

## THE PREZ SEZ

By Lou Morsch

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Here we are a quarter of the way into the year already. Just completed the February tournament in Shepp which Darren will cover in his

report. I had to attend on my own as Jill had commitments in Melbourne. I was well looked after though by the Shepp team who catered brilliantly with their usual great hospitality. Food and drink is something they always do well. I want to mention the food especially because what was served up by the club was fantastic. Great diversity and plenty of it and especially the Thai green curry provided by Kelvin Griffin's wife which was restaurant quality. You must live well in your new environment up there Kelvin. Well done to our friends from Shepp who always turn it on when we come to play. Special mention to some past and present Masters/Juniors players who came along and supported as either volunteers or players during the weekend.

Back in Melbourne and we enter another pennant season with dwindling numbers which is a real ongoing concern. Just 8 grades and only two which comprise of six teams. This is a big problem which we have been aware of for some time and will discuss as a priority at our next VMSA committee meeting. Any advice on how we can improve our competition is welcome. Please come forward if you think you have a good suggestion to offer us.

A shout out to Corey Robertson from Geelong who has been a real mover and shaker in that region, especially at Corio.

Corey has become a great Masters supporter but is moving to Alice Springs of all places so we wish him well as he embarks on the next stage of his life.

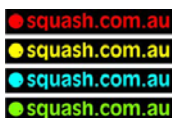
The VMSA Masters/Juniors tournament is something I am personally passionate about. I'm looking forward to the last weekend in May when we host our event at Westerfolds in 2023. I thought I would make mention of it in this newsletter to plant a seed for those Masters players intending to play or for those who may not know about it. It is a real opportunity for parents to become involved with their kids and participate in a fun event. It is not just for parents and their kids. Children can be entered and we will find them a partner if you can't or don't want to play yourself. The eligible age for junior entry into our event is U23 years. There are some big prizes on

offer to the juniors who participate, especially the prestigious Masters/Juniors award for one male and one female sponsored by Steve Walton of Inform and Squash.com.au and the VMSA. There are also two valuable prizes donated by John & Anne Link. Entry forms with all the details are included in this newsletter and further information about the tournament can be found on the VMSA Website. Or you can give me a ring if you wish to enquire directly.

My mobile is 0414 397787.

Get squashing

Your Prez



### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS 2023

Vic Champs - Lilydale	Mar 31 - April 2
Masters Juniors - W'folds	May 27-28
Bendigo	July 21-23
Aust Champs - NSW	Sept 4-15
Inform Ballarat	Nov 24-26

# SHEPPARTON TOURNAMENT REPORT by Darren O'Neill



In Victorian Masters there is no 'I' in team and true to the word our teams event was probably one of the best events I have had the pleasure of running, so many happy players.

We held our very much growing in popularity TEAMS EVENT at Shepparton with a record high 88 entries which worked perfectly with 7 courts available. Unfortunately I had a few injuries and finished with 84 Entries, so not bad at all. At this teams Event we had 7 Divisions, 4 teams per division and to all those people who created some hilarious team names, well done. It was a really great time watching you all have so much fun, not to mention some really great squash played across all levels battling it out for a win for their perspective teams.

We had 4 Virgins play their first tournament which was fantastic for the VMSA, to those new players we hope to see you as regulars going forward so keep an eye on our website for tournament updates.

Thanks to the Shepparton Squash Club for your hospitality and to Damien and the endless club support over the weekend for organising things to make our weekend a very pleasant one. The food was fantastic, the Friday and Sunday supper blew our minds - what a great spread. See you next time.

Thanks to Max Smith from DeHaviland Liquor for a deal which we used for trophies. Also, to the Peppermill Inn for making us feel very welcome. Their food was great, the venue was great and even better for those who stayed there only had a very short walk home from the dinner.

On the weekend we handed out 3 Badges for achieving Milestone tournaments.

Neil Tytler 75+ Badge

Rod Wilson 75+ Badge

Richard Johnson 100+ Badge

Congratulations to you all. They are all great achievements for your dedication to our tournaments.

The members draw was won by Pam Engellenner, so you have 2 Dinner Dance tickets to be used within the next 12 months. Congratulations Pam.

Special thanks to Helen Lococo, Pam Park and Janine Mossop who helped me over the weekend. Michelle Rowles, Lynette Woodyard, Alison Douglas, who did various jobs over the weekend.

Thank you for supporting Master Squash and see you at Lilydale 31/3-2/4 2023.

My Pleasure,

Darren O'Neill



**Richard Johnson –  
100 Tournaments**



**Neil Tytler –  
75 Tournaments**



**Rod Wilson –  
75 Tournaments**

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## Birthday Wishes

A few celebrations were noted of recent times. Congratulations to Steve Walton – a boy at 56 years of age, Warren Miller for turning 60 and to Peter Wright for hitting 80. Living legends but not the kind to be found at Oaklands Junction. If you haven't heard, Oaklands is a retirement farm for old worn out race horses. Haha!

## THE TRUE PROFESSIONAL

Most of us know Greg Duncan as a long time devoted squash player. Greg resides in Milawa near Wangaratta and runs his own Massage and Remedial Therapy business called RRR Massage helping many different people. He loves to help everyone to achieve strength and stability doing what they love in life.

So when Greg approached me to volunteer to run a massage service at our VMSA tournament in Shepparton Feb this year, I couldn't wait to let him do his thing. As we all know, playing in a tournament over a weekend, we can certainly get tight which creates possible injuries. Over the 3 day tournament Greg ran session times between his own match times, and people who used his service mentioned to me how amazing his technique was and how great they felt after the short time on his massage table. Greg had a sheet with available times which sat at the tournament desk, and you could nominate 10 min blocks or longer to suit yourself for the very fair fee of \$1 per minute.

Greg also feels very strongly about charity and helping people, so he donated all the proceeds including donations to a charity called **Friends in Common** who support families touched by cancer (including his own). So Greg has decided to do this again at our Victorian Championships at Lilydale 31/3-2/4 2023.

So, thanks Greg. It's a very kind gesture and I thank you for giving your time.

*See below a short email Greg sent me 21/2/2023!*

Darren O'Neill VMSA Tournament Director

Dear Darren

It was awesome to be able to help people on the weekend while raising money for a local charity.

People popped in to see me with ailments from neck and shoulder issues, sore back to leg and foot troubles. In true VMSA spirit everyone was generous in their support, and we raised \$580 for 'Friends in Common - Yarrowonga'

Friends in Common support families touched by cancer (including my own), with fuel vouchers, transport to hospital for treatment (something I also do when I can) and help with accommodation in Albury and Melbourne.

In addition to giving my time and energy as well as all materials I will donate a total of \$800 from the VMSA.

Please let me know if you want me to do it again sometime, as I'm happy to do my part.

Regards

Greg Duncan  
**RRR Massage**

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### **Getting to Know Jenny Esam**

Had a chance to chat with local girl Jenny Esam in the party room (as it's known) at Shepparton. Not universally known I would say, but has many great Masters friends. So I thought I would ask her how she got into squash and why because we need more people like her having a bit of a go and enjoying Masters for what it brings. Jenny is from Shepparton and has become a tournament regular. She loves the concept of Masters and the philosophy of playing in a competitive yet fun environment. Jenny was introduced to Master's squash by Greg Murphy from Benalla. Her first tournament was the Oceania Masters in Moorabbin in 2006. The enjoyment squash brought and the people she has met is now long lasting. What other sport encourages that she said. Jenny openly admits she is not the best at the game but she is as competitive as the best of them and loves the game and what it brings. She is a classic example of a person who likes her sport and Masters squash has provided a great avenue into meeting new people and making friends as a result.

LOU MORSCH

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**Presentations - VMSA TEAMS EVENT SHEPPARTON 2023**

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Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	VIRG-MULGRAVIANS JOSHUA SAM MCC NEIL TYTLER Squash Melb BELINDA MURPHY Mulgrave
	Runner up	SUNRAYSLIA ROBERT McPHEE Shepparton DONNA FISHER Mildura FRANK BUGEJA Poowong
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	GARY'S CACTUS GARY MCPYKE Mulgrave LORI FERNANDEZ Corio TASHIA MIHAIL Mulgrave
	Runner up	CHICHELINA'S BOYS IAN TOMKINSON MCC MICHELLE ROWLES Squash Logic NORM BROWNING Focus GP
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	MG'S STEPHEN RUSSELL Lilydale MICHAEL BYRNES Tonic GORDON HALL Shepparton
	Runner up	2 TOM'S & A PUZZI GREG MURPHY Benalla JOE PRINCIOTTA Werribee JEANNETTE VEAR Mildura
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	WOGS OUT OF WALK MICHAEL WALKER Corio MARIO QUINTELA Squash Logic TONY BARRESI Shepparton
	Runner up	DARREN'S LITTLE DEVILS DARREN BATHMAN Shepparton JODIE MCLEAN Lilydale ROSS MEDDINGS Squash Logic
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	ORANGE SUNSET TREVOR WHITBY NSW BRIAN DAVEY Squash Melb PAUL FROST Ballarat
	Runner up	LOOSE CANNONS JOHN SANDS GPHC KIM CHAMRA Focus GP JACKIE BANNON ádh na Gaeilge
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	ALL STRUNG OUT ANDREW MERIDITH Shepparton CARON PENDREY Lilydale STEVE MURRAY Squash Melb
	Runner up	NORM DAVIS Shepparton FRADNAPA'S FRANK HUESO Focus GP ADITYA GAUR Squash Logic PAM PARK Mulgrave NARELLE HEANEY Shepparton
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	THE RAT PACK MICHAEL RATCLIFFE Shepparton LOU MORSCH Squash Logic KAREN THOMPSON Kazzaland
	Runner up	CRAZIE CATS MARTIN GUNN Wagga Wagga ROBERT MACFARLANE Lilydale HEATHER CAMPBELL ACT

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# SHEPPARTON TEAMS WINNERS



**SECTION 1 WINNERS**  
**VIRG-MULGRAWANS**  
 JOSHUA SAM  
 NEIL TYTLER  
 BELINDA MURPHY



**SECTION 1 RUNNERS-UP**  
**SUNRAYSIA**  
 ROBERT MCPHEE  
 DONNA FISHER  
 FRANK BUGEJA



**SECTION 2 WINNERS**  
**GARY'S CACTUS**  
 GARY MCPYKE  
 LORI FERNANDEZ  
 TASHA MIHAL



**SECTION 2 RUNNERS-UP**  
**CHICHELENA'S BOYS**  
 IAN TOMKINSON  
 MICHELLE ROWLES  
 NORM BROWNING



**SECTION 3 WINNERS**  
**MG'S**  
 STEPHEN RUSSELL  
 MICHAEL BYRNES  
 GORDON HALL



**SECTION 3 RUNNERS-UP**  
**2 TOMS & A PUZZI**  
 GREG MURPHY  
 JOE PRINCIOTTA  
 JEANETTE VEAR



**SECTION 4 WINNERS**  
**WOOS OUT OF WALK**  
 MICHAEL WALKER  
 MARIO QUINTELA  
 TONY BARRESI



**SECTION 4 RUNNERS-UP**  
**DARREN'S LITTLE DEVILS**  
 DARREN BATHMAN  
 JODIE MCLEAN  
 ROSS MEDDINGS



**SECTION 5 WINNERS**  
**ORANGE SUNSET**  
 TREVOR WHITBY  
 BRIAN DAVEY  
 PAUL FROST



**SECTION 5 RUNNERS-UP**  
**LOOSE CANONS**  
 JOHN SANDS  
 KIM CHAMRA  
 JACKIE BANNON



**SECTION 6 WINNERS**  
**ALL STRUNG OUT**  
 ANDREW MEREDITH  
 CARON PENDREY  
 STEVE MURRAY  
 NORM DAVIS



**SECTION 6 RUNNERS-UP**  
**FRADNAPA'S**  
 FRANK HUESO  
 ADITYA GAUR  
 PAM PARK  
 NARELLE HEANEY



**SECTION 7 WINNERS -**  
**THE RAT PACK**  
 MICHAEL RATCLIFFE  
 LOU MORSE  
 KAREN THOMPSON



**SECTION 7 RUNNERS-UP**  
**CRAZY CATS**  
 MARTIN GUNN  
 ROBERT MACFARLANE  
 HEATHER CAMPBELL



# AROUND THE COURTS











## Vale **KIM PENDLEBURY**

It is with great sadness, I report the tragic loss of Kim Pendlebury or Kim Lonsdale which some of you may have known her in the Masters fraternity.

Kim was a great Masters supporter and played in numerous tournaments during her time. She would always be seen at Sale or Maffra where she hailed from and was also a great club volunteer. She loved her squash but played in the true Masters tradition of having fun, being competitive and always fair. She left us far too young with her battle from breast cancer getting the better of her.

A beautiful person and a sad loss to all concerned. On behalf of the VMSA, I would like to offer her family and friends our deepest sympathy.

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## **KEEPING SQUASH ALIVE**

I'm sure you are all aware of the dwindling numbers at our tournaments and on our pennant fixtures.

The only way we can remedy this and keep squash alive for us all to enjoy is to promote our sport and encourage new and past players to get on the court.

Especially on pennant nights, we have the opportunity to ask our opponents if they have ever been to a VMSA tournament and if not, extol the many benefits of attending. Not only do they get to play against different players, but the social aspect is not to be ignored. We love to have fun!!! and in a friendly and competitive atmosphere.

So how about we all ask the question and show enthusiasm for this game we love to play. It is up to us all to contribute so we can keep squashing.

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## JIM BRISTOW CUP

Jim Bristow is a player with a long history of success in the squash industry, both as a player and as an administrator. His vision of Masters Players and Junior Players interacting with each other and having ongoing contact is the essence of the Jim Bristow Cup concept. Jim is proud to be associated with the Masters Juniors Championships and will play a role in presenting the Jim Bristow Cups.

### HOW TO ENTER

You may already have your team of one masters player and one junior player all set to go. If this is the case, simply complete your details on the other side of this form with the Masters player in the Masters text box and the Junior player in the Junior text box. You can enter on the same form or you can enter on separate forms – please list your partner's name.

If you do not have a partner, we can find one, so simply complete your section of the entry form and tick the box for us to find you a partner. Entry fees are \$35 for Masters players and \$25 for juniors.

### T-SHIRTS

Event T-shirts will be supplied free of charge for Junior Entries and distributed at the tournament compliments of the VMSA. Please enter your size on the entry form. Masters may purchase T-shirts for \$30.00

**EVENT ORGANISERS** – Victorian Masters Squash Association

**EVENT DIRECTOR** – Lou Morsch

**PHONE:** 0414 397 787 or Fax (03) 8614 7070

**EMAIL:** [lou.morsch@gmail.com](mailto:lou.morsch@gmail.com)

**SPONSORS:** [Squash.com.au](http://squash.com.au) – Salming - John & Anne Link - TS&L Neon -

O'Neill Bros. - Phil Howe

**Suggested accommodation:**

**Quest Apartments, 855 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster Ph 8848**

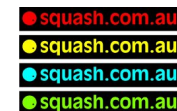
**1600 Crystal Brook Tourist Park, Doncaster East Ph 9844 3637**

Download Entry Form at [www.vmsasquash.com.au](http://www.vmsasquash.com.au),



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proudly co-present the



## MASTERS JUNIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

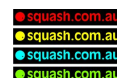
# 27th-28th May 2023

A VMSA Event

**Entries Close 17th May 2023**

One Master Player and one Junior Player (U23)  
compete as a team in singles and doubles for the

## Jim Bristow Cup



**John &  
Anne Link**



**SALMING.**  
no nonsense.



### VENUE:

Westerfolds Squash Club  
Parker Street,  
Templestowe 3106  
Phone 03 9846 1222

Entry Forms/Payments/Queries

V.M.S.A – Lou Morsch

14 Erskine Crt,  
Greenvale, Vic. 3059

Phone: 0414 397 787 Fax: 03 8614 7070  
E: [lou.morsch@gmail.com](mailto:lou.morsch@gmail.com)



**HOW TO ENTER** You can enter as an individual and we will find you a partner or if you already have a partner, enter as a team (you can use separate entry forms if you need to!).

**MASTERS PLAYER** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Junior Team Member is: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** Please arrange a partner

Pennant Grade and Position you play: \_\_\_\_\_

Club you play with \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_

**JUNIOR PLAYER** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Masters Team Member is: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** Please arrange a partner

Pennant Grade and Position you play: \_\_\_\_\_

Club you play with \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt sizing - Adult sizing    S    M    L    XL    2XL    3XL    5XL  
 - Junior sizing                    6    8    10    12

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Payment Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee: Masters \$35    Juniors \$25

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1/ Teams Will consist of one masters player and one junior player
- 2/ Juniors must be U23 as at 1/5/2023, Masters Men must be Over 35 and Women over 30
- 3/ Organisers will grade all players into suitable divisions once all entries have been received – please note that due to the nature of the event, numbers of entries accepted may be limited to a first come, first served basis – any players entering after maximum capacity has been reached will be notified as soon as possible.
- 4/ Players will compete in both singles and doubles with rounds being timed.
- 5/ Players can enter one team only and all players are guaranteed a minimum of four matches.
- 6/ Players will be required to referee where asked.
- 7/ ALL players, irrespective of age must wear approved protective eyewear for doubles and all junior players must wear protective eyewear for singles. Protective Eyewear will be available for use free of charge.
- 8/ The organiser's decisions are final and they also reserve the right to:-
  - a) Refuse any entry and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal
  - b) Regrade any player as necessary and disqualify any player not ready to begin his/her match punctually
  - c) Alter times of matches and reduce the number of events
- 9/ It is not possible to pay your entry fee on the day.
- 10/ No entries refunded within 7 days of the tournament commencing

**DECLARATION:** (To be signed by all competitors) In consideration of my entry, I, my heirs, executors and administrators release and forever discharge Inform Connection Pty Ltd, VMSA, local councils, it's servants, agents or subcontractors, instrumentalities, all voluntary community groups and organizations assisting with this event, all sponsors, producers, their agents and representatives of all liabilities, claims, damages or costs which I may have against them arising out of, or in any way connected with my participation in the event. I understand this waiver includes claims based on negligence, action, or inaction of any of the above parties. I recognise the difficulties of this event and declare that I am physically fit and able to complete in event safely, and have not been told otherwise by a medically qualified person. I consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident or illness. I consent to my image being used on the Inform Connection or VMSA websites and all related circuit information. I have carefully read this entry form and agree to abide by all the rules and directions of all officials.

If under 18 years of age, form must be signed by parent/guardian  
 Parent/Guardian (signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

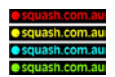
SIGNED (Player): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please send complete page back to us via email or post – don't forget to record the date of the event and the address if you choose to mail!!*



**JOHN & ANNE LINK**



# 2023 Australian Masters Squash Championships

## Dural NSW

INDIVIDUALS - Monday 4 September – 8 September

TEAMS - Monday 11 September – 15 September

### INTENTION TO COMPETE

Please complete this form and return to Michelle Rowles, VMSA Secretary by **Friday 30 June 2023** if you are planning to compete. This will ensure that you receive all relevant information.

Email: [secretary@vmsasquash.com.au](mailto:secretary@vmsasquash.com.au) Phone 0407 838 572

NAME:	DOB:
ADDRESS:	
MOBILE:	
EMAIL:	

I INTEND TO COMPETE IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:	YES/NO
<b>INDIVIDUALS:</b> Monday 4 September – 8 September	
<b>TEAMS:</b> Monday 11 September – 15 September	

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact:

Michelle Rowles Email: [secretary@vmsasquash.com.au](mailto:secretary@vmsasquash.com.au) Phone 0407 838 572

Darren O'Neill Email [tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au](mailto:tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au) Phone 0418 362 909

### Accommodation

Accommodation is available for the Victorians at Norwest  
Please contact Michelle Rowles 0407 838 572 to discuss your requirements.

# 2023 Australian Masters – Dural NSW

## Accommodation – Victorian Players

### Punthill Apartment Hotel Norwest

22 Brookhollow Ave, Norwest

There are a number of studios and 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments available. A group rate has been negotiated and the costs are as follows: studio \$200 per night, 1 bedroom \$220 per night, 2 bedroom \$430 per night and 3 bedroom \$550 per night. Flexible bedding configurations are available.

Norwest is located:

- 20-25 mins from the Squash Centres at Dural and Thornleigh
- 4km from Castle Hills where the Dinner Dances will be held and also a large shopping centre.
- >500m walk to restaurants, supermarket and train station to the city.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Arrival & Departure Dates

##### Check In Date

- Saturday 2 September
- Sunday 3 September
- Monday 4 September
- Tuesday 5 September
- Wednesday 6 September
- Thursday 7 September
- Friday 8 September
- Saturday 9 September
- Sunday 10 September
- Monday 11 September

##### Check Out Date

- Friday 8 September
- Saturday 9 September
- Sunday 10 September
- Monday 11 September
- Tuesday 12 September
- Wednesday 13 September
- Thursday 14 September
- Friday 15 September
- Saturday 16 September
- Sunday 17 September

#### Apartment Details

- Would like my own apartment
- Don't mind who I share with

If sharing:

- Don't mind who I share with
- Would like to share an apartment with

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Rooming Details

- Own Room
- Happy to Share

If sharing:

- Don't mind who I share with
- Would like to share a room with:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return the form to Michelle Rowles, VMSA Secretary  
Email: [secretary@vmsasquash.com.au](mailto:secretary@vmsasquash.com.au) Phone 0407 838 572