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Congratulations Will Curtis ... Your debut at the World Junior Teams Championship was awesome.

Curtis won 3 out of 4 matches and helped Australia finish 7th on the final day with a strong win against NZ.

The Prince Junior Super Series gets underway at The Terrace on 3rd September. The 2nd and 3rd events will follow on the 10th and 17th September respectfully. They will also be played at The Terrace.

Preparations are well underway for the State team to travel to Sydney for the Australian Junior Championships.

The squad is hungry and will be trying their absolute best to bring home a number of titles.

The 50th staging of the WA Country Teams will take place on 24-26 September at Squashworld Mirrabooka.

"CountryWeek" is the major squash event for WA country players. Men and Women drive and fly to Perth from all over the state to participate in graded teams.

Entries close at 4pm on Monday 19th September.

The 2nd leg of the South West Grand Prix took place at Busselton on 27th August.

The SWGP Series Points table has been included in this publication.

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WORLD RANKINGS

1 September 2016

WA MEN:	TM:	HWR:
Mike Corren	195	38
David Ilich	316	300
William Curtis	390	359
Tim Cowell	470	178

TM: This Month

HWR: Highest World Ranking

2016 WA Squash Hall of Fame

WA Squash will induct Helen Muir (nee Plaisted) into the WA Squash Hall of Fame this year. Helen will join the other inductees:

2012 Ken Watson, Barbara Wall, Dean Williams and Robyn Lambourne and 2014 Dianne Davis, Barbara Oldfield, Debra Majteles and Cath Bellemore.

Helen from Kalgoorlie had a great career in the 1960s to 70s playing with the likes of Heather McKay.

The 2016 Hall of Fame is on
Saturday 29 October



The WA State Junior team (the WASPS) were runners up at the Australian Junior Team Championships last year.

Whilst that was a significant improvement becoming competitive against the Queensland Sharks, as a Combined team, requires a fresh approach to how we are preparing.

So this year we engaged the services of renowned Aussie coach Roger Flynn and held 3 Performance Camps.

Flynn ran the Victorian Institute of Sport - Squash Unit before becoming the National Coach of Scotland.

Flynn was full of praise for the initiative taken by WA Squash:

"WA Squash undertook a major step up in its preparation of representative teams for the Australian Junior Championships this year.

Bringing players and their coaches from all over Western Australia together on a

regular basis is a logistically difficult task but one that has been embraced this year in order to raise the standard of performances.

A major part of the initiative has been to bring in experts to up-skill local coaches by getting them involved in all aspects of the program - as well as by conducting specific workshops and other updating activities.

The enthusiastic response by both players and coaches has vindicated the innovative approach and with WA players poised to take out many of the national titles, this should send a message to other states about the comprehensive approach taken by WA Squash.

This forward thinking initiative has been supported by significant investment by Healthways, the Department of Sport and Recreation, the Professional Squash Coaches Association of Australia and the Bridgetown Camp School."





WA SQUASH HALL OF FAME DINNER

INDUCTING HELEN MUIR

29TH OCTOBER 2016

7PM-LATE

ROYAL PERTH GOLF CLUB

(LABOUCHERE RD, SOUTH PERTH)

\$85.00 - THREE COURSE MEAL

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TICKET SALES CLOSE 29TH SEPTEMBER**

WILL CURTIS

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Championship

MAIN DRAW:

ROUND 1 Sat 06/08/2016

William Curtis (AUS) def Jan Siegle (GER) 3-11 11-6 11-8 11-8

ROUND 2 Sat 06/08/2016

William Curtis (AUS) lost to Ng Ka Yiu (HK) 11-6 11-13 5-11 6-11

SPECIAL PLATE:

ROUND 1 Bye

ROUND 2 Sun 07/08/2016

William Curtis (AUS) lost to Ricardo
Toscano (Guatemala)
12-10 11-4 9-11 4-11 7-11

Team Championship

Day 1 Pool Match: DNP

Day 2 Pool Match:

[10] **AUSTRALIA** def [13] GUATEMALA 2/1

William Curtis def Roberto Urruela Bowen
11-0, 11-5, 11-2 (17m)

Day 3 Play-offs 1st - 12th place: DNP

Day 4 Quarter Finals:

[2] PAKISTAN def [10] **AUSTRALIA** 3/0

Abbas Shoukat def **William Curtis**
11-6, 11-3 (20m)

Day 5 Play-offs 5-8:

[3] FRANCE def [10] **AUSTRALIA** 2/1

Rohan Mandil lost to **William Curtis**
11-5, 3-11, 13-11, 6-11, 2-11

Day 6 Play off for 7th place:

[10] **AUSTRALIA** bt [9] NEW ZEALAND 2/1

William Curtis def Sam Sayes 11-5, 3-11, 11-6, 11-7



The Australian Team finished 7th ... Our best result since 2002!
In 2002 we finished 4th.

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WILL CURTIS

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



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GREG CHAN

HONG KONG JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPION

Last month Australia's best U13 junior **Greg Chan** won an International Title when he took out the Hong Kong Junior Open.

That's right ... An Aussie winning an International event! Sadly these days that is a rarity. What captured the attention of many was the way in which Chan did it.

Firstly, Chan was seeded 9-16. Just reaching the semi final was a wonderful achievement. If he lost the semi everyone would have understood given he was facing the #1 seed Malaysian Lim Kai Shan Andrik.

Fortunately, Chan isn't overawed by seedings or reputations. He just gets on the court and does his "thing". So when he beats the #1 seed 11-9, 11-9, 11-5 people stand up and take notice. What a fantastic achievement!

If that was as far as Chan went then once again everyone would have been delighted. If he was going to win the final he would basically have to repeat his last performance against the second string Malaysian Chandaran Ameeshenraj who was seeded #2.

Chan began well taking the opening game 11-6. But suddenly, Chan had a fight on his hands when he lost the next two games narrowly 9-11, 10-12. Facing the prospect of having to reverse the trend Chan began to slowly but surely take control of the match and grind out a magnificent win 11-4, 11-4 to take the title.

Chan's coach is Sue Hillier. Understandably, Hillier is very proud of Chan's achievements and pleased the family chose Vic Park.

Chan's Mum Ping said "We chose Vic Park Squash because the club was referred to us by a squash friend. Also knowing that Sue Hillier was the resident coach and WA Squash Junior Development Officer, we believed it would be a strong club for the development of young players."

The family came to WA in early 2014. Greg is the youngest of 4 children. Later in that same year, Chan won his first major title becoming the U11 Australian Junior Champion and he hasn't looked back.

Chan's Mum Ping said they chose Perth "because it is the most beautiful city in Australia. The weather is perfect except the few extremely hot summer days. The city is just the right size for a conducive family life".

Chan's coach was full of praise for her young charge "As a coach what stands out the most for me is that Greg has a great temperament on the court whether he wins or loses, he always has a smile, which is rare for someone so young".

"It is obvious Greg enjoys playing the game, he focuses on how he plays and the risks he takes not on the actual outcome. His game is not the usual up and down the wall, which is what makes him stand out".

GREG CHAN

HKJO CHAMPION

"He is now playing in our Vic Park in-house competition against the adults having worked his way to the #1 position in the team. The #2 players are happy that Greg and our other juniors have moved up to the #1 position. It is quite difficult for someone so young to be able to handle winning and losing to adults, he does this so well that he has earned respect from his opponents. A great achievement these days".

"As a coach I am working on Greg's discipline, whilst ensuring he can still play the way he likes. The difficulty as a coach is to make sure that he keeps enjoying the game and doesn't burn out by the time he is 18. Remember he is only 13 years old".

Chan is now preparing for the Australian Junior Championships in Sydney in September.



GREG CHAN

The reigning Australian Open and Closed Champion will soon be requiring a much bigger trophy cabinet soon!



GREG CHAN Trophy Cabinet

2016	U13 Hong Kong Junior Open Champion
2016	U13 WA State Champion
2016	U13 Australian Junior Open Champion
2015	U13 Australian Junior Closed Champion
2014	U11 Australian Junior Closed Champion





JUNIOR

SUPER SERIES

EVENT 1

Saturday, 3rd September
TERRACE SQUASH

EVENT 2

Saturday, 10th September
TERRACE SQUASH

EVENT 3

Saturday, 17th September
TERRACE SQUASH

TOURNAMENT DRAW

- One day ability based events
- Grades of 8 players dependent on entries
- Each player scheduled to play 3 matches

TOURNAMENT POINTS

ENTRY POINTS
= 100 points

GAMES WON
= 10 points
(includes byes & forfeits)

ENTRY FEES

1 X EVENT \$25.00
2 X EVENTS \$50.00
3 X EVENTS \$50.00

Note: Player lunch is included
in all entry fees

PRIZES FOR THE TOP 10 POINTS WINNERS OVER THE SERIES

ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY, 26TH AUGUST



WA FRIDAY NIGHT MASTERS

Marion Bradshaw Reports

Friday Night Masters 2016 - Season One Finals

Masters' players are a friendly, fun loving, sociable bunch. They enjoy their squash and they enjoy the camaraderie of playing new and familiar faces.

Friday Night Masters is WA Masters' Squash regular Friday Night Competition. Held at **Blue Gum Squash Centre** it is supported by a lively group of regulars who play to win but in the Masters' spirit enjoy each other's company win or lose. New comers and reserve players are always welcomed affably and are invited to share a chat and a hearty supper.



Joan Dreghorn

The recent FNM Season 1 finals night was another fun night filled with some good close squash and some friendly rivalry. Ten prizes were awarded to regular players (played at least 10 weeks) with the best average points scored, two prizes, mens and ladies, for Most Consistent (best over all average points) and one prize to the player judged Most Improved over the season.

Prizewinners:

Most Consistent:

Bas Kucklekorn / Joan Dreghorn

Most Improved:

John Gvozdenovic

Best Average:

Bas Kucklekorn, Dave MacAulay, Peter Rinaldi, Alex Purdon, Lorna Roberts, Marton Nicholas, Stuart Thorpe, Christine Tolley, Audrey Lazaroo and Joan Dreghorn

Attendance prizes:

awarded to players who attended every night (17 weeks):

Craig Dennis, Roger Cargill, Stuart Thorpe and Marton Nicholas.



● Peter

● Stuart

● Marton



WA MASTERS DINNER DANCE

Marion Bradshaw Reports

Fun, social, friendly, young at heart, love their squash and love to dance; that's how I describe Masters' players. Especially those who danced the night away at the 2016 WAMS Dinner Dance, held at the Civic Hotel on August 6th. **Thank you** to the **Civic Hotel** who made organising the event easy, **Blue Cow Cheese** for the cheese board and **Glenn Burf DJ** extraordinaire, whose job was made easy by the Masters' enthusiasm for dance as evidenced by a full dance floor all night. I think the photos tell the story. Here are just a few:



1 Theresa Wilkes and Joe Mihaly
2 Di Cook
3 Vic and Rhonda Thomas



SOUTH WEST GRAND PRIX

Leanne French Reports

On Saturday 27 August, Busselton Squash Club hosted the Busselton Junior Tournament for the first time in 16 years.

It was the 2nd event in the South West Grand Prix Series. We had 45 entries, the biggest contingent being 14 representing the Marmion Club.

It was great to see some Busselton Juniors playing in their first ever tournament.

The competition between all divisions was hard fast, with everyone keen to get the day underway. Nigel, as usual, was organized and on the ball. Following the briefing it was game on!

The Busselton Babes provided awesome morning tea and lunch for all. The parents and supporters were very impressed. We couldn't get any feedback from the juniors... they were too busy eating to reply!

The finals were all hotly contested, with the two Dylans providing the standout match of the day! It was reminiscent of the story of David and Goliath and right up until the end it looked like young Dylan would be a surprise winner.

However, in the 5th game, Dylan Morris was able to settle his nerves to prevail triumphant.

Congratulations to all the winners and runner ups. We look forward to seeing everyone at the final tournament of the South West Grand Prix Series in

Manjimup on 5th November. We have been told if there are enough numbers to justify a two-day tournament, Mike will let all the juniors sleep over at the Manji courts!! There's a challenge for everyone.

Thank you to the amazing sponsors and supporters of the Busselton Junior Tournament and Busselton Squash Club Committee, Beccy Thomas (Junior Coordinator), Christine Harris (Junior Coach) and Adam Taylor (Junior Coach).

Division 1

Winner: Remi Young

2nd: Kane Holman 3rd: Joshua Blakey

Division 2

Winner: Calan Harris

2nd: Olivia Bunter 3rd: Georgia Charles

Division 3

Winner: Austin Pianta

2nd: Kai Whittaker 3rd: Bayley Ponton

Division 4

Winner: Dylan Morris

2nd: Dylan Clemesha-Haggett

3rd: Aiyana Morris

Division 5

Winner: Caleb Felton

2nd: Jaiden Dorsman

3rd: Ashlee Skelton

Division 6

Winner: Ava Pianta

2nd: Aliviya Arends 3rd: Luke Felton

CONGRATULATIONS

SOUTH WEST GRAND PRIX



Everybody's Gym Best and Fairest Award Caleb Felton

Caleb received an Everybody's Gym - Strength and Conditioning Voucher.

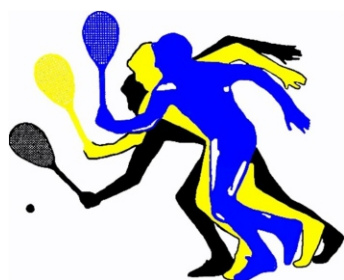
Photo: Caleb Felton and Shaun from Everybody's Gym.



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SOUTH WEST GRAND PRIX



Busseton Junior Tournament



Div 6



Div 4



Div 5



Div 3



Div 2



Div 1

All photos courtesy of Adam Taylor

NEXT EVENT:

NOV 5 - SW Grand Prix Manjimup Junior Tournament

SOUTH WEST GRAND PRIX

2016 South West Grand Prix Series Points

	BUN	BUS	TOT		BUN	BUS	TOT
Dylan Morris	32	32	64	Isabella Diver	6	20	26
Remi Young	32	32	64	Ashley Skelton	0	24	24
Aliviya Arends	28	28	56	Bayley Ponton	0	24	24
Olivia Bunter	28	28	56	Eva French	16	8	24
Kai Whittaker	24	28	52	Luke Felton	0	24	24
Kane Holman	24	28	52	Matilda Blakey	24	0	24
Austin Pianta	12	32	44	Michaela Pratt	20	4	24
Brad Ward	20	20	40	Josh Mitchell	6	16	22
Josh Blakey	16	24	40	Alicia Boey	20	0	20
Kaleb Sands	24	16	40	Cameron Roth	20	0	20
Olivia Lindsey	28	12	40	Jack Coppard	20	0	20
Addison Fell	24	12	36	Jake Hall	0	20	20
Georgia Charles	12	24	36	Sophie Bell	0	20	20
Khyla Cheema	20	16	36	Aleisha Thivy	0	16	16
Jaiden Dorsman	6	28	34	Caitlyn Pratt	12	4	16
Aiyana Morris	8	24	32	Damon Blakey	8	8	16
Aled Phillip-Johns	32	0	32	Oscar Lindsey	16	0	16
Ava Pianta	0	32	32	Brittney Fenn	12	0	12
Ben Robbins	32	0	32	Cody Crane	0	12	12
Calan Harris	0	32	32	Finlay Galt	0	12	12
Caleb Felton	0	32	32	Jade Woods	12	0	12
Harvey Pianta	28	4	32	Millar Johnson	2	8	10
Isaac Pesce	16	16	32	Amber Pearce	0	8	8
Isabella French	32	0	32	Brennan Pratt	0	8	8
Isla Crane	12	20	32	Emily Grinter	8	0	8
Maxine Salter	16	16	32	Ethan Baldwin-Wright	8	0	8
Pascale Louka	32	0	32	Riley Wilding	8	0	8
Abel Jin	28	0	28	Jonathan Groenewald	6	0	6
Dylan Clemesha-Haggett	0	28	28	Michael Bartie	6	0	6
Ethan Wynbergen	28	0	28	Zac Ponton	0	4	4
Joel Polglase	8	20	28	Emmet Johnson	3	0	3
Kael Owen	24	4	28	Ruby Brandon Stewar	3	0	3
Max Forbes	16	12	28	Taelin Wynbergen	2	0	2



WA
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Top 4 **JUNIOR RANKINGS**

August 2016



BOYS U19

1. William Curtis - VP
2. Damon MacMillan - MAR
3. Tye Harland - ESP
4. Jack Osborn - GER

BOYS U17

1. Jack Osborn - GER
2. Trey Mackenzie - ESP
3. Kane Holman - MAR
4. Callum Blakey - MAR

BOYS U15

1. Remi Young - MAR
2. Abel Jin - VP
3. Gregory Chan - VP
4. Oscar Curtis - VP

BOYS U13

1. Gregory Chan - VP
2. Oscar Curtis - VP
3. Dylan Classen - MAR
4. Oscar Lindsey - MAR

BOYS U11

1. Augustus Davis - BUN
2. Daniel Marsh - MG
3. Eric Marsh - MG
4. Finlay Galt - MAR

GIRLS U19

1. Kiara Rogers - MAR
2. Zoe Massam - ESP
3. Jade Woods - EG
4. Pascale Louka - VP

GIRLS U17

1. Kiara Rogers - MAR
2. Jade Woods - EG
3. Pascale Louka - VP
4. Olivia Lindsey - MAR

GIRLS U15

1. Pascale Louka - VP
2. Erin Classen - MAR
3. Isabella French - BUN
4. Olivia Bunter - MAR

GIRLS U13

1. Erin Classen - MAR
2. Jamie Tsangaris - EXM
3. Bayley Ponton - MAR
4. Caitlin Pratt - NAR

GIRLS U11

1. Isla Harris - MOR
2. Ruby Brandon-Stewart - MAR
3. Celeste Brown - MG
4. Hannah Slyth - SUB

EVENT CALENDAR

AUG 13-14

Blue Gum Junior Tournament
Bluegum

AUG 27 SW Grand Prix

Busselton Junior Tournament
Busselton

SEP 3 Squash Magic

Super Series Event 1
Terrace

SEP 10 Squash Magic

Super Series Event 2
Terrace

SEP 16-17

Squashworks Open
Belmont

SEP 17 Squash Magic

Super Series Event 3
Terrace

SEP 24-26 Country Week

WA Country Teams
50th Annual Championship
Squashworld Mirrabooka

OCT 29

WA Squash Hall of Fame Dinner

NOV 5 - SW Grand Prix

Manjimup Junior Tournament
Manjimup

NOV 18-19

Masters
Spring Teams Tournament
Squash Factory



WA Country Teams
50th Annual Championship
September 24th - 26th September 2016

Country Week

50

TEAM ENTRY FEE \$100

**NEW LADIES A GRADE
INDIVIDUALS DRAW***



**BBQ Bash on
Sunday \$10 pp
at Mirrabooka**

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Karrinyup Waters Resort
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