

**SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2023** 



## WELCOME





From the moment I started creating monthly newsletters for squash in 2014, I always desired for each publication to **PROMOTE, RECOGNISE** and **THANK**. I'm constantly looking at branding and posters ... I'm also constantly looking to see that volunteers and sponsors are thanked and appreciated. I figure if you do everything possible to promote early, encourage participation and thank those that support your event (volunteers and sponsors) you will succeed each and every time.

It saddens me when I see some event organisers take their foot off the accelerator as soon as the event is done and dusted. Here is a wonderful opportunity to not only recognise the winners in print media but to prepare for next year. Thanking players, volunteers and sponsors for making your event successful lays the platform for your next event. If an individual feels they have been appreciated and recognised they are more than likely going to return.

Taking care to design an eye catching poster, getting good quality photos of the winners, writing a story and even creating a pdf to send to potential sponsors are all positive activities you can

do to build your brand and ultimately, a successful long running event.

It was pleasing to see this photo from the recent **Broome** Invitational.

Various sponsors were thanked plus the backdrop recognised all their supporters.



# BEHIND THE SCENES with Leigh Kaye



My section is called 'Behind the Scenes', so it's only fitting to thank and farewell a lady that has worked tirelessly in the background of Squash WA, on and off since 2006, the longest stint being the last seven years. Leonie has decided to retire.



Leonie has moved with Squash WA from the Hyatt, to Westminster, and then to Belmont. Leonie has taken GREAT care of our accounts, and has worked with clubs, helping them out as and when required. She has been a dedicated presence who has witnessed all the ups and downs that come with running an organisation.

When I started in the General Manager role, Leonie's support and knowledge was always on hand, whether it was her work day or not. Working alongside Leonie has been a treat, and she will definitely be missed in the office. She has very kindly offered to help us out in future if needed.

On behalf of the Board and staff at Squash WA, I wish her all the very best, and am sure any Club that has encountered her would echo this sentiment. Leonie has these words to share with us all:

"The time has come for me to say goodbye to Squash WA. I first started in 2006 on a part-time basis doing the accounts and general office work for a period of around 15 months. WA Squash was based at the Hyatt Centre and was always a hive of activity.

In November 2016 I was asked to return as Linda McBrierty had retired. Initially, I agreed, with a time frame of around 6 months but here I am nearly 7 years later!

I have seen many changes. WA Squash moved from the Hyatt Centre in January 2019 to the commercial office they owned in Westminster. In May 2021 our office moved once more to Belmont which is now the Squash WA state centre.

During my period of employment, I worked for three General Managers - Don Huffer, Dean Williams and Leigh Kaye, and I would like to thank them for their support.

I will miss being a part of the continuing rebuild of Squash WA but looking forward to my retirement. Thank you to everyone I have worked with, including Don Huffer, Chris Cooper, Sue Hillier, Dean Williams, Michaela Pratt, Serena Richardson, Chris Castro and Leigh Kaye. I know that Squash WA is definitely in good hands and moving in the right direction."

Squash Australia is introducing a new Affiliation and Registration model that will be rolled out along with MySquashAus (revolutioniseSPORT). The model will capture <u>all</u> squash players from social, to pennant, to high performance, and in turn will benefit them more than ever before.

The replacement of SportyHQ with MySquashAus has started slowly at Club-level, and over the next few months will be rolled out to the players.

I fully understand and respect that change is not easy for everyone. I'd like to point out that WA Clubs and players managed to adopt SportyHQ, with little to no training at all.

With the training, support and guidance being offered in the coming changeover, I have full faith in our abilities to change to MySquashAus (revo) quicker and easier than before.

Information and support will be provided by Squash WA, Squash Australia, and revo themselves. The new platform will do everything SportyHQ did plus a <a href="whole">whole</a> lot more, and it will be at no cost to the end user — you, the player. From 1 July 2023, registrations will open on the new platform.

For more information about MySquashAus please visit the Squash Australia website here: <a href="https://www.squashaus.com.au/play/mysquashaus/">https://www.squashaus.com.au/play/mysquashaus/</a>.





2023 Registered Players					
As at 3	As at 30 May			ıll year	
Club	Adult	Adult Junior		Junior	
Esperance	108	9	100	6	
Mirrabooka	97	34	118	31	
Blue Gum	89	14	82	21	
Vic Park	74	18	89	17	
East'n Goldfields	73	12	81	6	
Broome	70		51	2	
Kununurra	63	6	73	6	
Bunbury	61	1	51	2	
Belmont	58	12	69	8	
Busselton	49	13	49	2	
Geraldton	42	6	59	7	
Marmion	39	22	41	28	
Narrogin	39	1	54	3	
Cambridge	38	3	51	16	
Leschenault	36	4	39	9	
Karratha	34	7	41	3	
Manjimup	25	2	25	2	
Katanning	23		29	3	
Dampier	18		24	2	
Wickham	18	3	35	6	
Mandurah	17	2	63	9	
Hilton	14		18		
Kensington	8		13		
Madd/Gosnells	8		12	10	
Moora	8	1	1	1	
Subi-Kings	5		1		
Totals	1,114	170	1,269	200	



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

#### 2023: June to September

JUN	2 - 4	Golden Open	Senior & PSA		Kalgoorlie
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JUN	23 - 25	SouthWest Masters <i>Teams</i> Tournament	Masters		Busselton
JUN	27 - 28	Interschool Squash Competition	Junior		Mirrabooka
JUL	1-2	State Junior Championships (Aged Based)	Junior	Gold	Belmont
JUL	3 - 4	State Junior Championships <i>Teams</i> Event	Junior		Belmont
JUL	21 - 23	State Masters Championships	Masters		Mirrabooka
AUG	5 - 7	FeNaCING Championships	Senior		Dampier
AUG	25 - 27	Leschenault Classic <i>Teams</i> Tournament			Leschenault
SEP	8 - 9	Vic Park Open	Senior		Vic Park
SEP	16 - 17	Cambridge Junior <i>Teams</i> Event	Junior		Cambridge
SEP	23 - 25	WA Country <i>Teams</i> Championship	Seniors & Juniors		Mirrabooka



#### ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS!

Squash WA is proud to present Western Australia's most prestigious junior event of the year. Juniors at <u>ALL</u> levels are encouraged to play in this age-based event.

The closing date for entries is 20th June 2023. Act before the 6th June and you will be able to take advantage of a reduced entry fee!

If you desire to represent your State here is the event you need to play to be considered.

Got younger ones that might like to experience the thrilling atmosphere of a state junior tournament? Well this year we are introducing a special event for under 9s and under 11s! To sign up visit the Squash WA website here: https://wasquash.com.au/wa-state-junior-champs-u9-u11-event/.

Enter via SportyHQ:

https://www.sportyhq.com/tournament/view/2023-WA-State-Junior-Championships-G











## **WA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Thanks Luke Jamieson ... The 2023 WA Open was held at Squashworld Mirrabooka. With a huge 142 players registered and 270 completed matches, it was the biggest metro individuals tournament in recent times. With players travelling from all parts of the country, the tournament had a very national vibe to it.

Mike Corren won his 12th Mens Open title beating Queensland's James Lloyd in three straight sets, in a very dynamic and strong display. Pascale Louka won her very first WA Open title, defeating reigning title holder Erin Classen in a tightly contested four-setter. This is a continuation of the massive winning streak of Louka, who also has the Esperance Open, South West Open and now the WA Open in 2023.

The match of the tournament went to Cindy Parsley and Doina Gibson. The 5th and deciding game went for over 10 minutes, finishing with a 20-18 win to Cindy. Sportsmanship, friendship, and a lot of laughter was on display by both ladies, which is what our sport is truly about. The final score was 5-11, 11-4, 11-6, 6-11, 20-18 (29 min).

Thanks Yvette Clement ... The canteen was a roaring success due to the numerous volunteers who either donated baked items, and/or gave their time in preparation and great service over the weekend, and all our wonderful customers. Much lively banter and laughter echoed out of the club room throughout the weekend. What a team!!

Among the canteen favourites were the toasties – a tournament staple, the warming soup, delicious hot beef and gravy rolls and myriad of sweet delights.

So a huge shout out to the A-team: Bea Blackall, Clare Slyth, Veronica Cerny, Andy and Michelle Jones, Craig Taggart, Fiona Whooley, Leigh Kaye, Roxy Edery, Karena Poke, Kim Duffecy, Eileen Jellis, Lisa Christou, Lynn Marsh, Sanny Ang, Amos and Megan Bruce, Daniel and Serena Richardson, and Jane Pratt. The initiative and dedication of the AMAZING duo Carmela

Christou and Vera Bruce can also not go unmentioned.

Final thanks go to the office for all the prep work that went on leading up to the event — Leigh, Sereng and Chris.





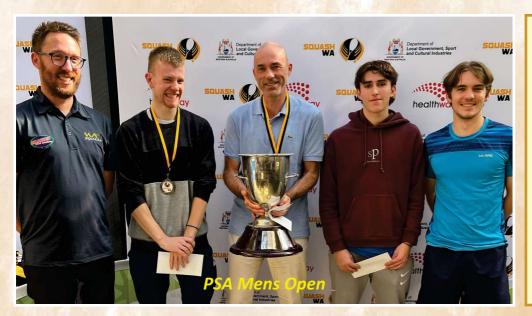














[1] Mike Corren def [2] James Lloyd 12-10, 11-9, 11-7 37 min

WA Open	PSA Open: Satellite		Mirrabooka 26-28 May 2023
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Mens Open	Mike Corren	James Lloyd	Oscar Curtis
Mens Div 1	Brad Grinter	Matthew Hanzel-Fuller	Shane Leknys
Mens Div 2	Jonathan Groenewald	Edward Gatti	Alexander Marsh
Mens Div 3	Arron Radinger	Mike Clement	Marc Kaye
Mens Div 4	Mathhys Edery	Chris Poke	Mark Foo
Masters	Mark Rukuata	Ryan Callegari	Ryan Harrison
Ladies Open	Pascale Louka	Erin Classen	Remashree Muniandy
Ladies Div 1	Katy Scott	Cindy Parsley	Rebecca Herring
Ladies Div 2	Sydney Ennis	Ann-Jeanette Bass	Georgia Gould
Ladies Div 3	Denise Christie	Aliviya Arends	Dani Mayors





[3] Pascale Louka def [2] Erin Classen 8-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-8 34 min



















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# **HEAD JUNIOR CLASSIC**

HEAD Junior Classic			Mirrabooka 26-28 May 2023
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Boys Div 1	Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	Eric Marsh	Alexander Marsh
Boys Div 2	Mathys Edery	Matthew Black	Charlie Richardson
Boys Div 3	Millard Chong	Lucas Curry	Nicholas Whittaker
Girls Div 1	Caitlin Pratt	Josie Jones	Sydney Ennis
Girls Div 2	Evie Clark	Kayla Clarke	Renee Tan













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# **GERALDTON OPEN**

**Thanks Sharon Laing ...** It's a wrap! After missing out for the last two years due to Covid we finally had our tournament. We were able to welcome everyone back to Geraldton for the 2023 Geraldton Open.

With 87 participants, most players had a minimum of three matches over the weekend. The tournament started on the Friday evening and consisted of 13 different divisions with some juniors also competing in senior divisions, giving players the opportunity to win cash prizes. Players travelled from as far as Kalgoorlie and many came from metro clubs. A special welcome to a few Squash WA Board members and our tournament referees Neil and Luke.

Congratulations to all winners, especially in the Men's Open – Jason Patmore defeated Jamie Herring (11-5, 11-8, 11-3) and Ladies Open – Leigh-Anne Kaye defeated Lisa Christou (9-11, 11-4, 11-3, 11-7). A special mention to the match of the tournament which was awarded to Jamie Herring and Heddwyn Brahma. With very few refereeing decisions needed, it was a tight, tough five-setter with Jamie defeating Heddwyn (3-11, 11-9, 9-11, 12-10, 12-10).

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers, players, family, friends and everyone else for supporting us and this event. Thanks also goes to our sponsors: Southside Mechanical, Warthog Workshop Washers, Dongara IGA, Jaffle Shack Cafe, Ocean Centre Hotel, The Racquet Shop, Finlay's Brewing Co, and Maisey Fuels. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Geraldton O	Geraldton Open Championships Geraldton 5-7 May 2023				
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Third		
Mens Open	Jason Patmore	Jamie Herring	Dan Jones		
Mens Div 1	Jeremy Church	Steven Jones	Shaun Purslow		
Mens Div 2	Robert Yeoh	Jonathan Groenewald	Samuel Turner		
Mens Div 3	Luke Jamieson Jnr	Andreas Christou	William Gentsch		
Mens Div 4	Ashton Clement	Brendan Scott	Craig Taggart		
Mens Div 5	Jacques Laurent	Luke Scott	Sam Gevers		
Mens Div 6	Damien Healy	Lee Taylor	Chris Poke		
Ladies Open	Leigh-Anne Kaye	Lisa Christou	Tracy Marshall		
Ladies Div 1	Erin Zolnier	Lisa Cooper	Dianne Watts		
Ladies Div 2	Joey Scott	Sally Kelly	Hayley Williams		
Juniors Div 1	Jonathan Groenewald	Andreas Christou	Brendan Scott		
Juniors Div 2	Jacques Laurent	Charlie Richardson	Teagan Scott		
Juniors Div 3	Olivia Hibbs	Jamie Nunn	Caleb Swart		







# **GERALDTON OPEN**

























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Richard has been the President of Mirrabooka Squash Club, and a huge advocate for metro and country tournament participation for many years. Richard is a member of the WA Squash Pennant Committee, and actively participates in WA Squash AGMs, forums, awards nights and more.



He is also a regular volunteer coach at Mirrabooka's Thursday junior program.

Richard has been a massive driver of tournament participation across the state. This is in particular relation to country tournaments that have either struggled for numbers or are starting out new. Richard is key in the coordination of the annual Country Week kitchen, ensuring players travelling from far and wide are well-fed.

Richard has also completed a huge amount of work as part of the Mirrabooka club room, centre and outdoor area upgrades

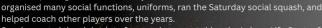




# NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 7 DAYS OF AWESOMENESS DAY 2: 15 MAY - SAM NICHOLS

Over the 6 years Sam has been the Vic Park Squash Club Treasurer, he has meticulously developed and improved membership systems to improve efficiencies. There have been many comments from other clubs and WA squash over the years about Sam's amazing skills.

Sam prepared a successful submission to the Town Of Victoria Park that resulted in Sue Hillier being inducted into the sporting walk of fame last year. Sam has also



Sam has saved the club a lot of money by approaching the LeisureLife Centre for better deals/discounts on court hire, etc. Sam is always willing to take on extra work at the club, comes up with new ideas, and contributes 100% to the committee. After 6 years Sam recently decided to step off the committee to spend more time with his wife Lisa and daughter Olivia, but will still enjoy playing squash with all of the good people at Vic Park squash club!







7 DAYS OF AWESOMENESS

**DAY 3: 16 MAY - AUDREY SMITH** 

Audrey has been part of the coaching team at Cambridge Squash Club's Friday juniors for several years. Audrey volunteers to coach the youngest juniors which can be the hardest as they are new to racquet sports and have a short attention span, given their young ages. In addition, these sessions are all under the watchful eye of the associated parents.



Over the last year or so, Audrey has made this her regular role and has mentored several of the youngest into a position where they are able to join the next coaching level.

In addition, Audrey has gone out of her way to foster and inclusive atmosphere with all juniors and their parents to ensure the junior coaching sessions are enjoyed by all. This was never more evident when Audrey organised the canteen at the junior Club Champs





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# NATIONAL OLUNTEER WEEK

7 DAYS OF AWESOMENESS

DAY 4: 17 MAY - LISA CHRISTOU

Lisa spends countless hours coordinating in-house leagues, pennants, a strong Vic Park presence in regional tournaments and the annual world-renowned Vic Park Open. The club has grown in junior and senior categories, has one of the highest female participation rates in WA, is financially sustainable and has a club spirit and atmosphere that is welcoming and friendly. Lisa's leadership has played a huge part in the club achieving these feats.



Lisa maintains regular communication with other clubs and makes sure our juniors have the opportunity to participate in as many organised events as possible such as pennants, tournaments etc. She attends all WA Squash organised meetings/events to keep the committee and club members in the loop.
Lisa organised funding and ran a free Girls Only squash program for girls aged 12-16 years in May and June. She chaired the WA Squash Junior Committee, and volunteered as a parent helper to stay with the 2022 State Junior Team.

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# NATIONAL OLUNTEER WEEK

7 DAYS OF AWESOMENESS

#### DAY 5: 18 MAY - SEAN BROCKMAN

Sean has built the Busselton Squash Club's junior program to capacity since the relocation of the club to The Sebel. Sean has had juniors competing in a sanctioned event for the first time in many years.



He rebooted a junior pennant fixture for the first time since the relocation, and has given up 80 hours of volunteer time across the calendar year just for junior program coaching and coordination.

The club now has a vibrant junior component once again. There is a great energy about the youth coming through and this will future proof the club moving forward. It will also have a flow on affect throughout the squash community in the southwest.

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# NATIONAL TOLUNTEER WEEK

7 DAYS OF AWESOMENESS

**DAY 6: 19 MAY - JASON RAWLING** 

Jason has been a volunteer Coach at Marmion Squash Club's Friday afternoon Junior Program for the past 3 years. His involvement has also included transporting juniors to pennants & tournaments, manning the canteen at tournaments, being involved in junior game play on Fridays and providing back-up support to our Junior Coordinator whenever asked.



Jason's commitment to Marmion's junior program has enabled them to be able to continue to deliver a quality program to juniors aged between 10 and 17 years. His ability to engage the juniors on his court to enjoy all facets of the game of squash has enabled us to retain many of the teenagers in our program.

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# NATIONAL WEEK

7 DAYS OF AWESOMENESS

#### **DAY 7: 20 MAY - RAELENE MARRIOTT**

Raelene is a magnificent club member and advocate for squash in Western Australia. She goes to extraordinary lengths each day and week to ensure that all participants are having their best possible squash experience. She is also behind the pioneering of the League format, which has been an outstanding success to combat the increased range of ability within club teams in the pennant format. Raelene is always available to suggest reserves and provide advice and support. Sponsored a number of WA Squash and Club events



support. Sponsored a number of WA Squash and Club events financially and through in-kind donations in order to make them viable.

- WA Squash Pennant & Competitions Sub-Committee Member.
- Committee Member of Day League, Thursday Night League, Monday Night League.
- Key contributor to developing draws, finding reserves, liaising with venues, and collating results.
- Tournament Director 2023 Australian Masters Games.
   Tournament Director 2023 UniSport Games (at short notice,
- Tournament Director 2023 UniSport Games (at short notice, and by herself)

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## **MARMION JUNIOR TEAMS**

Thanks Sue Cowell ... The 2023 Marmion Junior Teams Challenge, sponsored by TBG The Bunting Group of Companies, Jeltec Electrical and Binch Constructions was held on Saturday 20 May 2023 at The Squash Factory.





Players participated from Marmion, Belmont, Vic Park, Cambridge, and Mirrabooka. 30 players entered and 30 players turned up on the day! No withdrawals! First time ever!! Thank you to all the clubs who were flexible towards 'tweaking' a few teams to ensure that our Divisions were more evenly matched. It made for some great matches throughout the event!

We didn't use the Sporty HQ ipads and instead used 'old school' paper score sheets! It was interesting to see that some of our younger juniors had never used a paper score sheet before!! Thank you to all our parents who helped them out and by the end of the day the scores were being submitted correctly!

**Division 1** had 4 teams competing. So many 5 setters but the stand out match for this Division was between Andreas Christou and Luke Jamieson Jnr. Andreas was 2 games up when Luke come out firing and Andreas only got 4 points in the next two games. The 5<sup>th</sup> game was nail biting as both boys dug deep to try and out play their opponent with many long rallies. Andreas won the 5<sup>th</sup> 11-7!

**Division 2** had 6 teams so two pools of 3 teams competed with a play-ff then between the pools. The No 3 players were mainly new tournament players and it was exciting to watch their faces (especially Lillian) as they revelled in being on court and being part of the tournament. It was especially rewarding to watch all team members coming to give coaching tips to their team mates (even the 9 year olds!) They all truly demonstrated the "teams" aspect of this event.

Sportsmanship Awards were presented by Marmion Coaches Josh Blakey and Carolyn Bunting:

BOYS: *Matthew Black (Cambridge)*GIRLS: *Lillian Galemore (Mirrabooka)* 





Thanks to our wonderful parents and grandparents for manning the canteen and providing some yummy food throughout the day. A big shout out to the "Canasta Table" who entertained the juniors with their playing card magic!

Once again thanks to all our sponsors TBG The Bunting Group of Companies, Jeltec Electrical and Binch Constructions together with support from The Squash Factory and Marmion Squash Club.

	Marmion Junior Teams Challenge: Squash Factory 20 May 2023				
1	1 st	MAEVIC 1	Andreas Christou, Sydney Ennis, Mathys Edery		
DIVISION	2 <sup>nd</sup>	MIRRABOOKA 1	Luke Jamieson Jnr, Jaden Hyunh, Charlie Richardson		
VIS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	BELVIC 1	Jacob Curry, Domenic Christou, Jasmin Legge		
۵	4 th	CAMBRIDGE 1	Kyle Mascaro, Matthew Black, Justin Heyward		
	1 st	MARBEL 1	Jessica Jellis, Lucas Curry, Ethan Skidmore		
2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	MARVIC 2	Evie Clark, Emmy Dunstan, Carmela Christou		
IVISION	3 <sup>rd</sup>	MARMION 1	Ryan Liang, Ruby Foo, Abhin Behl		
VIS	4 <sup>th</sup>	MIRRABOOKA 3	Nicholas Whittaker, Arye Bernsousa, Lilliam Galemore		
٥	5 <sup>th</sup>	CAMBRIDGE 2	Leonard Bruce, Charlie Tear, Oscar Frank		
	6 th	MIRRABOOKA 2	Millard Chong, Hayden Lockhart, Antonin Cerny		













# SAVE. THE. DATE.

# Country Neek 2023

Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th September 2023
Squashworld Mirrabooka
PAR scoring
Teams of 4, fee \$TBA
Men's and women's divisions
All players to be available for 1st round matches

(7pm Friday or 8.30am Saturday)

**ENTRIES CLOSE 1st AUGUST 2023** 

**Book your accommodation ASAP!!** 

Sunday night function from 6.30pm

Cocktail attire



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# **BROOME INVITATIONAL**

**Thanks Bridgy** ... It all started with a welcome dinner at the Fishing Club with tasters of fresh local caught Sashimi tuna and Pearl Meat, complimented by a classic Broome sunset dinner. Following this was the usual pre-tournament briefing, highlighting the fact that we had AJ Bass, Daniel Richardson, Brad Hibbs, Brett Martin, and Zoe Petrovansky all back to defend their 2022 titles.

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Matches started early on Friday which saw a couple of notable upsets. Paul Orr defeated the highly fancied Ivan Patchett in what was the longest match of the tournament, in five torrid games. Brad Hibbs, having had to move up to A-grade, took out young gun Preston Munro. Melissa Martin and Hannah Slyth was the showcase match at 6pm, which provided the crowd with an array of deadly shotmaking.

Saturday was semi-final day, which again produced some incredible performances, with no one working harder than Richard Grain in C-grade, who knocked out defending champ Daniel Richardson in five, before going down in five in the semi-final to number two seed John Tetlow. To meet John in the final was number five seed Victor Ranieri who had come from a win against his sister-in-law Alyce Smith, who showed everyone that placement beats power every time.

In D-grade, AJ Bass had marched her way to the big dance, but waiting at the other end was Erin Zolnier who knocked out local fancy Fred Lovell to get a second shot at the title. B-grade saw Andre Blignaut, in career-best form, march to the final without dropping a game. Number one seed Simon Keogh had also booked his place with a hard-fought win in five over local hope Alex Clarke-Hale.

A-grade was spot on track with number one seed Dwayne Simons to meet number two seed Daniel Taylor to crown a first time winner. Dwayne Simons, having made the final once before, had the burden of knowing that he was up 10-6 in the fifth in that loss, but was getting another go at it. The Women's Open had gone as expected with defending champ Zoe Petrovansky facing off against Melissa Martin, which for me, had been a match 12-months in the making.

The match of the day was an upset, with Leigh Kaye taking out Clare Slyth in three, sending a message to all that she is close to being back at her best.

Finals day had all the plate matches and finals completed by 2pm before we got down to the pointy end of the tournament. D-grade saw AJ Bass take the first easily, before coach Brad Hibbs restored some belief which saw Erin Zolnier take the next three to reverse last year's result.

C-grade saw four very tight games between Broome Invitational virgin John Tetlow, and the Mexican Victor Ranieri. Both players had a great tournament. B-grade saw an unstoppable Andre Blignaut take the title in three with Simon Keogh having the tournament of his life.

A-grade saw Dwayne Simons hit gold with his first win from two attempts, with a win in four over crowd-favourite Daniel Taylor, which was a perfect display of everything that this tournament promotes.

The Women's Open final was nothing short of a promoters dream with Melissa Martin sending a message with a dominant first game, before the mongrel in Petrovansky stole the next two ... in a tight fourth game, Martin held her nerve to take it, pushing it all the way. The fifth and final game was a see-sawing affair with Martin doing just enough to pinch the win.

The final match of the weekend was an epic between two of the guns in WA. Due to Brett Martin being injured, Jason Patmore took on Remi Young in what was nothing short of a showstopper.

Presentations followed the finals with "Disco" Dan Jones and Daniel "DK" Taylor voted Match of the

# **BROOME INVITATIONAL**

Tournament. Broome's own Mel Foster took out Player of the Tournament. Peanut of the Tournament was awarded as a good peanut, with Brian Logan winning hands down. Then on Monday night the Tournament was officially closed with a beach party, complete with Broome sunset, fire bucket with Chilli Mud Crab, and local Barramundi as a farewell dinner.



I cannot sing the praises of Neil Butler and Luke Jamieson high enough – you blokes are cool.

<b>Broome Invita</b>	Broome 19-21 May 2023		
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
A Grade	Dwayne Simons	Daniel Taylor	13-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-9 (28m)
B Grade	Andre Blignaut	Simon Keogh	11-5, 11-8, 11-6 (16m)
C Grade	John Tetlow	Victor Ranieri	13-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-7 (24m)
D Grade	Erin Zolnier	Ann-Jeanette Bass	5-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-4 (17m)
Ladies Open	Melissa Martin	Zoe Petrovansky	15-13, 8-11, 14-16, 11-7, 11-8 (36m)













# **AUTUMN LADIES MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE**

On Monday 22 May 2023, the Grand Final was held at the Squash WA State Centre in Belmont from 7pm.

**Division 1 Grand Final: Believe** (Christine Elkington, Alison Butler, Sydney Ennis and Samantha Kent) def. **Try** (Katy Scott, Cassandra Willsher, Therese Kenny and Marina Leather).

Team 'Believe' scraped through to take the GF from Team 'Try' by only one game 7 games to 6 ... just the kind of squash we love to watch!

**Division 2 Grand Final: Diamonds** (Chantelle Garrett, Lyn Chandler and Desley Wimbridge) def. **Imagine** (Anne Holder, Kay Brooks and Aliviya Arends).

Team 'Diamonds' took out team 'Imagine' 6 games to 4.

The MVP award for this season went to Division 1's young **Sydney Ennis** who remained undefeated throughout the entire season!

















# **AUTUMN THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE**











**Division 1 Grand Final:** The **Butter Chickens** (16) defeated **Krispy Kremes** (8)

**Butter Chickens:** Kieran Walsh, Peter Lenoury, Ian Shaw, Karen Stobie-Tyack. **Krispy Kremes:** Nick Scata, Dave Hogg, Brendan Scott, Pat Barker (reserve for Jim Carr).

#### Division 2 Grand Final: The Chiko Rolls (13) defeated Chips & Gravy (11)

**Chiko Rolls:** Ed Jennings, Trevor Witherow, Calvin Green, Joey Scott. **Chips & Gravy:** Brendon Vines, Denis Vincent, Wendy Shaw, Teagan Scott.









We are absolutely delighted to introduce you to Miss June – the totally awesome Dampier Squash Club! Dampier Squash Club is located on Haig Street, Dampier, which is a little over 1,500km north of Perth in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

The club celebrates their uniqueness in being the only open air squash facility in Western Australia. They have a rich history, dating back to 1970 that they are very proud of.

The club runs a Wednesday pennant competition that welcomes players of all levels. They truly make the most of their picturesque amphitheatre, embracing the warm weather and outdoor lifestyle, with teams taking turns cooking dinner for all, getting the fire pit roaring. Members also have access to the courts to play socially as it suits them.

Dampier Squash Club runs their annual FeNaClNg tournament in late July/early August which attracts 90-100 players that compete in teams of four. The event is renowned for its welcome dinner where club members provide locally caught fish, squid and prize Red Emperor for a Friday night FEAST!

This year will be the FeNaClNg tournament's 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, and the club is looking forward to welcoming players from across the state with their friendly hospitality, warm weather and great squash. Players are invited to set up camp at the courts or stay at nearby accommodation, including the neighbouring Dampier Mermaid Hotel. Matches are played across the Saturday and Sunday, wrapping up with presentations and a closing function on Sunday evening.

When asked who the MVPs at the club are, they proudly beamed "EVERYONE! We are really lucky to have a great community at the club." Special mentions went to President Cal Heath, Treasurer and former Club Captain Silas Briskey, and current Club Captain Simon Keogh.

"These guys work away behind the scenes dotting the I's and crossing the t's to make sure we all have a great squash experience. They are forever looking for ways to advance and improve the club whilst preserving and celebrating the unique atmosphere and set up we have at Dampier. We also have a hardworking team of volunteers who pull together our FeNaClNg tournament each year."

Unfortunately, they are facing the prospect of the courts being demolished to make way for a caravan park. While they are fighting hard to keep their club and maintain their unique facilities, any support they can garner from our wider squash community would be very warmly welcomed.

So if you love their club, courts and the FeNaClNg Tournament as much as we do, please put pen to paper and provide them with a letter of support from your own club to help them with their cause.

Lastly, the club would like to give a shout out to their major sponsors Dampier Community Association, Pilbara Mitsubishi, ChemDry Northwest, and Dampier Mermaid Hotel.













IT'S TIME FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO ENTER THE HEALTHWAY

# INTERSCHOOL SQUASH SERIES

3 person teams | Round Robin competition Point a rally scoring | Timed squash

Tuesday 27 June:

Junior Girls Years 7-9 | Junior Boys Years 7-9

Wednesday 28 June:

Senior Girls Years 10-12 | Senior Boys Years 10-12

Venue: Squashworld Mirrabooka, 1/42 Mirrabooka Ave

Cost: \$8 per student. No registration fee.

Registration: schoolsportwa.com.au by Friday 9 June. More information: development@wasquash.asn.au







# CODE V CODE SQUASH SMACKDOWN



9.30AM - 4PM **SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023** 

SQUASH WA STATE CENTRE 144 ROBINSON AVENUE, BELMONT

HTTPS://WASQUASH.COM.AU/CODE-V-CODE-TEAM-REGISTRATION-FORM/

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#### **JOIN US IN DAMPIER FOR THE** 33RD ANNUAL FENACLNG **SQUASH TOURNAMENT**



The tournament is played in teams of 4 across 4 grades. Each player will have minimum 3 matches over Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have a team but still want to play, please contact us at fenaclngsquashegmail.com and we can do our best to find you a team. Entry Fee = \$90pp inc Friday and Sunday meal.



The tournament kicks off with a Friday night seafood feast caught and cooked by our club members. Sunday evening includes presentations and catered dinner at the club. Included in entry fee.



Camping is available free of charge at the courts. Alternatively, the Dampier Mermaid is nearby or there are other options in Karratha.

# COACHES CORNER with Tim Cowell

**What advice to give during matches?** With a really busy event schedule coming up, I thought it would be worth looking into what advice can you offer players in between games.

There are some classic examples of advice potentially gone wrong. You're playing a pennant match in a team of 3 or 4 players. Maybe you have an extra team mate there along to watch. You've just sat down to have a drink and along comes the team, with the following advice.



'You've got to hit to their back hand more, they make more mistakes there'

'You keep hitting the ball back to them, try to hit it away'

'Too many cross courts, straighten it up'

'they don't read your boasts well, play more boasts'

Everything here contradicts each other. Someone is telling me to hit the ball to my opponent's backhand side, so I am. But it's all I'm doing, so I'm not hitting it back to them a lot. But if my opponent hits it to the FH side, do I hit back to their back hand or hit straight like the other team mate said? Can I boast it to their FH side?

Other things witnessed include a parent speaking to their child, and the word mistakes was mentioned roughly 15 times in about a 60 second period. So every 4 seconds mistakes was the word, what mindset does that put your player in when stepping onto the court.

Every player is different with the way they take in information and how it is reinforced. I've personally always been a very visual learner, so as a junior my coach or mum would be taking some notes of areas of the court where winners/mistakes were occurring for both myself and my opponent. I had a quick visual to go back on court with knowing areas I needed to focus on for the next game. Nowadays it is sometimes more about the questions I'm asking my mid match coach as a sounding board to see if what I'm trying to do is effective or not.

#### Here are a few things to consider.

According to the rules, you have 90 seconds (2 minutes for PSA) to be back on court and ready to play. Not walking on court, but ready to serve. So players should be heading to or on court by the 15 second warning. That leaves 75 seconds remaining. Allow the player 15 odd seconds to get off court and get to a seat, grab their towel and sit down (or stand). 60 seconds remaining.

If you have just come off a really hard rally, your heart rate is potentially quite elevated, you will need some time to catch your breath and get that under control. How much quality information and feedback can you take in with a heart rate 170+? Now have potentially 40 seconds left of quality information between player/coach. Keep it simple with 1 or 2 things to focus on.

Knowing how they are feeling to begin with can help. If they are really gassed out they probably don't want to hear the advice of extend the rallies longer, but maybe they need to slow the game down to recover before extending those rallies.

Someone super anxious and nervous will be playing with blinkers on and probably struggling to find a smooth rhythm with their swing. Once they relax they might be able to play more shots, so until then their instructions might be to simply smash it cross court until you start to relax and find a rhythm. A player in this state of mind will probably struggle to time the ball well enough to keep it tight down the walls so they need to find the next best option they can do. The master game plan you concocted might sound great in theory, but the thing they might only be able to process right now is hit hard length.

Reinforce what is working and ask questions of your player to make sure they took in what you just said. Then you know if your advice was received well or not.

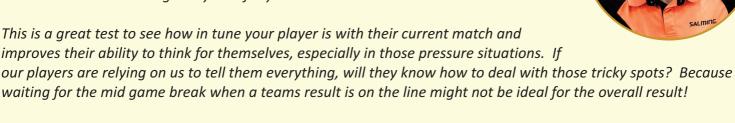
# **COACHES CORNER** with Tim Cowell

Something else to keep in mind, especially for parents new to the sport who are taking on the coaching duties. Know the area's where your player could improve, but rather than telling them, ask them about it.

- How is your length?
- Do you know where your opponent is making their mistakes? What shots are working really well for you.

This is a great test to see how in tune your player is with their current match and improves their ability to think for themselves, especially in those pressure situations. If waiting for the mid game break when a teams result is on the line might not be ideal for the overall result!

Good luck with the upcoming events, and parents, its ok to finish off with one simple reminder every game ... Go on there and have fun:)





#### LEVEL I

#### **AVAILABLE NOW!**

Participants of this course will learn how to prepare a player to compete successfully in a club or tournament environment, along with completing all the necessary administrative requirements.

Participants must be available on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July 2023 to attend at the Squash WA State Centre in Belmont, and be aged 16 years or above on 9 July 2023.

- info@wasquash.asn.au
- Squash WA State Centre, 144 Robinson Avenue, Belmont 6104
- https://learning.squash.org.au/login/index.php

# LET'S PLAY FAIR with Neil Butler

#### Rule 15 - Conduct

Most sports will have Codes of Conduct.

These may be for:-

- Spectators
- Parents and Supporters
- Players and Officials

A qualified referee has to sign a Code of Conduct that in part says:

- I will not bet on the outcome of a match
- I will not drink alcohol a minimum of 8 hours before a match (and during)
- I will not referee a match in which I have a conflict of interest
- Plus a whole lot more

This month we are looking at the Code of Conduct for the players in match.

Why do need one?

From the Rule 15 "Players must not behave in a manner that is unfair, dangerous, abusive, offensive or in any way detrimental to the sport". Unacceptable behaviour includes, but is not limited to:-

- Audible or visible obscenity;
- Verbal, physical or any other form of abuse;
- Unnecessary physical contact, which includes pushing off the opponent;
- Dangerous play, including an excessive racket swing;
- Dissent to an Official;
- Abuse of equipment or court;
- Unfair warm-up;
- Delaying play, including being late back on court;
- Deliberate distraction;
- Receiving coaching during play.

A player guilty of an offence may be given:-

- a Conduct Warning or penalised with:-
- a Conduct Stroke,
- a Conduct Game,
- or a Conduct Match,

depending on the severity of the offence.

The Referee may impose more than one warning, stroke or game to a player for a subsequent similar offence, providing any such penalty may not be less severe than the previous penalty for the same offence.

A warning or a penalty may be imposed by the Referee at any time, including:-

- during the warm-up
- and following the conclusion of the match.

The object of the Code of Conduct is to provide a reasonable level of



#### **Questions of the Month**

- 1. John serves the ball wide onto the side wall. Mary, in attempting to return it, turns and finds that John has moved towards her, and her swing is prevented.
- a) Yes let
- b) No let
- c) Stroke to Mary
- 2. At the end of the game John throws his racquet the length of the court. What should the Referee do?
- a) Nothing
- b) Tell John not to do it again
- c) Apply a Conduct Penalty against John.

Answers on next page >>>



#### **Quote for the Month**

"Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else" — Will Rogers

## LET'S PLAY FAIR with Neil Butler

behaviour and respect for the officials and the sport in general.

History has told us many players have left the sport in particular the competitive side as they had bad experience with refereeing by be abused by the players.

As a referee you set the boundaries of unacceptable behaviour.

Once again from experience a "Conduct Warning" tells the player where the boundary is set.

For example, at the end of the rally the player throws their racket onto the court after losing the game. In this case the referee can award a "Conduct warning (players name) for racquet abuse" either before the player leaves the court or when they come back into the court at the end of the game break. This should tell the player where the boundary has been set by the referee. If the player throws th racquet again whether during the game or at the end the Referee has the choice to award another Warning (unlikely), Conduct Stroke, Conduct Game or Conduct Match!

Use the Code of Conduct wisely and sensibly and the match will be enjoyable for all involved. For further explanations go to WSF Singles Rules for:

- Rule 15 Conduct
- APPENDIX 2 OFFICIAL'S CALLS Clause 2.2 For correct terminology when awarding the various Conducts.

#### Answers to the Referee Quiz:

Q1 - c) Stroke to Mary (Rules 8.6.5 & 8.13.1)
Q2 - c) Apply a Conduct Penalty against John (15.6.6 & 15.9)

## Looking to play squash more often?

#### **Pennant and League Competitions**

7.00pm or 7.30pm start time, 3x 12-14 week seasons per year, home and away style, mixed or ladies competitions available, beginners welcome!

#### Current options are:

- Monday nights
- Tuesday nights
- Wednesday day
- Thursday nights

Can't play every week? Got holidays planned? A FIFO worker? No problem! Just let us know what dates you can't make and we'll work around it.

We are always in need of reserves, so you don't have to wait for the next season to start playing!

https://wasquash.com.au/pennants-leagues/

Scan here to find out more:















2023 Wastate Junior

# Champianships

SQUASH WA STATE CENTRE, BELMONT

INDIVIDUALS: 1-2 JULY TEAMS/ZONES: 3-4 JULY

SIGN UP VIA SPORTYHQ

**ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023** 

THE STATE TEAM IS SELECTED AT THE END OF THE TEAMS/ZONES EVENT.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE STATE TEAM YOU MUST PLAY IN BOTH EVENTS



# **JUNIOR RANKINGS**

## STATE



# Top 5 JUNIOR RANKINGS

### NATIONAL



31 May 2023

U11 Boys	U11 Girls		U11 Boys	U11 Girls
Lucas Curry		1	Benjamin Boardman	Elizabeth Wang
Leonard Bruce		2	Kai Dumbleton	Riyo Kawabata
Noah Tan		3	Grayson Coleman	Yashica Jiwa Mohan
Abhin Behl		4	<b>Lewis Matthews</b>	Abbey Boswell
Ethan Skidmore		5	Wesley Correa	Shara Sumanth
U13 Boys	U13 Girls		U13 Boys	U13 Girls
<b>Domenic Christou</b>	Teagan Scott	1	Kaveen Kohombange	Olivia van Zon
Charlie Richardson	Joey Scott	2	Thomas Wang	Jaida Wigley
Kaelan Penn	Vera Bruce	3	Max Jones	Nadia van Zon
Leo Van Straaten	Olivia Hibbs	4	Jet Lacquiere	Timonaliz Alarcos Kriebisch
Darian Feast	Renee Tan	5	Alek Strojek	Teagan Scott
U15 Boys	U15 Girls		U15 Boys	U15 Girls
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	Jessica Jellis	1	<b>Kasper Cheung</b>	Sarbani Maitra
Alexander Marsh	Kayla Clarke	2	Marcus Wang	Tina Ma
Andreas Christou	Jamie Nunn	3	Flynn Bartlett	Madison Nargar
Luke Jamieson Jr		4	Henry Kross	Maeghan Wang
Jacob Curry		5	Connor Haberecht	Lilly Wilson
U17 Boys	U17 Girls		U17 Boys	U17 Girls
Waldo Vorster	Hannah Slyth	1	Joshua Rahul Raj	Amelie Guziak
Alvaro Blackall	Isla Harris	2	Darcy Hayes	Hannah Slyth
Eric Marsh	<b>Josie Jones</b>	3	Jarrod Atkins	Lijana Sultana
Jonathan Groenewald	<b>Sydney Ennis</b>	4	Haider Naqvi	Emmy Lamb
Trigg Barrett-Lennard	Jasmin Legge	5	Aryan Madan	Joanne Joseph
U19 Boys	U19 Girls		U19 Boys	U19 Girls
Oscar Curtis	Erin Classen	1	Oscar Curtis	Madison Lyon
Dylan Classen	Caitlin Pratt	2	Kenneth Lamb	Courtney Scholtz
Daniel Marsh	Cassandra Willsher	3	Harvey Allan	Shona Coxsedge
<b>Preston Munro</b>	Eva French	4	Daniel Marsh	Caitlin Pratt
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