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SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER : JULY 2023





June 2023		PSA PLAYER:	TM:	HWR:
	WORLD RANKINGS	Mike Corren	258	38
		Oscar Curtis	329	329
		Remi Young	391	391
		David Ilich	522	210
		Dylan Classen	762	762
		Erin Classen	188	188
Pascale Louka		241	241	
		TM: This Month		
		HWR: Highest World Ranking		

I only have admiration for the presentation and branding at the 2023 Inter-School Championships held at Belmont. Firstly, the new WA Logo was on full display. Secondly, the trophies were absolutely awesome and lastly, there was fantastic appreciation of the major sponsor - Healthways and in particular the "Fuel to Go & Play" program. Congratulations to all the people involved ... 10/10!



With June-July being junior squash peak hour, I'll be keeping it short and sweet this month ...

Firstly, the change of name from 'WA Squash' to 'Squash WA' has been rolling out fairly smoothly. Our email addresses are all now 'squashwa.asn.au' and website 'squashwa.com.au' so please update our contact details accordingly. We have a re-direction set up for our emails though, so emails sent to the old format will still reach us for a while.



One of our goals has been to secure funds to provide a visual representation of our Junior Development Pathway to identify each of the different squads. Thanks to the support of Rio Tinto, we are excited to announce that we will be providing loan shirts for our Club Development and Talent Squads. These will be presented to the juniors that are offered positions within these squads, and then returned once the junior moves out of the squad.

We will also be able to provide shirts to the State Team juniors who will be representing Western Australia this coming September in Queensland. See below the draft designs for the three groups.



I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Roxy Edery who has recently joined the office team. Roxy is a junior parent and volunteer so has already got a lot of knowledge about our operations, particularly in relation to Junior Development Pathways. Roxy is currently working on Tuesdays and Thursday so you will no doubt hear from her at some stage. Please make her feel welcome.

Lastly, [MySquashAUS](#) (the centralised hub where revolutioniseSPORT and Squash Levels come together) is well and truly rolling out. At the moment, Western Australia is one of the leading states in the take up of the new platform. Not that it's a competition, but it's nice to know that WA is up there! It is vital that Clubs are now all on board. If anyone wants to know more about MySquashAUS, please contact your Club Committee or the Squash WA office.

This and various other important information will be covered in the next Clubs Forum on Wednesday 12 July from 6.30pm for around an hour, here at the Squash WA State Centre in Belmont. We hope to see representatives from as many Clubs from across WA as possible. If you're unable to be here in person, please let the office know and we will provide you with a Zoom link. Please note this is for Club Committee members and MySquashAUS Administrators only.

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

2023: July to December

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	FeNaCLNG 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
OCT	13 - 14	Cambridge Open	Senior		Cambridge
OCT	27 - 29	Busselton Invitational			Busselton
NOV	17 - 19	Great Southern Wheatbelt <i>Teams</i> Event			Katanning
DEC	1 - 3	WA Closed	Senior		TBC
DEC	1 - 3	WA Closed	Junior	Silver	TBC



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Thanks Kylie Siebert ... WOW! What a weekend.

June 2nd – 4th 2023 saw 130 players descend on Kalgoorlie-Boulder for the 51st City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Golden Open Tournament. With 3 divisions in Juniors, 7 divisions in Men's, 5 divisions in Women's, a PSA Mens, PSA Women's and a Men's Masters the courts were buzzing.

Eastern Goldfields Squash Racquet Association hosted players, spectators and sponsors on the Friday night for a sponsors evening, recognising the support of local companies whose financial donations made the tournament possible. Friday night was also the start of the competition, with PSA qualifying happening on court 2 and several divisions getting their first games underway.



Peter Siebert and John Matthews with Joseph White

Beer was flowing thanks to Beaten Track Brewery and Royce Newton and ended with squashies hitting the town or beaming over to their accommodation. Saturday morning saw a few sore heads finding their way to their courts and putting in a mighty effort to give their opponent a game or two. Between the matches people sought substance from the canteen where local Kalgoorlie members had cooked up some yummy dishes from curry to pasta and even pork and gravy rolls. But as always, the toasties were on top of the food chain and were being delivered around the courts all day long.

Saturday was a big day of games and dancing (annual Gold Bar visit) which saw Sunday start with a few weary looks coming through the doors. But the show must go on and that is what our amazing squashies did to result in the final matches.

Amongst all the amazing final matches, the men's PSA Final was a memorable one with Sri Lankan Ravindi Laksiri defeating Aussie Joseph White 3-2. Game one was 19 minutes of edge of your seat squash with the whole match lasting a whooping 72 minutes. Lucky for Mr Laksiri it didn't last any longer as he had a plane to catch, he made it on the flight with 2



minutes to spare.

Women's PSA saw defending Champ Erin Classen triumph over Sophie Fadaely in four. It was a strong first game from Sophie, but Erin found ways to change the game to get her the victory.

The tournament ended upstairs with presentations, amazing food from De Bernales, dance moves from Vic Park and DJ skills from Mr Sean Beckett. Thank you to Grainy for your amazing Box Game hosting skills and congratulations to our Box Game winners, Erin, Joey, Alisha and Aliviya.

A big thank you to Janelle Hanks, Papa Siebs, Will Gentsch and the AMAZING EGSRA members who volunteered. We really couldn't host this tournament without you all.

We as a club are very grateful for the support of all the players and spectators that joined us on the weekend (we know it is a big trip!).

One thing we admire so much about hosting the tournament is the community that comes with it. There is something to be said about the squash community outside of just our own clubs, when we all join up together it is like a big family reunion. How special it was over the weekend to catch up with those we haven't seen in a while and to hear about their triumphs and hardships. Squash goes beyond a sport and that was felt and seen over the whole weekend. Until next year ...

Golden Open		Kalgoorlie 2-4 June 2023	
Event	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Mens Open	Ravindu Laksiri	Joseph White	
Mens Div 1	Daniel Marsh	Jason Patmore	Lewis Christie
Mens Div 2	Brendan Marsh	Luke Seiner	Mark Rukuata
Mens Div 3	Callum Smart	Travis Hosking	William Gentsch
Mens Div 4	Ashton Clement	Royce Newton	Brendan Scott
Mens Div 5	Luke Missak	Luke Scott	Jamie Stringer
Mens Div 6	John Smith	Ehtisham Qaiser	Henco Smit
Mens Div 7	Callan Andrews	Gerard Sherlock	Ben Wilson
Masters	Brad Grinter	Kane Fasolo	Daniel Zande
Ladies Open	Erin Classen	Sophie Fadaely	Pascale Louka
Ladies Div 1	Clare Slyth	Fiona Whooley	
Ladies Div 2	Prue O'Neill	Josie Jones	Bec Ilich
Ladies Div 3	Carrie Hosking	Tayah Gardner	Joey Scott
Ladies Div 4	Jessica Jellis	Blair Siebert	Laney Rawling
Ladies Div 5	Sarah Davis	Molly Rafter	Barbara Hermisen
Juniors Div 1	Daniel Marsh	Alexander Marsh	Luke Jamieson Jnr
Juniors Div 2	Teagan Scott	Jessica Jellis	Joey Scott
Juniors Div 3	Gurudutt Suvarna	Douglas Petersen	Arnav Shetty



2023 City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Golden Open: PSA Men's Open

[1] Joseph White def [10] Ryu Jeongmin 11-5, 11-3, 11-8 (27m)	[3] Nicholas Calvert def [9] David Turner 9-11, 11-6, 11-1, 11-3 (39m)	[4] Mike Corren def [7] Oscar Curtis 11-8, 11-5, 6-11, 4-11, 11-7 (48m)	[2] Ravindu Laksiri def [8] Tate Norris 11-6, 7-11, 13-11, 11-2 (51m)
[1] Joseph White def [3] Nicholas Calvert 11-4, 11-6, 11-7 (38m)	[2] Ravindu Laksiri def [4] Mike Corren 11-8, 11-5, 7-11, 11-5 (33m)		
[2] Ravindu Laksiri def [1] Joseph White 14-12, 5-11, 7-11, 11-8, 11-7 (72m)			



2023 Golden Open Champions

Peter Siebert and John Matthews, representing platinum sponsor City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, made the presentation to 2023 Golden Open Champions Ravindu Laksiri and Erin Classen



2023 City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Golden Open: PSA Ladies Open

[1] Sophie Fadaely def [7] Lisa Christou 11-6, 11-5, 11-7 (16m)	[3] Pascale Louka def [5] Clare Slyth 11-3, 11-3, 11-5 (14m)	[4] Hannah Slyth def [6] Fiona Whooley 11-5, 11-2, 11-1 (15m)	[2] Erin Classen def [8] Michaela Pratt 11-5, 11-5, 11-4 (17m)
[1] Sophie Fadaely def [3] Pascale Louka 12-10, 12-10, 11-9 (23m)	[2] Erin Classen def [4] Hannah Slyth 11-4, 11-2, 9-11, 11-1 (32m)		
[2] Erin Classen def [1] Sophie Fadaely 6-11, 11-5, 11-4, 11-9 (33m)			



Mens Div 1



Mens Div 2



Mens Div 3



Mens Div 4



Mens Div 4



Mens Div 5



Mens Div 6



Mens Div 7



Masters



Juniors Div 1



Juniors Div 2



Juniors Div 3



PSA Ladies Open



Ladies Div 1



Ladies Div 2



Ladies Div 3



Ladies Div 4



Ladies Div 5

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Thanks Warren Oliver! 54 Players from the Southwest and Perth competed in the 37th Southwest Squash Masters Teams event over the weekend 23-25 June, back in Busselton at the Sebel Resort after five years in Bunbury. The event started on Friday afternoon 23 June and wrapped up on Sunday 25 June. The Tournament comprised three divisions with players aged from 35 years to late their 70s. It's the biggest Masters squash event outside of Perth and one of the longest running. It's humbling to think that this competition started in Busselton in 1987 with only 25 players!

This year saw 19 players compete for the first time, 11 of these being elite state players occupying top division one positions. This led to some extremely high quality of squash being played. Each division completed in two pools of three players, with the top team from each pool playing off in the finals on Sunday. Busselton produced 13 players playing across all three divisions, of which seven made it through to the finals.



The coveted Division 1 shield was taken out by team 'Winds of Treasure' which included Perth top-level player Greg Laurence along with Busselton's Dave Windsor, Chris Richards and Warren Oliver. They defeated team 'SA all the Way' who was made up of Anthony Shear, Leigh-Anne Kaye and Marc Kaye. The result was three games to five in a fixture of extremely high standards, long rallies, incredible touch, and at times what seemed impossible retrievals, to keep the rallies going.

Chris lost 1 to 2 games against Marc and then Dave won 2 to 1 against Leigh in a very tight match which left the final match live. The first two games were so tight with some amazing gets, superb volleys and incredible power, before Greg dominated in the last game. Both Chris and Warren played up from their Division two positions.

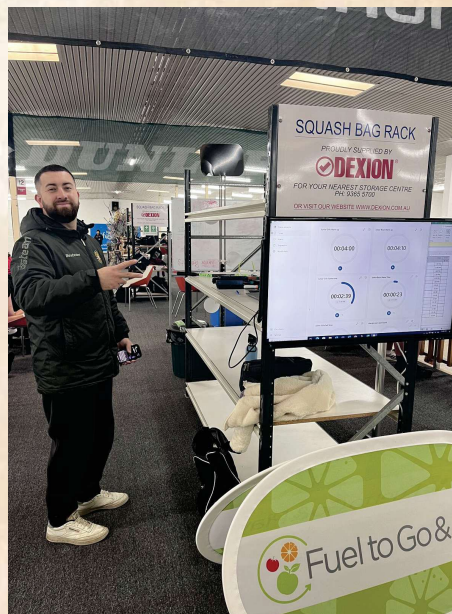
Division 2 was taken out by '3's Company' made up of Busselton's Warren Oliver, Bunbury's Amol Agrawal and Katanning's Jim Hine, over the 'Cambridge Lobs' team of James Barr, Mason Woods and Barb Wood, five games to four in a very close fixture. Jim lost one game to two to Barb who ran just about everything down, but the game he won was very close. As did Amol; with one game in Amol's match against Mason, and one game to 22-20 in a game played to 15 points (or 2 in front), it was possibly the longest game of the weekend. Warren then won 3-0 with all games being very close – who also went through the weekend undefeated

Division 3 saw Busselton's 'Jetty Jumpers' team of Chris Harris, Matt Suriani and Ngaire Ayres, defeat team 'Canningvale Punters' of Paul Abercrombie and Mark Vandervart (who were both playing in their very first tournament) along with Busselton's Fred Piekarek. The match started with Ngaire going down to Mark 0-3, before Matt equalised against Paul 3-0, and in doing so Matt went through the weekend without dropping a single game (the only player to achieve this feat this year). This left a very interesting finals match in which Chris lost the first game against Fred, before having to pull out all stops to win the second game 17-15. Despite having match point against Chris, she went on to win the third game 15-11 and in doing so won the shield for the team. This was probably the match of the weekend for division three!

2023 SW Masters Teams : 23-25 June 2023		
	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
DIV 1	Winds of Treasure Greg Laurence Dave Windsor Chris Richards / Warren Oliver	SA all the Way Anthony Shear Leigh-Anne Kaye Marc Kaye
DIV 2	3's Company Warren Oliver Amol Agrawal Jim Hine	Cambridge Lobs James Barr Mason Woods Barb Wood
DIV 3	Jetty Jumpers Chris Harris Matt Suriani Ngaire Ayres	Canningvale Punters Fred Piekarek Paul Abercrombie Mark Vandervart

Saturday night saw 58 people socialising at Tonic by the Bay in which we recognised 16 players who had competed in the tournament 10 or more times, with Warren Oliver, Linda McBrierty, Chris Champ, and George Reid all having played more than 20 times! All 10 year plus players were given a Busselton Squash Club wine goblet as a memento. Over the past 35 years, 590 players have played at least once in the tournament!

Busselton Squash Club would like to thank its many sponsors including **Sports Power**, **Bunnings**, **Retravisio**n, **Discount Drug Stores**, **SW Cheeky Butchers**, **Shelter**, **Moon Haven**, **St John Ambulance**, and **Wayne Evans** (who played 17 times, and was the only player to be part of Busselton's first four division titles starting in 2003) for suppling the very popular Crayfish in the raffle. Lastly, thanks to **Brian Roby** for the compiling the draws.



Thanks Chris Castro! I'm delighted to share with the squash community a rundown of the 2023 Healthway Interschool Squash Competition which took place on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 July. It was an exciting event that showcased exceptional talent, intense competition, and a commitment to inclusivity. The competition brought together athletes from various schools, fostering an atmosphere of camaraderie, sportsmanship, and growth within the squash community.

Winners:

Junior Girls – Ursula Frayne Catholic College
Junior Boys – Willetton Senior High School
Senior Girls – Ursula Frayne Catholic College
Senior Boys – Wesley College

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Willetton Senior High School for their triumph in the Junior Boys division, Ursula Frayne Catholic College for their victories in both the Junior Girls and Senior Girls divisions, and Wesley College for their achievement in the Senior Boys division. Your remarkable performances inspire us all and set the bar high within school squash!

I would like to highlight the commitment to inclusivity and community engagement that the event demonstrated. The Interschool Squash Competition provides a platform to welcome non-squash players, introducing them to the sport through a welcoming environment. We hope all participants had a positive and enjoyable experience, and warmly invite them to continue their squash journey through our Junior Development Pathway initiatives.

Heartfelt thanks goes to all the participating schools, coaches, teachers, parents and volunteers for their invaluable contributions to the success of the vent. Your dedication, support, and enthusiasm helps us to create a vibrant and thriving squash community.

Special mention to Aidan Mascaro, Kyle Mascaro, Daniel Marsh, Eric Marsh, Alexander Marsh, Jasmin Legge, Brendan Scott, Luke Scott, Andreas Christou, Domenic Christou, Jerome Tan, Charlie Richardson, Arye BernSousa, Antonin Cerny, Joey Scott and Renee Tan – who represented their respective schools. They demonstrated great sportsmanship and athleticism while being fantastic role models of the game to those who competed that don't regularly participate in the sport.

Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped organise their teams in the lead-up to the event, and for helping me out during the competition. Special thanks to Sue Hiller, Leigh-Anne Kaye, Katy Scott and Serena Richardson for their hard work and guidance in the lead up to, and during, the event.

Finally, thank you to Healthway and Fuel to Go & Play for their support and positive messages about consuming healthy food and drink. All players were offered a Fuel to Go & Play water bottle and free fruit. Winners and runner ups were also presented with Fuel to Go & Play cooler bags.



Junior Boys W: Willetton



Junior Boys RU: Governor Stirling



Junior Girls W: Ursula Frayne



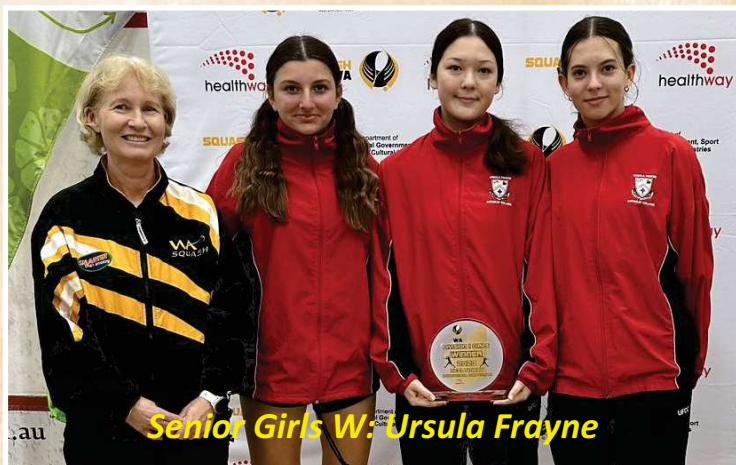
Junior Girls RU: Perth Modern



Senior Boys W: Wesley



Senior Boys RU: Ursula Frayne



Senior Girls W: Ursula Frayne



*Winners - Senior Girls,
Junior Boys and Junior Girls*



Wesley College



Ursula Frayne Catholic College



Perth Modern



Perth Modern



Shenton College



Governor Stirling



Willetton



Ursula Frayne Catholic College



Willetton



John Forrest College



Div 1 : Winners



Div 1 : Runners Up



Div 2 : Winners



Div 2 : Runners Up

2023 Autumn Day League Grand Final		
	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
DIV 1	HIGHLANDERS Nick Siebris / Tony Cottis: 3-2 Scott Morley / Ray Bell: 3-1 Carmel Jardim	TOPGUNS Graham Follington / Graham Patrick Vic Thomas Peter Walters: 3-0
	UNBREAKABLE Roger Campbell Sharon Franklin: 3-1 Sue Guy / Jeremy Jacko: 3-0	HELLBENT Pat Barker: 3-1 Russell Chandler / Julie Banfield Stephen Barrow
DIV 3	GHOSTBUSTERS Pam Butler: 3-2 Nikki McCullough: 3-1 Wendy Shaw: 3-1 Kerry Maher	INVINCIBLE Rhonda Hitchins / Deb Keally Quita Cass Kevin Prunster Marina Leather: 3-2
	CASABLANCA Marlene Morphett Anne Holder: 3-2 Andrea Williams: 3-0 Ingrid Driffil: 3-0	DEPERADOES Chantell Garrett: 3-0 Jill Newland Robyn Delavale Nicky Carosella
MVPs : Most Valuable Players		
Div 1 : Ian Shaw		Div 2 : Tim Claudius
Div 3 : Rhonda Hitchins		Div 4 : Jill Ireland
CLUB TROPHY : Marmion		



Div 3 : Winners



Div 3 : Runners Up



Div 4 : Winners



Div 4 : Runners Up



Most Valuable Players



Club Trophy : Marmion

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**SQUASH
WA**





This month we caught up with the legends at Mirrabooka Squash Club!

Mirrabooka Squash Club is based out of the biggest centre in Australia – Squashworld Mirrabooka, so get to host a wide variety of events and tournaments. Some of the annual events that take place are their Club Champs, the junior Squash-a-thon, Country Week, the WA Open and HEAD Junior Classic, Red Hot Summer Teams Challenge, and more. Recently, the Australian Junior Championships and World Transplant Games were also held at Mirrabooka!

What does an average week look like at Mirrabooka? “The metro pennant and league competitions visit us on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The centre runs King of the Court on Tuesday and Friday nights and a Saturday Social session. The Club runs the junior program which has the most junior members out of any other Club in Western Australia. The in-house league (Wednesday nights) boasts 12+ divisions of 8 people – it is hands down the busiest night of the week.”

We then asked the crew who some of their MVPs are. “Rich Grain recently stepped down after 8 years of presidential leadership. Grainy was instrumental in the backyard and club room renovations, hosting of Country Week and other major events, and a massive driver of country and metro participation. Leigh Kaye has been a passionate contributor over many years, in particular in areas of coaching, governance and finance, and continues to be a valuable knowledge source in these areas. Kane Fasolo (affectionately known as the Godfather of Squash) works in collaboration with the Club to ensure its guests and members have the best experience possible. Junior Coordinator Serena Richardson has worked tirelessly alongside super coach Tim Cowell to build the junior program. Weekly attendance now averages 30-40 juniors. The Club has hosted numerous Open Days to boost numbers and has even piloted a 4-7 year old program which other Clubs have adopted. Our junior program coaching team are a huge part of why we see so many kids coming back for more each Thursday afternoon. Everything we do is backed by a solid committee, enthusiastic members, and an army of volunteers for whom we are extremely grateful.”

..and what makes Mirrabooka the BEST club in WA? “The Club provides a welcoming, family friendly environment for all members and guests. The Committee works tirelessly to provide the best facilities and events possible. Over the last few years they have dedicated countless hours to renovating the Club room and outdoor area. We now have a beautiful outdoor beer garden and large grassed area. Through successful grant applications we have also provided additional perks for members such as a squash cannon for juniors and high level athletes to use as a training aid, and spin bikes for players to use for warm up and cool down practices. We were awarded the Healthway Healthy Club Award in 2022 for our efforts in providing a healthier environment. We have developed a 4-7 year old 'pre-squash' program which has been very successful.”

The Club is committed to continuous improvement and developing new and dynamic ways of giving back to their members. They welcome any and all feedback and/or suggestions, be it from club members, tournament



competitors, social players, casual hirers, juniors and more. They also welcome volunteers with any kind of skills to offer, for their weekly junior program, events and more. They're always looking for canteen helpers for Country Week (which is coming up in late September)!!

The crew wanted to give a big shout out to all the fantastic individuals and businesses that support everything they do. "To name a few though: Shark Lake Piggery, The Racquet Shop, Little Brown Rabbit, Balmain Glass, Brickstruct, Memolub, Act Belong Commit, Fuel to Go & Play, Black Rock, Health Freak Café, and more. ..but most importantly, everything we do could not be possible without the support of superstar and Squashworld co-owner Kane Fasolo."

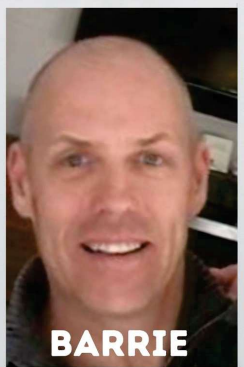
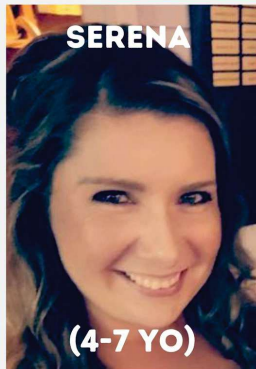
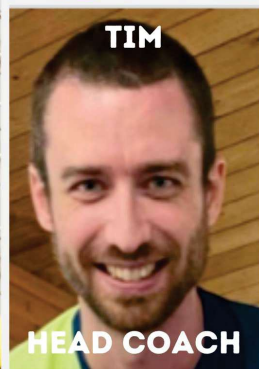
Thanks for chatting with us guys, and keep up the fabulous work!!



Junior Squash-A-Thon : Saturday 7th October 2023



MIRRABOOKA SQUASH CLUB JUNIOR PROGRAM COACHES



JOIN THE TEAM

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT ONE HOUR A MONTH ON A THURSDAY AFTERNOON,
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The Role Parents Play in Sports

It potentially seems fitting that as my own little family has grown, talking about parents and their involvement in junior sport is quite an important topic.

So far in my personal journey in primarily squash, but also hockey and tennis, I've experienced parents in a number of different scenarios, with the good and bad experiences along the way.



Hockey was an interesting few years and probably a lot easier to talk about some of this stuff compared to squash. Dad was the coach of my team and it was really enjoyable playing each week. The team aspect was always good fun, but had its challenges. He was always mindful in the team scenario of trying not to show favoritism towards me, including not wanting to award me the best and fairest at the end of the year. It didn't phase me too much but a few parents said to him that I should have won it!

My brother had also started playing and still played a season or 2 after I stopped due to state squash commitments. On one occasion watching him play, I found myself thrust into a voluntary umpiring gig, which was the first real time of being exposed to 'passionate side line parents'. The other umpire was similar age to me, probably earning \$5 a game as he progressed through his umpiring pathway. By the end of the match, I'd copped a spray or 2 (I was about 12 or 13 and only playing school hockey due to squash) and the other umpire had red carded a particular mum and then the game was paused until he gained his composure. This was over 20 years ago now, at a time with far less resources pumped into respect for officials. I think he hung in there to umpire for a few more years, well I hope so anyways.

Squash has been an interesting journey as I started to grow up and experience travelling to different parts of the world. Whilst I enjoyed dad coaching me on the hockey pitch, I really struggled with it on the squash court, maybe it was the delivery of his advice and wisdom. On the sideline was ok for the hockey pitch, but the way he would do it playing squash became more of a distraction, so it essentially became a watch in silence or don't watch me. Then there were the car rides home and hearing about the matches all over again. The trickiest part of it all - Dad had coaching credentials and did have a clue about what he was talking about, I was probably too stubborn to want to hear it from him! I'm not the only junior who has found themselves in that situation, and I won't be the last.

As I enter parenthood, this will serve as a reminder to myself for those car rides home post game to talk about something other than the game!

Now this certainly isn't going to be the forum to bash parents in because parent involvement in junior sport is critical to it functioning. In fact parents have provided some of the best memories and experiences of my career! Being asked after a session in Exmouth "have you got any plans today, I'm going for a fish, wanna come?" A couple hours later I find myself out on the water with numerous whales swimming barely 10 metres away from us! Always grateful to Strommy, Brownny and Chad Ferrari for fishing trips in Exmouth and the Scoble, Scheer and Harland and Deb Hoffy's families for the numerous last minute accommodation requests when visiting Esperance.

Rather, what I would like to do is highlight from a coach's perspective how parents can best perform in

the 'support team' for the athlete.

Allow the coach to coach - If they are a club volunteer helping out at junior program, respect the fact they are there to help your child's experience of playing squash. If they are a private or squad coach, respect the fact they have probably undertaken a coaching course and have a certain level of experience to offer to your junior. Allow them to do so and trust in what the coach is saying. If you aren't happy with the coach, it is ok to speak to other coaches for a different opinion but its not ok to interfere with the session.



Respect the volunteers helping out at your club or competition. Once again they are giving up their time for the benefit of your child, a thankyou is certainly appreciated. If you think there is a better way of doing something then perhaps offering your services might be the best solution. Set a good example for your child. If you are behaving in a way that is unsportsmanlike, then how is your child going to behave?

Allow your child to grow and learn. At some point our juniors need to learn to survive on their own and take responsibility for their own actions. This can be simple things such as packing their own squash bag for training or knowing what time their competitive match might be. Encouraging them to be organised so that they arrive on time for their matches and can be as prepared as possible. Value your investment into their development. Being punctual to training and competition matches is important to allow them to perform at their best. Arriving late adds stress and doesnt allow sufficient time to warm up and prepare. If they are doing the right thing to be prepared, make sure you do as well. Even making sure they have had a decent meal before their session sets them up to perform at their best.

Be supportive of your child, win, lose or draw. That car ride home might not be the right time and place for a chat about the game if it didn't go well. Change the topic and talk about something else. that discussion might be best with the coach facilitating and asking the right questions. Also consider your emotions when supporting, tone of your voice and body language can have a big part in the emotional state of your junior.

Maybe in the early years of coaching I might have got a tad passionate, but as years have passed I've tried to stay as calm as possible (Especially when sitting front row on a glass back). If my player is looking at the crowd, what do I want them to see and hear? Do I want to see finger pointing, ref abusing, intense looking support crew? How does this contribute to the emotional state of the player? Depending on the circumstances maybe they need to see a calm, reassuring face, with a smile, some clapping and positive cheering. Or maybe a quiet fist pump or 2 acknowledging a great rally or shot (for both players)

My last comment is this. The more negative experiences people have in sport, the less likely they will hang around and will more often than not find something different. This isn't just kids, I'm talking about. These are volunteers, coaches, referees, administrators and staff members. I quit tennis really early because of my opponent's blatant cheating in a junior pennant competition grand final. Maybe I've been a bit more resilient in squash to brush those moments off. For squash to grow, we need everyone helping to make a difference.

Rule 13 – Fallen Object - What happens when an object falls onto the court?

There are four basic scenarios.

In Scenarios 1, 2 and 3 when an object falls onto the court during a rally, play must stop and then a decision is made on the following.

Scenario 1 – No Contact with Opponent

If the object fell from a player without any contact with the opponent, the opponent wins the rally

Scenario 2 – Contact with Opponent

If the object fell from a player because of contact with the opponent, a let is allowed, unless:-

- the striker has struck a winning return,
- or requests a let interference, in which case the interference rule is applied

Scenario 3 – Object from outside the court

If the object fall from a source other than a player, a let is allowed, unless:-

- the strikers winning return was interrupted in which case the striker wins the rally
- if the object was not seen until the end of the rally and had no effect on the outcome of the rally, the result of the rally stands

Scenario 4 - Player drops a racket

If a player drops a racket the player is able to pick up the racket and play on unless:-

- the ball touches the racket
- distraction occurs
- The Referee applies a Conduct Penalty

A player who drops the racket because of interference may ask for a Let

The non-striker who drops a racket because of contact during the striker's effort to reach the ball may ask for a Let and the Distraction rule applies.

Rule references

- Rule 13 – Fallen Object
- Rule 8 – Interference
- Rule 12 - Distraction

**Questions of the Month**

1. John's protective eyewear drops to the floor during a rally without any collision with Mary having taken place. What should the Referee do?

- Allow play to continue
- Stop play and award stroke to Mary
- Allow John to continue if John picks up the eyewear immediately

2. A ball hits the front wall, then touches the tin as it drops. Is it?

- In play
- Down
- Yes Let

Answers on next page >>>

**Quote for the Month**

“Everybody has talent, but ability takes hard work”

Michael Jordan

Answers to the Referee Quiz:

1 b) Stop play and award a stroke to Mary (Rules 13.4.1)

2 - b) Down (6.2.3 - Definition "Down")




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- Thursday nights

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

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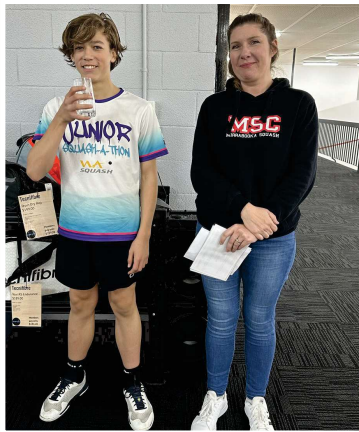
Congratulations!

Division 1 Winning Team: Thomas and Friends
Alex Marsh, Brendan Scott (not pictured, he had to go to work!) and Mathys Edery

Division 2 Winning Team: Octonauts
Conall Fletcher, Indigo Stapledon and Sharuna Ray (away overseas) /Antonin Cerny



Doubles MVP
Alex Marsh



Pennant MVP
Indigo Stapledon



Sportsmanship Award
Wade Homewood



Squash-inspired treats!
Thanks to Katy Scott

THANK YOU

- **Luke Jamieson for helping to run and referee the entire season**
- **The five centres who hosted us – Squashworlds Mirrabooka, Brentwood and Cambridge, The Squash Factory and the Squash WA State Centre in Belmont.**
- **All the parents for helping out where they could and bringing their kids each week**
- **The juniors who played and reserved – we hope you had fun!**
- **Our sponsors Healthway!!**

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Top 5 JUNIOR RANKINGS

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30 June 2023

U11 Boys	U11 Girls		U11 Boys	U11 Girls
Lucas Curry	Jemi Martin	1	Benjamin Boardman	Elizabeth Wang
Noah Tan		2	Kai Dumbleton	Jasmin Dumbleton
Abhin Behl		3	Jethro Llewellyn	Riyo Kawabata
Aneek Metkar		4	Lewis Matthews	Yashica Jiwa Mohan
Ethan Skidmore		5	Grayson Coleman	Abbey Boswell
U13 Boys	U13 Girls		U13 Boys	U13 Girls
Domenic Christou	Teagan Scott	1	Kaveen Kohombange	Olivia van Zon
Charlie Richardson	Joey Scott	2	Thomas Wang	Jaida Wigley
Leo Van Straaten	Olivia Hibbs	3	Max Jones	Nadia van Zon
Kaelan Penn	Renee Tan	4	Alek Strojek	Timonaliz Alarcos Kriebisch
Nathan Congrene	Ruby Foo	5	Jet Lacquiere	Gizele Josifoski
U15 Boys	U15 Girls		U15 Boys	U15 Girls
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan	Jessica Jellis	1	Kasper Cheung	Sarbani Maitra
Alexander Marsh	Kayla Clarke	2	Marcus Wang	Tina Ma
Luke Jamieson Jr	Holly Carver	3	Flynn Bartlett	Madison Nargar
Andreas Christou	Jamie Nunn	4	Joel Roshan Raj	Lilly Wilson
Jacob Curry		5	Henry Kross	Maeghan Wang
U17 Boys	U17 Girls		U17 Boys	U17 Girls
Waldo Vorster	Hannah Slyth	1	Darcy Hayes	Hannah Slyth
Alvaro Blackall	Isla Harris	2	Joshua Rahul Raj	Amelie Guziak
Eric Marsh	Josie Jones	3	Haider Naqvi	Lijana Sultana
Jonathan Groenewald	Sydney Ennis	4	Jarrod Atkins	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	Daniel Marsh	Shona Coxsedg
Preston Munro	Eva French	4	Connor Hayes	Caitlin Pratt
Hamish Melvin	Alyana Morris	5	Andre Lynn	Dakshyani Muniandy

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