

# SWAN

SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER : DECEMBER 2022



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*Thank You to all our readers. We enjoy bringing you the SWAN each and every month.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our awesome contributors. The following is just a very small list of the regular contributors in alphabetical order: Neil Butler, Roger Campbell, Sue Cowell, Tim Cowell, Kane Fasolo, Janis Haswell, Sue Hillier, Leigh Kaye, Michaela Pratt, Serena Richardson and Katy Scott ... I appreciate and thank you for your efforts in 2022.*

*To all the athletes, tournament reporters and photographers ... a massive thank you. You help to achieve our desire to **PROMOTE RECOGNISE THANK** those who contribute positively to our great game and community in WA.*



**WORLD RANKINGS**

**8 December 2022**

**PSA PLAYER:**

Mike Corren

Oscar Curtis

David Ilich

Remi Young

Will Curtis

Erin Classen

Pascale Louka

**TM:**

248

271

393

444

727

142

302

**HWR:**

38

255

210

395

306

131

250

TM: This Month  
HWR: Highest World Ranking



*The WA Squash office will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period from Friday 16 December 2022, reopening on Monday 9 January 2023.*

## **Good Luck Michaela!**

*Sadly, at the end of the year we will be saying good bye to Michaela.*



*Our popular Development Officer, who is destined to become an awesome nurse will be on placement next year.*

*Thank you for all your contributions to the SWAN Michaela. We will all miss your witty stories!!!*

## **Neil Butler's Quote of the Month**

*"I never looked at the consequences of missing a big shot ... when you think about the consequences, you always think of negative results."*

*— Michael Jordan*



# Behind the Scenes

**with Leigh Kaye**



*Over the course of 2022 there have been 37 junior, senior and masters tournaments, not to mention Pennants, Leagues, Club Champs events, Junior Programs, Open Days and more. The increase in activity we're seeing is gaining momentum at a rate of knots, and for me, this is incredibly exciting. Based on population and geographic distance from the rest of Australia, WA has punched well above our weight.*

*It became official that Belmont Squash Centre would be the new state centre and home for WA Squash. After three long years in the making, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) finalised purchase of the centre and the lease was signed. We're excited with the works that have commenced on centre upgrades which will hopefully be finished before December 2023.*

*Perth hosted three national events this year including the Australian Masters Games in April, and in September the Australian Junior Championships and UniSport Nationals.*

*... and what a year it was for our WA juniors! Five of our juniors comprised the Australian team that travelled to Nancy, France to compete in the World Junior Championships: Erin and Dylan Classen, Oscar Curtis, Hannah Slyth and Greg Chan. Erin Classen won the 2021 rebel Sport Junior Sports Star Award at an event at Optus Stadium in February.*

*Significant upgrades and updates to the WA Squash website have taken place such as:*

- *Live calendar you can subscribe to, as well as downloadable PDF version in a beautiful new format.*
- *Interactive map to help you locate your closest Club.*
- *Scrolling image carousel at the top of the page which is updated regularly as events occur and Clubs provide photos.*
- *Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners.*
- *Secure area of the website for Clubs to access a HUGE range of information and resources.*
- *Pennant/League dates published for the entire year with the ability to nominate for any of these via online forms.*
- *Coaches, Referees, staff and Board members all updated.*
- *Annual Award nomination forms also now online and can be completed at any time.*
- *Minimum of four posts per week.*

*Squash Australia held their AGM on the 27 November, where Joanne Brodie stepped down as President of Squash Australia. Matt Schmidt was announced as the new President of Squash Australia. Further to this, we are thrilled that WA's very own Greg Blycha was re-elected to the Board of Squash Australia for a second term.*

# Behind the Scenes

with Leigh Kaye



*We have achieved so much during this year, most of which is not seen. There is no way we could have done this without the help of our Board Members, Officials, Coaches, Club Committees and volunteers.*

*My deepest thanks and appreciation go out to all the volunteers for their time and effort this year. The help you provided, no matter how much or little, has contributed to the successes we as WA Squash have achieved this year.*

*To all the Club Committees, please start to think about who you'd like to nominate from your Club for each of the five award categories: Volunteer, Coach, Referee, Junior and Junior Player. Take a look at the new area on the website here: <https://wasquash.com.au/wa-squash-annual-awards/>*

*As a player, if you'd like to nominate someone, please feel free to do so, via your club. Volunteers and achievements should be celebrated.*

*Further thanks to all our sponsors this year – Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest, Healthway, Fuel to Go & Play, Shark Lake Piggery, ECG Engineering, and Security Distributors Australia. Without your generous support we wouldn't be able to offer as many fantastic opportunities as we do for people to play our sport.*



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*Looking forward to 2023, there are many things on the horizon, such as the completion of our state centre upgrades, an increase in participation in league and pennants, the launch of our Junior Development Pathway Model, and the launch of the new platform revolutioniseSPORT. To the WA Board, my colleagues in the office, and all of the squash community, I hope you have a healthy, safe and enjoyable break and Merry Christmas to all those who celebrate it. We can't wait to see what else a brand new year brings..*

Merry Christmas



# WHAT'S ON

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

**December 10**  
**TRY WITH PRIDE DAY**  
**Belmont**

**January 14**  
**MANDURAH 1000**  
**Mandurah**

**January 21-22** **T8S**  
**WEST COAST OPEN**  
**Brentwood** **PSA WORLD TOUR**

**January 21-22** **SILVER**  
**NEW YEAR'S BASH**  
**Brentwood**

**February 10-11** **Teams**  
**RED HOT**  
**TEAMS CHALLENGE**  
**Mirrabooka**

**March 3-5** **T8S**  
**ESPERANCE OPEN**  
**Esperance** **PSA WORLD TOUR**

**March 11**  
**MARMION**  
**JUNIOR CLASSIC**  
**Squash Factory**

**March 24-26** **T8S**  
**SOUTH WEST OPEN**  
**Bunbury**

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## 2022: November to December

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	T8S	Brentwood
FEB	3	Masters Tussle	Masters		TBC
FEB	10 - 11	Red Hot Teams Challenge			Mirrabooka
MAR	3 - 5	Esperance Open	Senior & PSA	T8S	Esperance
MAR	11	Marmion Junior Squash Classic	Junior		Squash Factory
MAR	24-26	South West Open	Senior	T8S	Bunbury

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



# The Great Southern Wheatbelt Teams Championship

*83 players competed in the Great Southern Wheatbelt Team Championships over the weekend hosted by Narrogin Squash Club – their first tournament for more than 17 years.*

**NARROGIN**  
Squash Club

*The tournament attracted players from all over Western Australia, including several State Grade-level players. Spread across seven divisions, players competed in teams of three for the overall honour of being crowned champion.*

*Premier team '2 Guys a Girl and a Squash Court' (Jason Patmore, Heddwyn Brahma and Zoe Petrovansky), defeated a Mirrabooka team in the final in close and enthralling matches played out on the show-court.*

*Of the 83 players, 23 represented Narrogin Squash club. Jarrod Denholm, Victor Ranieri and Chris Allan comprised the winning division 4 team, while Liam Ranieri, Jane Pratt and Kai Armstrong comprised the runner-up division 7 team.*

*After some incredible squash was show-cased, players were treated to a function on Saturday Night in the John Higgins Community Complex, as well the second-to-none hospitality that Narrogin Squash Club is famous for.*

*The Club would like to thank major sponsors Shire of Narrogin and South32 for their contribution, as well as many other fantastic sponsors from around town. The Club is also incredibly grateful for the small army of volunteers who kept the tournament running smoothly and players fed.*

*The Great Southern Wheatbelt Team Championships will be played in Katanning in 2023, before returning to Narrogin in 2024.*





# The Great Southern Wheatbelt Teams Championship





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The Great Southern Wheatbelt Teams Championships						
Div 1	<b>Winner – 2 Guys A Girl and A Squash Court</b>			<b>Runner Up – Pork Hunts</b>		
	Jason Patmore	Heddwyn Brahma	Zoe Petrovansky	Sam Henderson	Brad Grinter	Ben Henderson
Div 2	<b>Winner – What Team Name</b>			<b>Runner Up – Big D Waynes</b>		
	Mark Rukuata	Andre Blignault	Gys Van Zyl	Diego Hernandez	Wayne Bonner	Dwayne Franks
Div 3	<b>Winner – 3 + One</b>			<b>Runner Up – KA Legends</b>		
	Rob Blackett	Haddon Donald	Stuart Clarke	Ash Clarke	Tom Grieve	Ryan McGrath
Div 4	<b>Winner – No Idea</b>			<b>Runner Up – Tickle</b>		
	Jarrold Denholm	Victor Ranieri	Chris Allan	Leigh Kaye	Marc Kaye	Nicholas Doyle
Div 5	<b>Winner – Scurry</b>			<b>Runner Up – AC/DC</b>		
	Luke Scott	Brendan Scott	Jacob Curry	Andreas Christou	Domenic Christou	Ashton Clement
Div 6	<b>Winner – Bad Boyz</b>			<b>Runner Up – Leschenault</b>		
	Ben Robins	Adam Symonds	Angus Armstrong	Lauren Smith	Andy Fell	Phil Drain
Div 7	<b>Winner – Powerpuff Girls</b>			<b>Runner Up – Narrogin 1's</b>		
	Teagan Scott	Joey Scott	Carmela Christou	Liam Ranieri	Jane Pratt	Kai Armstrong

## STATE GRADE PENNANT FINALS

The State Grade Pennants season wrapped up last month with some very close and exciting matches.

Around 50 people turned out to see who would take out the State Grade and State Grade Reserve titles, and stayed to enjoy dinner and awards afterwards.

One of the runner-up teams had more points than the winners, only losing out due to less games won!

### State Grade Winners:

Remi Young, Gavin Treacy and Francois Vorster

### State Grade Runners Up:

Dylan Classen, Matt Sanders and Aeden Martin

State Grade MVP: Remi Young

### State Grade Reserve Winners:

Eric Gray, Jamie Serra and Connor Manzie

### State Grade Reserve Runners Up:

Ivan Patchett, Erin Classen and Brad Hibbs

State Grade Reserve MVP: Jamie Serra







**WA**  
**SQUASH**



# **ANNUAL** **WA SQUASH** **JUNIOR CLINIC**

★ **8.30AM - 3.30PM, THU 19TH AND FRI 20TH  
JANUARY**

★ **RUN BY WORLD CHAMPION, SUE HILLIER**

★ **PERSONALISED COACHING, TEAM  
CHALLENGES AND OTHER SQUASH-RELATED  
ACTIVITIES**

★ **LUNCH PROVIDED, BYO SNACKS**

★ **\$88 PER PLAYER, \$66 FOR ADDITIONAL  
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# 2022 Belmont Club Champs

*Thanks Katy Scott*

*BSSC held their Club Championships across 25-26 November, with some cracking squash, followed by presentations, an AGM, and a well-earned BBQ by the pool.*

*Both juniors and senior titles were run concurrently; which gave the older players a bit of an edge against the youngens, who all demonstrated a never-say-die and run-for-everything mentality!! Anyone that thought they might have had an edge by looking at the height or youthfulness of their opponent was quickly on notice!*

*The Junior Girls title was claimed back-to-back by Cassie Willsher, who won 3-0 against Teagan Scott. The Junior Boys title was won comfortably by Daniel Marsh, demonstrating again why he is the best in Australia for his age! Daniel was also a back-to-back winner from last year, with Brendan Scott the runner up after a 3-0 contest.*

*The Ladies winner was a very classy affair dominated by Pascale Louka, who won 3-0 against Khris Wiacek. The Men's Final was a brilliant fight between Mitch Vanhuytheysen and Daniel Marsh, who provided a stunning display of skill and endurance, with Mitch coming out the winner 3-2.*

*A special thanks to Les Yates, who came down to operate the electronic scoreboard, and who has done so at every opportunity he can.*

*The BSSC AGM welcomed some new faces to our Committee and we are looking forward to a fantastic 2023, which will see us celebrate 50 years of squash at Belmont! We also welcomed Margaret Reilly as a Life Member for her dedicated work with seniors, running our Seniors Squash afternoons for over 20 years. Thanks so much Marg for all that you continue to do for our Club.*

*Most importantly, all of this hard work was paid off by a BBQ in and around the pool. Thanks so much to the 2022 outgoing Committee, Volunteers and Club Members who have worked so hard to improve Club facilities and programs this year.*

*As the newly acquired State Squash Centre, we are looking forward to some well overdue works to update the building, which commence on 15 December. Our team of Club volunteers are ready to assist WA Squash with making the projects as economical as possible.*

Event:	Club Champ:	Runner Up:	Event:	Club Champ:	Runner Up:
Mens:	Mitch Vanhuytheysen	Daniel Marsh	Ladies:	Pascale Louka	Khris Wiacek
Junior Girls:	Cassie Willsher	Teagan Scott	Junior Boys:	Daniel Marsh	Brendan Scott



**BELMONT SAINTS  
SQUASH CLUB**

# 2022 Belmont Club Champs

## CONGRATULATIONS



***Mens Club Champion:  
Mitch Vanhuytheysen***



***Ladies Club Champion:  
Pascale Louka***



***Junior Boys Club Champion:  
Daniel Marsh***



***Junior Girls Club Champion:  
Cassie Willsher***





— 2023 —  
WEST COAST OPEN  
AND  
NEW YEAR'S BASH  
(JUNIOR-SILVER)

SAT 21 - SUN 22 JANUARY

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# AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

# ADELAIDE

INDIVIDUAL ♦ TEAMS ♦ TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES

*Thanks Roger Campbell*

## **Individual Championships**

The Australian Masters Championships were held in Adelaide this year, and attracted 207 entries for the Individual Championships, with 12 from WA. Two WA players won their division. **Sue Hillier** won the women's 55-59 Open, and **Kelvin Carmichael** won the men's 70-74 Division 2. Three players finished runner up in the open division of their age groups: **Joannah Yue-Hitch** (women's 45-49), **Danny Zande** (men's 60-64) and **Ed Jennings** (men's 75-79).

The highlight for many was Joannah's match against Melissa Martin, with Jo winning the first and being ahead in the second. Playing the first match may have worked in Melissa's favour, but who knows? Playing her second match later in the week may have altered the outcome. However, brilliant job Joannah, and I know we have some magnificent matches to look forward to from you in coming years.

It was fantastic to witness an extremely high level of squash, especially among the younger age groups, particularly with Melissa Martin, Steve Finitsis and the New Zealand team showing us how the game should be played.

## **Teams Event**

There were 304 entries for the Teams event with 33 WA teams representing WA. We had 10 teams spread among the 16 Divisions. The job of ranking for players and teams was difficult, partly caused by no championships being held over the past two years due to cancellation due to the Covid 19 pandemic. There were also a number of players new to masters that not yet had their ranking assessed. Unfortunately, this resulted in a few WA teams who struggled, having been placed in too high a division for them.

At the other end of the scale two teams managed to win their divisions and congratulations goes out to **Doug Minchin, John De Roach** and **Prue O'Neil** who took the honours in Division 7, and **Frank Von Zon, Ric Nicholas** and **Jim Hine**, who won Division 10.

Special mention must go to the Division 5 team of **Linda Roberts, Todd Hoole, Bob Price** and **Kelvin Carmichael** who were runners up. The teams in Divisions 6, 8 and 12 did very well, finishing third.

Once again, the use of multiple (three) centres unfortunately resulted in a lack of the brilliant atmosphere Masters know and love, and the distance between centres meant that it was difficult to watch other divisions, and made it difficult to watch friends from WA and other states play.

# AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

## INDIVIDUAL ♦ TEAMS ♦ TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES

# ADELAIDE

### Trans Tasman Series

This was played at Karadinga on the Friday and Saturday before the individuals and the Saturday at South Adelaide on the weekend between the Individual and Teams. WA had three players in the team Sue Hillier, and the first ever husband and wife team members to be chosen, namely Jo and Glenn Hitch. Sue, as usual, won all three matches without dropping a game while Jo had extremely hard matches as she was playing in the 40-44 age group rather than her own. She managed to win, but had close 4 and 5 set matches. Glenn had a mixed time, winning in 3 before losing in 5 and winning his final match.

Karadinga was a difficult venue for spectators with only about 10 people able to watch each match in the front row with a few standing at the back on chairs. Overall, a great result with Australia winning all three tests and the West Australians playing well and representing Australia and WA with class.

Individual - Men					
45-49	4th	Glenn Hitch	70-74 (Div 2)	1st	Kelvin Carmicheal
50-54	5th	David Beattie	70-74 (Div 3)	5th	George Reid
60-64	2nd	Danny Zande	75-79	2nd	Ed Jennings
70-74	4th	Bob Price		6th	Jim Hine
Individual - Women					
45-49	2nd	Joannah Yue-Hitch	60-64	4th	Linda Roberts
55-59	1st	Sue Hillier	65-69	5th	Khris Wiaceck
Teams - WA					
Division 5	2nd	Linda Roberts	Division 11	5th	Steve Barrow
		Todd Hoole			Helen Coyle
		Bob Price			Julie Banfield
		Kelvin Carmichael			Terry Brookes
Division 6	3rd	Greg Mills	Division 12	3rd	Sharon Franklin
		Ray Bell			Tim Claudius
		Roger Campbell			Pam Butler
Division 7	1st	Doug Minchin	Division 13	6th	George Reid
		John De Roach			Alison Williams
		Prue O'Neil			Niki McCulloch
Division 8	3rd	Ian Shaw	Division 14	5th	Wendy Shaw
		Ed Jennings			Di Cook
		Pat Barker			Ray Edkins
Division 10	1st	Frank Von Zon	Division 16	6th	Linda McBrierty
		Ric Nicholas			Kathy Fanetti
		Jim Hine			Jan Perkins



# WA MASTERS UPDATE By Janis Haswell

## Masters Spring Teams Tournament

*This year's Masters Team competition was a truly festive event, reflected in the seasonal, imaginative, and sometimes a little controversial, team names, and played in spirited fashion, concluding with 'spirited' celebrations. The Wangara Squash Centre was brimming. While we were very happy with the entry number this year, there is always room for more.*

*The competition was held over the weekend of 12 and 13 November. There was plenty of willing reserves to help out for those who had other commitments over the weekend, so please bear that in mind for next year if you do have weekend commitments.*

*As usual, the competition was fierce but friendly, with so many exciting, competitive matches going on at the same time that it was difficult to settle on which one to watch. So, make sure you don't miss the fun and rivalry of this tournament next year.*

Division 1	WINNERS	<b>GINGERBREAD MEN</b> Adam Strunk David Miles Greg Blycha (Saturday) Jeff Beale (Sunday)
Division 2	WINNERS	<b>CHRISTMAS SWEATERS</b> Boby Markovic Bryn Donoghue Bob Price
Division 3	WINNERS	<b>BEAUTIES AND THE BEAST</b> Tony Watchman Barb Wood Sharon Franklin
Division 4	WINNERS	<b>THE BOOZY CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b> Quita Cass Moya Credaro Kaye Jennings





# Mirraboooka Club Champs

*Thanks John Tetlow*

*Following on from the Busselton Invitational, Mirraboooka returned to Perth and held their club championships the following next weekend. With some players away and others harboring injuries from a gruelling tournament and pennant schedule, there were 56 entries this year with a few first-time players in any form of tournament, which was great to see.*

*The standard of play and sportsmanship in all divisions was exceptional and the skill levels were shining brightly for some players as they were beating players they had not previously got near to beating. We had seeded players in the finals for some divisions, whilst in others it was the latter half of the seedings that came through to play the final.*

*So, the final standings are listed below but I believe that everyone enjoyed the matches they had and played to their best ability. Well done to all everyone who played this year. This year, we held the presentations at the Osborne Park Bowling Club, where we had a chance to show off our skills on the bowling green as well as having a few drinks with our friends and opponents.*

*The skills were not quite so good on the bowling green with bowls heading in the wrong direction and some techniques producing "bouncing bombs". There were some good laughs and although it was not the warmest night of the year, it was definitely a fun time.*

*Congratulations to the Open Winners, Erin Classen who beat Pascale Louka 3-1 and Remi Young who beat Lewis Christie 3 - 0. You are our club champions for 2022.*



Event:	Club Champ:	Runner Up:	Event:	Club Champ:	Runner Up:
Mens Open:	Remi Young	Lewis Christie	Mens Div 1:	Luke Jamieson	Alvaro Blackall
Ladies Open:	Erin Classen	Pascale Louka	Mens Div 2:	Luke Bray	John Tetlow
			Mens Div 3:	Nicholas Doyle	Jackson Towill
Ladies Div 1:	Sydney Ennis	Celia Culverwell	Mens Div 4:	John Hartley	Kieran Turner





# Mirraboooka Club Champs

**SQUASH WORLD**  
**MIRRABOOKA**

 The Racquet Shop



*Mens Div 1 Winner Luke Jamieson*



*Mens Div 2 Winner Luke Bray*



*Mens Div 3 Winner Nicholas Doyle*



*Ladies Div 1 Winner Sydney Ennis*







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TOWN OF  
**VICTORIA PARK**





# Vic Park Squash Club's CLUB CHAMPS

*The Vic Park Squash Club held its annual Club Championships in November.*

*The Championships were followed by the Annual Awards Presentation Dinner held at The Carlisle Hotel & Distillery and featured a live band for the first time.*

*The event which was very well attended, was a fantastic night for members to socialise and celebrate their successes for the year. For the more committed, the dancing and celebrations continued long into the night ... or more like the early hours of the morning!*

## MIN FORD FAIREST AND BEST AWARD

*In September 2018 the Club sadly lost its very much loved member and dear friend Min Ford. Min had been an integral part of the Vic Park Squash Club since 1984 when it was the Manning Squash Club.*

*In memory of Min, the Club in 2019 initiated the Min Ford Fairest and Best Award to recognise a Club Member who consistently displays great sportsmanship, always performs to the best of their ability, is well liked and respected by everyone at the club and is a fantastic ambassador for the sport. All these characteristics were of course embodied by the award's namesake, Min Ford.*

*This year the Award was jointly awarded to Kat Tonkin & Steve Vincent*



Event:	Club Champ:	Runner Up:	Event:	Club Champ:	Runner Up:
Mens Open:	Dave Ilich	Dylan Tasker	Mens Div 1:	John Keron	Tom Everett
Ladies Open:	Sue Hillier	Lisa Christou	Mens Div 2:	Roger Schmidlin	Sam Nichols
Ladies Div 1:	Camilla Bendiksen Storvand	Georgia Gould			
Junior Girls:	Jasmin Legge	Carmela Christou	Junior Boys:	Andreas Christou	Domenic Christou





# Vic Park Squash Club's CLUB CHAMPS

## *Congratulations*





# STRANGER SQUASH



belmont junior squash tournament  
sunday 11 december

10am-3pm, followed by presentations & party until 4pm

all ages and abilities

paired format

**ability based tournament**

**\$25 per person (\$20 for additional siblings)**

**minimum 3 matches**

**includes lunch, prizes & pool party**

contact: kathy 0438 804 511

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JUNIOR

## Mandurah 1000



**WHEN: 9AM TO 4PM, SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 2023**

**LOCATION: MANDURAH AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE, 303 PINJARRA ROAD**

**COST: \$25 PER CHILD**

**INCLUDES: 3 MATCHES, PAR11, BEST OF 5 GAMES, LUNCH FOR PLAYERS**

**ELIGIBILITY: SPORTYHQ RANKING OF LESS THAN 1000 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

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# 2022 Squash Australia Awards Night

*On Friday 25 November 2022 the squash community came together in Brisbane to celebrate the achievements and contributions of all the legends and rising stars of the sport.*

*Western Australia was well represented and came away with a total of five awards.*

***Erin Classen won the Sarah Fitz-Gerald Junior Player of the Year (female) award:***

*"Erin was one of Australia's most consistent junior performers throughout 2022, reaching the final of the Australian Junior Open and Australian Junior Championships, as well as performing impressively at the World Junior Championships in Nancy, France. Erin has performed well on the PSA World Tour this year, reaching her highest World Ranking of 130."*



***Oscar Curtis won the Chris Robertson Junior Player of the Year (male) award:***

*"Oscar has been Australia's undisputed top male junior for the past three years, and in 2022, he made his long-awaited World Junior Championship debut as Captain of Australia's Junior Men's team. After fantastic results in the individual event, Oscar showcased his immense talent in the teams, defeating highly regarded opponents. Oscar also reached the semi-finals of this year's Australian National Championships, he is ready to take on the PSA Tour."*



***The Paul Vear Administrator of the Year award was presented to Kane Fasolo:***

*"Kane Fasolo is well known in the WA community for his passion and support for Squash over the past 17 years. A player and operator of four squash centres around Perth including: Cambridge, Brentwood, Hilton and Australia's largest centre, Mirrabooka. Kane has been instrumental for squash in Perth, working closely with WA Squash to host various events, including Country Week which sees over 200 participants entering and this year being a pivotal asset when hosting the 2022 Australian Junior Championships at Mirrabooka. Kane's relentless passion and support for squash within WA has seen a significant increase in participation."*







# 2022 Squash Australia Awards Night

*You can read more about the awards and see who else was recognised by going to the Squash Australia website:*

<https://www.squash.org.au/w/blog/a-night-of-glitz-and-glam-at-the-2022-squash-awards->

*The Innovator award was presented to Ken Watson:*

*Ken was recognised for the Big Hand enterprise he established to enable children of all ages to make contact with the ball not only in squash, but across multiple sports.*



*Dean Williams was inducted in the Squash Australia Hall of Fame:*

*“Dean stepped into the position of General Manager of Squash Western Australia from January 2019 to March 2022.*

*During this time, he managed to restore the finances, increase player membership, sold the Association’s asset and procured a new Headquarters location.*

*Dean also raised the profile of Squash at WA Government level and in the wider community.*



*In his younger days Dean played on the professional world circuit from 1977 to 1992 with great success including a World Number 2 Ranking. In 2003 Dean was inducted into the Western Australia Hall of Champions before being inducted into the Squash WA Hall of Fame in 2005. Dean’s overall commitment to the sport makes him a worthy recipient of this recognition.”*

*All very worthy award recipients that highly deserve such prestigious recognition. Please congratulate them next time you see them!*





# Let's play fair with Neil Butler

## THE SERVICE

Prior to 1990 squash used to have two serves. Whilst researching when the single serve came into the game I came across the rules published around 1965. Briefly, they stated that "The Server serves his hand out and loses the stroke if he serves two consecutive faults". This sounded reasonable.

The definition of a fault is still the same today although we do not distinguish the calls between "Fault" and "Foot-fault" as was done up until recently. Now it is just simply "Fault". However, the Receiver had a part to play in the two fault rule as well.

The rules stated that "Hand-out may take a fault. If he attempts to do so, the serve thereupon becomes good and the ball continues in play".

The rule continued on to say that "If the receiver does not attempt to do so, the ball shall cease to be in play, provided that, if the ball, before it bounces twice upon the floor, touches the server or anything he wears or carries, the Server shall lose the stroke". This was to cover the case where the Server mishit the first serve or deliberately hit the ball back towards themselves in order to gain time to regain their breath or strength.

Further down the track the rules were amended so that the referee could award a stroke against a Server who deliberately served a first service fault in order to regain his breath or strength. Spare a thought for the Referee in having to decide if the Receiver attempted to return the ball or did the Server deliberately serve a first fault or just mis-hit it! The Second Fault became hand out.

Move forward to the 1st May 1990 when the single fault rule was introduced. The Guideline for Referees was:

"This new concept is a fundamental change to the game of squash. However, it is a simple concept to understand and apply. All faults now result in change of server and are the same as a fault on a second service, or hand out on either service before the rules were changed. Thus a foot fault becomes hand out, as does a service which hits the front wall on or below the cutline or which lands in the incorrect quarter court. Servers will therefore need to concentrate more when serving. The change is designed to speed up play as well as making the rules of service more easily understood."

The Guideline was almost as long as the rule. The last sentence is certainly true. Today we take the single serve for granted but sometimes we have to know how the rules have evolved over the history of our game to understand where we are going.

### Question of the Month

Mary's hair clip falls to the floor during a rally but was not noticed by Mary, her opponent John, or by the Officials. Mary wins the rally. John then sees the object on the floor and requests a "Let".

### What should the Referee do?

- a) Allow a let
- b) Allow the result of the rally to stand
- c) Award the rally to John

Go to MP & the T for the answer.



## *Hi Squashies!*

*I might be a little bit biased, but the Great Southern Teams Championships, played on December 18-20, was one of the best tournaments of the year. With 83 players, and a guest appearance from Skelly, its safe to say that everyone had an absolute blast, thanks to Narrogin Squash Club.*



*Junior Pennants wrapped up for the year at Squashworld Cambridge. Team Woody was the winner of Division 1 (Andreas, Jerome and Vera), with Team Rex trailing by a meagre 0.5 points! The players in Team Rex were Luke, Ashton and Teagan. In Division 2, Team Slinky Dog brought home the bacon over Team Wheezy. Team Slinky Dog was comprised of Joey, Tristan and Nathan, and Indigo, Olivia and Ethan made up Team Wheezy. Keep your eyes peeled as Junior Pennants will return in Term 1 of 2023. I would like to thank the fabulous Junior Coordinators and Parents who assisted at the sessions, including Sue, Yvette, Serena, Katy and Lisa.*

*Events coming up after the Christmas break include the first tournament of the year, the Mandurah 1000 (Junior). This Junior event is for players under 1000 Sporty HQ points - a perfect tournament for Juniors who are looking to give tournament play a go!*

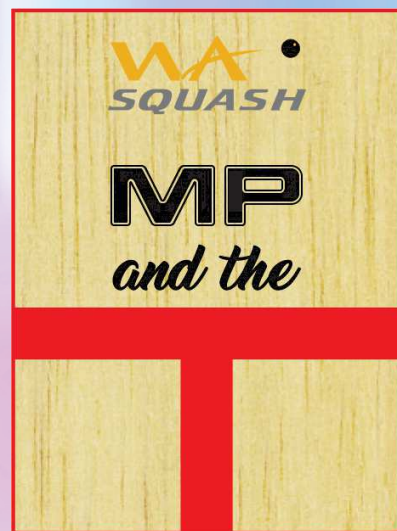
*A Girls Open Day is being held at Belmont on January 18, and following this, the WA Squash Clinic on January 19-20. The first senior event of the year, the West Coast Open, on January 20-21 will be played at Squashworld Brentwood. Please mention this event to any girls you know interested in starting squash - the event is completely free, includes lunch, and all equipment is provided. The West Coast Open is also the first event for the Top 8 Shoot-out for the year and the accompanying Junior Tournament, the New year's Bash is a silver-rated event.*

*And to spill the T for the last time, it has been an absolute delight working with the WA Squash community over the last year or so from the WA Squash Headquarters. As most of my role has been focussed on the Junior side of squash, it has been fabulous watching the Juniors grow and develop over the past year, and the passion that they put into their games. If I don't watch out, I feel lots of these juniors will be beating me soon!*

*Thank you to all the parents, Junior Coordinators and the other Office Staff for the assistance and expertise that has been graciously shared with me - there are too many names to thank individually! I'm grateful for the opportunity to help continue to grow the best sport in the world. I will still be seeing everyone around the courts - at the occasional tournament or from behind the desk at Squashworld.*

*Keep Squashing*

**Answer to Quiz: b) Allow the result of the rally to stand (Rule 13.4.5)**





# WA Squash : Term 4 Junior Pennants

*Term 4 Junior Pennants wrapped up on Sunday 27 November with finals taking place at Squashworld Cambridge. 39 juniors competed in the series, making it the biggest junior pennants competition we've seen in some time which is incredible to see and very exciting for the sport.*

*WA Squash is grateful to all the parents and grandparents that brought these juniors to their matches each week, and often stayed to help mark, ref and more.*

*With team names inspired by Toy Story, the division two winners were Slinky Dog (Joey Scott, Tristan Thomson, and Nathan Osborne), and runners up Wheezy (Indigo Stapledon, Olivia Hibbs, and Ethan Skidmore).*

*Division one winners were Woody (Andreas Christou, Jerome Tan, and Vera Bruce) and runners up Rex (Luke Scott, Ashton Clement, and Teagan Scott).*

*Three juniors were also awarded Best and Fairest – Jessica Jellis, Joey Scott, and Ethan Skidmore. A special shout out to Olivia Hibbs for coming all the way up from Mandurah each Sunday morning*

*Junior pennants kick off again in the New Year on Sunday 19 February and will again run for five weeks on Sunday mornings. Let's see if we can crack 50 entries next time!*



Division 1	
Winners	Runners Up
<b>Woody</b>	<b>Rex</b>
Andreas Christou	Luke Scott
Jerome Tan	Ashton Clement
Vera Bruce	Teagan Scott
Division 2	
Winners	Runners Up
<b>Slinky Dog</b>	<b>Wheezy</b>
Joey Scott	Indigo Stapledon
Tristan Thomson	Olivia Hibbs
Nathan Osborne	Ethan Skidmore
Best & Fairest	
Jess Jellis	
Joey Scott	
Ethan Skidmore	





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# Top 5

## JUNIOR RANKINGS

December 2022

NATIONAL



U11 Boys	U11 Girls		U11 Boys	U11 Girls
Lucas Curry Leo Van Straaten Leonard Bruce	Teagan Scott Olivia Hibbs Jemi Martin	1	Wesley Correa	Riyo Kawabata
		2	Lewis Matthews	Elizabeth Wang
		3	Jet Lacquiere	Matilda Lynn
		4	Kai Dumbleton	Abbey Boswell
		5	Thomas Harper	Teagan Scott
U13 Boys	U13 Girls		U13 Boys	U13 Girls
Alexander Marsh Domenic Christou Jacob Curry Charlie Richardson Millard Chong	Vera Bruce Joey Scott Kayla Clarke Renee Tan	1	Henry Kross	Tina Ma
		2	Kieran Willathgamuwa	Claudi Burger
		3	James Boswell	Olivia van Zon
		4	Thomas Wang	Emilia Scott
		5	Alexander Marsh	Vera Bruce
U15 Boys	U15 Girls		U15 Boys	U15 Girls
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan Eric Marsh Andreas Christou Luke Jamieson Jr Brendan Scott	Jasmin Legge Jessica Jellis Jamie Nunn Holly Carver	1	Kasper Cheung	Sarbani Maitra
		2	Joel Roshan Raj	Amelia Brigden
		3	Connor Haberecht	Maeghan Wang
		4	Manaia Kara-Brown	Madison Nargar
		5	Marcus Wang	Amber Taylor
U17 Boys	U17 Girls		U17 Boys	U17 Girls
Daniel Marsh Waldo Vorster Alvaro Blackall Jonathan Groenewald Aidan Mascaro	Hannah Slyth Josie Jones Cassandra Willsher Sydney Ennis Laney Rawling	1	Thomas Scott	Amelie Guziak
		2	James Slade	Hannah Slyth
		3	Joshua Rahul Raj	Lijana Sultana
		4	Daniel Marsh	Emmy Lamb
		5	Aryan Madan	Sophie Simpson
U19 Boys	U19 Girls		U19 Boys	U19 Girls
Oscar Curtis Cooper Matthews Angus Wildy Charlie Youngson	Caitlin Pratt Hayli Jones Megan Stockdale	1	Oscar Curtis	Madison Lyon
		2	Andre Lynn	Erin Classen
		3	Dylan Classen	Courtney Scholtz
		4	Harvey Allan	Sophie Fadaely
		5	Kenneth Lamb	Maggie Goodman
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