominated as one of four events to be part of this squash-revival, alongside the US Open, the World Tour Finals, and British Open. Finally, some money coming into our sport! Read more here: <u>https://www.examiner.com.au/story/7950261/billionaire-banker-boosts-aussie-squash/</u>

As we start to think about winding down towards Christmas, I'd like to extend a massive thank you to all the volunteers, Club committees, their significant others, family members and friends, that have helped in some way, large or small, and contributed to our amazing sport. You've played a vital role in building squash, and I hope you all continue to do so. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Keep an eye out on the WA Squash website as a new area is coming to acknowledge our volunteers, junior players, referees and coaches who have gone above and beyond in some way. These nominations will be collated and considered alongside any formal nominations received for the WA Squash Annual Awards event, making it easier to lodge nominations while the memories are fresh and not having to wait until four weeks before the event.

On a final note, the 2023 events calendar is now live! Check it out on the website now – you can even subscribe to it.

WHAT'S ON

Your quick guide to squash events being held in WA in coming months:



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

2022: November to December							
NOV	NOV 12 - 13 Marmion Masters Spring <i>Teams</i> Event Masters Marmion						
NOV	18 - 20	Great Southern Wheatbelt <i>Teams</i> Event		Narrogin			
DEC	10	TRY WITH PRIDE DAY		Belmont			
DEC	11	STRANGER SQUASH (Ability Based)	Junior	Belmont			

2023: January to February

JAN	14	Mandurah 1000 (Ability Based)	Junior		Mandurah
JAN	21-22	New Year's Bash (Ability Based)	Junior	Silver	Brentwood
JAN	21 - 22	West Coast Open	Senior & PSA	T <mark>8</mark> S	Brentwood
FEB	3	Battle of Belmont	Masters		Belmont
FEB	10 - 11	Red Hot Teams Challenge			Mirrabooka



The full 2023 Tournament Calendar is available on the WA Squash website https://wasquash.com.au/events/

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The folks at Squashworld Cambridge and Cambridge Squash Club did not fail to host yet another fantastic tournament over the weekend.

A total of 95 players were spread across nine men's and three ladies divisions. Matches kicked off on Friday afternoon and ran through to late afternoon on Saturday.

There was some emotional competition along the way, however referee Luke Jamieson was pleased with the overall conduct of players, with his match of the tournament being the 51-minute marathon between Tim Cowell and Dylan Classen in the play off for 3rd/4th in the Mens Open. Dylan scraped through with 13-11 in the fifth.

Huge shout out to the event's fabulous sponsors Gow Property, Balcatta Glass, Hawthorn Civil and Mining, Stellar, and Flinders Financial. Without generous sponsors like these, we simply could not put on tournaments with such great prizes.

Kay Uchiyama

2022 Cambridge Open : 14-15 October 2022					
Event: Winner: Runner Up: Third:					
Men's Open	Mike Corren	Dave Ilich	Remi Young		
Division 1	Aedan Martin	Francois Vorster	Eric Gray		
Division 2	Jinseok Kim	Chris Chan	Christiaan Haseldonckx		
Division 3	Brendan Marsh	Sam Brookes	Bryn Holland		
Division 4	Aidan Mascaro	Amos Bruce	Edward Gatti		
Division 5	Eric Marsh	Tom Everett	Tom Grieve		
Division 6	Chris Chiappazzo	Roger Schmidlin	Andreas Christou		
Division 7	Brendan Scott	Michael Tarn	Simon Tulip		
Division 8	Ashton Clement	Mark Foo	Charlie Richardson		
Ladies Open	Erin Classen	Pascale Louka	Linda Towill		
Division 1	Tracy Marshall	Georgia Gould	Ann-Jeanette Bass		

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BUSSELTON SQUASH CLUB

2022 BUSSELTON INVITATIONAL

Busselton Squash Club hosted its 5th annual Invitational Tournament at the Sebel Resort Busselton on the 28th-30th October 2022.



An Australian record was set at last year's tournament, with 72 players across two courts, but Busselton Squash Club have decided to go even further ... 80 players competed in 120 matches over 48 hours across only two courts!

40% of tournament entrants were again female which ties back to the Busselton Squash Club's strategy around increasing female participation. The tournament also attracted vast representation from across the state; with nine country and five metro clubs sending some of their very best along.

Halloween theme dress up took over again Saturday night with some players even opting to wear their costume on court! The Busselton club members worked hard all weekend to keep everyone fed and hydrated throughout with a little help from the Bunbury club cooking a BBQ for 110 people!

2022 Busselton Invitational : 28-30 October 2022					
Event: Winner: Runner Up: Third:					
Men's Open	Brenden Ward	Francois Vorster	Jamie Herring		
Division 1	Kane Fasolo	Chris Chan	Sean Brockman		
Division 2	Derek Nunn	Andre Blignaut	Oliver Godson		
Division 3	Greg Blycha	Samuel Turner	Gys van Zyl		
Division 4	John Tetlow	Tom Payne	Eugene Mulcahy		
Division 5	Daniel Richardson	Dale Ramage	Ryan McGrath		
Ladies Open	Hannah Slyth	Clare Slyth	Fiona Whooley		
Division 1	Emma Cornish	Bronwyn Lewis	Jessica Meek		
Division 2	Erin Zolnier	Celia Culverwell	Lauren Smith		
Division 3	Tayah Gardner	Carolyn Temple	Maria Hibbs		

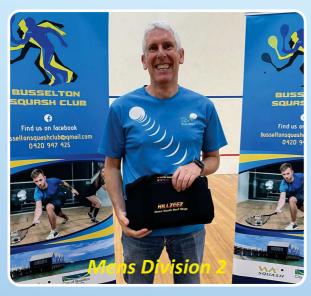


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AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thanks Sue Hillier



This was my fourth Trans Tasman. I was lucky to have West Aussies Joannah Yue (O40) and Glenn Hitch (O45) in the team with me ... it was the first time in the team for them. This year was the 40th Anniversary of Australian Masters and the 25th Anniversary of the Trans Tasman series. Our uniform went back to the first test to reflect how it was back in the day.

On arriving in Adelaide on Wednesday it was great to meet some of the team members at the airport and then the rest of the team that night. Thursday we had a hit at Karadinga Courts ... quite slow courts.

Friday was our first test, I was feeling the usual nerves but these were overshadowed when I got to the courts and caught up with the awesome Kiwis. The opening ceremony is always great with the National Anthems played and an introduction to both teams members. Then let the test begin.

We played on two courts with Glenn first up on one of them, winning 3/0 (11/7, 11/9, 11/9) against Matthew Green – great start for the Aussie Team. I played Vicki Beker also winning in 3 (11/1, 11/6, 11/6). Joannah looked nervous winning a tough battle in the O40 against Joanna Shanks (even though she is O45) winning 3/2 (8/11, 11/2, 7/11, 12/10, 11/2). Australia won the first test 11/3. A light supper and catch up rounded off a great night.



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INDIVIDUAL TEAMS TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES

Thanks Sue Hillier

Saturday Test 2 was again at Karadinga courts. Now knowing our opponents games we were all keen to play again. Joannah was up first this time winning in 4 (11/7, 11/7, 4/11, 11/3). Glenn lost 2/3 (12/10, 5/11, 11/9, 8/11, 5/11). I won a close 3 setter (12/10, 13/11, 11/5). Australia won the second test 9/5.

Sunday was a day off which gave me a chance to hit on the South Adelaide Courts where all my Individual matches were being played - to me court 1 was fast and then each

court got slower up to court 5. This was ok as good length was rewarded.

As with all tournaments glitches happen and I was advised at 5pm my draw had changed and my day off was not longer instead I had a 9am match. I managed to win all my matches 3/0. I was looking forward to the final against Sarah Nelson on Friday, unfortunately, she did a hammy in the semi final enabling me to win 3/0 securing the O55 Australian Championship.

After a great night at the presentation dinner catching up with more people Saturday was our last test match. With several injuries on both sides the teams were changed. Australia bought in Lyndal Amer to play in the O35 and Wayne Evans to play in the O55, unfortunately they both lost their matches. NZ bought in their Manager Fran Hopkins to play against me. I won this match 11/2, 11/1, 11/5.

Glenn had the match of the day. Despite being ill during the week, Glenn led 2/0 before Matthew staged a come back to level 2/2. We all thought Glenn was gone, but what a fight to win 11/9, 13/11, 9/11, 3/11, 11/8. Joannah had the upper hand this time and won 11/7, 15/13, 11/6. The Aussies won the third test 10/4.

It was great to have the support of all the WA contingent, I hope we inspired them for the Teams event. Having secured the Vic Belsham Trans Tasman Trophy it was time to wind down, enjoy the great Aussie / Kiwi companionship, exchange gifts then sadly say our goodbyes.

Playing the Masters is such fun and I encourage all players O35 to play Masters. The people are fantastic and you can travel our great Country and the World always meeting new people. It's the experience that we always remember not whether we won or lost.

I would like to thank all my Aussie team mates who were so supportive and fun to be around. Thank you to Joannah Yue for our training hits during the year it was so great to have you and Glenn in the team and Harrison as chief supporter. Lastly I would like to thank WA Masters and the Australian Masters for their support.





Australian Open

Youngens Erin Classen and Oscar Curtis represented Western Australia at the 2022 City Tattersalls Club Australian Open with both first matches played at Sydney Uni on Wednesday 26 October.

WA Squash caught up with Erin the day before the tournament, before she left Perth.

"I'm playing Jess Turnbull tomorrow and I'm very pumped and excited to play. It's great to watch amazing matches from top players and learn from them what they do on and off court."

"I'm lucky enough to be staying with Miguel Rodrigues and Adrian Waller, learning from them and hanging out with them."

Oscar made the first appearance at 1.00pm, against Queensland's Rhys Dowling, while Erin made the second, taking on another Queenslander Jess Turnbull at 3.45pm.

Rhys Dowling and Jess Turnbull proved too strong for our young guns Oscar and Erin, the scores being 3-0: 11-6, 11-2, 11-4 (23m) and 3-0: 11-4, 11-7, 11-3 (26m) respectively.

Australian Open Results

Full results can be found on the PSA website here: _ https://www.psaworldtour.com/tournament/australian-open-2022/ or via SportyHQ here: https://www.sportyhq.com/tournament/view/9858

Canberra Open

The 2022 Canberra Open took place over the weekend 21-23 October 2022 at the home of ACT squash – Woden Squash Centre.

Of the 138 players from Australia and around the world that entered, young superstar Remi Young carried the torch for Western Australia.

WA Squash checked in with Remi on the Friday afternoon to see how he was feeling leading up to the event. "I'm feeling a bit nervous because of the strong competition, but excited to play outside of WA again!" he shared.



Canberra Open

Seeded 14th in the Men's PSA Satellite, Remi Young won his first match on the Friday night in a super close five-setter against 19th seed, Scotsman-come-Aussie Robert Palmer. The scores were 8-11, 11-5, 17-15, 6-11, 11-9.

Remi shared, "I was really happy to get this win. It wasn't my strongest performance, but I managed to pull through when it mattered. I made a bit of a comeback in the 5th from 9-3 so I'm stoked with the result."

Remi fought hard in his second match on the Saturday morning against 3rd seed, Dubai's Sandeep Ramachandran who proved too tough to beat. The scores were 11-5, 11-8, 11-7.

Remi's final match on the Saturday afternoon was for 9th/10th position, against 11th seed, Victoria's Dylan Molinaro.

"It was a tough match against Dylan," Remi said, "I just didn't feel like I was playing my game, but it highlighted things I need to improve on."

When Remi returned home, we caught up with him again.

"My last match was tough but I'm glad I got through it, playing some better squash. Overall, it was an okay performance in the tournament from me. It was a very tough tournament, but I learned a lot about my own game and the level that awaits me as I enter the PSA circuit. It was great to see many familiar and unfamiliar faces, and it sure made me look forward to doing more events in the future!"

Great work Remi, WA is very proud!!

Canberra Open Results

Full results can be found via SportyHQ here: https://www.sportyhq.com/tournament/view/Canberra-Open



We raised over \$3,500 for junior squash in WA at Squash-A-Thon 2022 and the donations are still rolling in! If you'd like to contribute a few dollars you can do so by visiting the WA Squash website here: <u>https://wasquash.com.au/squash-a-thon-donations/</u>

We don't think one junior stayed awake in the car on the way back home. It's safe to say that everyone was extremely tired but had an absolute ball, and can't wait for Squash-A-Thon 2023!!

Huge thanks to all our sponsors and volunteers who made this epic event run as smoothly as it did.

A special thank you to our Volunteers: Andy Jones, Michelle Jones, Serena Richardson, Daniel Richardson, Luke Jamieson, Pascale Louka and Olivia Lindsay.







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Top 5 JUNIOR RANKINGS November 2022



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U11 Boys	U11 Girls	-	U11 Boys	U11 Girls
Lucas Curry	Teagan Scott	1	Lewis Matthews	Riyo Kawabata
Leonard Bruce	Olivia Hibbs	2	Kai Dumbleton	Elizabeth Wang
Jackson Baker	Jemi Martin	3	Jet Lacquiere	Matilda Lynn
		4	Thomas Harper	Abbey Boswell
		5	Wesley Correa	Teagan Scott
U13 Boys	U13 Girls		U13 Boys	U13 Girls
Alexander Marsh	Vera Bruce	1	Henry Kross	Tina Ma
Jacob Curry	Kayla Clarke	2	Kieran Willathgamuwa	Claudi Burger
Domenic Christou	Joey Scott	3	James Boswell	Olivia van Zon
Tyler Stone	Renee Tan	4	Thomas Wang	Vera Bruce
Charlie Richardson		5	Alexander Marsh	Nadia van Zon
U15 Boys	U15 Girls		U15 Boys	U15 Girls
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	Jasmin Legge	1	Kasper Cheung	Sarbani Maitra
Eric Marsh	Grace Gelman	2	Joel Roshan Raj	Joanne Joseph
Luke Jamieson Jr	Jessica Jellis	3	Connor Haberecht	Amelia Brigden
Andreas Christou	Jamie Nunn	4	Manaia Kara-Brown	Maeghan Wang
Brendan Scott	Holly Carver	5	Marcus Wang	Madison Nargar
U17 Boys	U17 Girls		U17 Boys	U17 Girl s
Daniel Marsh	Hannah Slyth	1	Thomas Scott	Amelie Guziak
Waldo Vorster	Isla Harris	2	James Slade	Hannah Slyth
Aidan Mascaro	Josie Jones	3	Joshua Rahul Raj	Lijana Sultana
Alvaro Blackall	Cassandra Willsher	4	Daniel Marsh	Emmy Lamb
Jonathan Groenewald	Sydney Ennis	5	Aryan Madan	Katlyn Hall
U19 Boys	U19 Girls		U19 Boys	U19 Girls
Oscar Curtis	Erin Classen	1	Oscar Curtis	Madison Lyon
Dylan Classen	Caitlin Pratt	2	Luke Eyles	Erin Classen
James Nicholas	Megan Stockdale	3	Andre Lynn	Courtney Scholtz
Kiran Byles		4	Dylan Classen	Sophie Fadaely
Preston Munro		5	Harvey Allan	Maggie Goodman
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Hi Squashies!

Juniors travelled to infinity and beyond for the start of Term 4's Junior pennants. With a Toy Story theme, 36 players were sorted into two divisions of 12 teams, making this the biggest Term of Junior Pennants yet!

A big, big thank you to all the parents and Junior Coordinators who have assisted to keep the event running smoothly - a few SportyHQ and wifi issues and missing players always creates a few hiccups! Its amazing to see the strong squash community come together and help out where needed - whether it be to carpool kids or to teach someone how to score on the I-pads.

If you know a junior who would like to see what the buzz is all about, Junior Pennants will return in 2023 for another 3 seasons. The final week of Junior Pennants will take place at Squashworld Cambridge on the 27/11.

Registrations have opened for the annual January WA Squash Clinic. For 2023, Sue Hillier will be the Head Coach, and will be assisted by several Assistant Coaches to deliver and fun and skills-based clinic to

mini squashies around WA. Numbers are capped at 40 and registrations close on January 5. Registrations can be made on SportyHQ by following the link on the WA Squash Website.

Following on from the successful inaugural WA Teacher's Games in 2021, Squash was offered as a sport in the second WA Teacher's Games, hosted by School Sport WA.

Whilst there were low numbers at the squash event, the Teachers played a Round-Robin



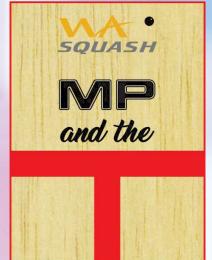
Competition, followed by some sneaky doubles and some good old fashioned 5down.

Congratulations to Jamie Serra for taking home the Gold Medal, James Sheehan-Nel for coming second and Louie Obaldo for coming third.

Until next month ...











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