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# EDITORIAL

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Congratulations to **Greg Chan** and **Erin Classen** on your awesome wins at the Australian Junior Championships.

Chan won the BU13 and Classen the GU13. Both players were seeded #1 and performed accordingly.

Jade Woods also performed extremely well to finish 3rd in the GU17. Seeded 9-16 Woods beat Sarah Quinlivan [3-4] from Victoria to set up a semi final clash with the eventual winner Alex Haydon (SA).

Woods then beat Courtney Mather [9-16] in the 3-4 Play Off 3-0.

Thank you to John Lockton ([www.facebook.com/johnrevel.locktonfamily](http://www.facebook.com/johnrevel.locktonfamily)) for the presentation photo on the cover and the Wall of Fame photos.

One of my fantastic contributors **Sue Hillier** has just won the National Masters W50-54 Open Division. It was her 4th National Masters title. Well done Sue.

Joining her were **Sue Volzke** (W65-69 Open), **Chas Renner** (Mens 85+ Open) and **Joe Mihaly** (M60-64 Division 3).

In this issue you will find Part 1 of a Blog written by a number of WA juniors when they went on a Squash Tour to Japan and Malaysia.

I hope a number of them will contribute to the SWAN in the future. Part 2 of the Blog will feature in next month's issue as will the results from the 2016 Australian Junior Teams Championship.

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## WORLD RANKINGS

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WA MEN:	TM:	HWR:
Mike Corren	205	38
David Ilich	313	300
William Curtis	392	359
Tim Cowell	478	178

TM: This Month

HWR: Highest World Ranking

### 2016 WA Squash Hall of Fame

Our sincere apologies but the Hall of Fame Dinner set down for the 29 October has been postponed until further notice.





**AJC****Thornleigh  
Sydney NSW**

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to **Greg Chan** and **Erin Classen** on your magnificent wins at the Australian Junior Championships. Chan defeated WA's Oscar Curtis in the Boys Under 13 final whilst Classen destroyed all her opponents to take the Girls Under 13 title. Jade Woods finished 3rd in the Girls Under 17 Championship.

10 of our 24 players finished in the **Top 8**. All 4 WA players in the Boys U13 finished in the Top 8. Great effort guys!

BU13 Greg Chan WA - Seeded 1				Finished: 1st CHAMPION
R2	Def	Ken Lamb [9-16]	NSW	11-2, 11-4, 11-2 (15m)
QF	Def	Tom Lacy [5-8]	NSW	11-4, 11-0, 11-4 (12m)
SF	Def	BJ MacDonald [5-8]	QLD	8-11, 11-3, 8-11, 11-3, 11-7
FINAL	Def	Oscar Curtis [2]	WA	11-7, 6-11, 11-5, 11-8 (25m)

BU13 Oscar Curtis WA - Seeded 2				Finished: 2nd
R2	Def	Preston Schreiber [9-16]	NSW	11-8, 11-3, 11-2 (15m)
QF	Def	Andre Lynn [5-8]	VIC	11-4, 11-5, 11-7 (15m)
SF	Def	Luke Eyles [5-8]	QLD	11-3, 11-8, 11-8
FINAL	Lost to	Greg Chan [1]	WA	7-11, 11-6, 5-11, 8-11 (25m)

BU13 Dylan Classen WA - Seeded 3-4				Finished: 5th
R2	Def	Charlie Carey [9-16]	ACT	11-5, 11-8, 11-5 (15m)
QF	Lost to	Luke Eyles [5-8]	QLD	11-7, 19-17, 10-12, 9-11, 5-11 (52m)
5-6PO	Def	Andre Lynn [5-8]	VIC	11-9, 9-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-6
5-6PO	Def	Oscar Lindsey [3-4]	WA	12-10, 10-12, 11-1, 11-9

BU13 Oscar Lindsey WA - Seeded 3-4				Finished: 6th
R2	Def	William Siviour [9-16]	NT	11-2, 11-4, 11-1 (13m)
QF	Lost to	BJ MacDonald [5-8]	QLD	1-11, 3-11, 2-11 (13m)
5-6PO	Def	Tom Lacy [5-8]	NSW	11-9, 11-5, 11-8 (19m)
5-6PO	Lost to	Dylan Classen [3-4]	WA	10-12, 12-10, 1-11, 9-11

**Erin Classen** was simply awesome defeating all her opponents in three in 20 minutes or less. Being #1 seed didn't phase our young star. Bayley Ponton [9-16] finished 12th and Caitlin Pratt finished 22nd.

GU13 Erin Classen WA - Seeded 1				Finished: 1st CHAMPION
R2	Def	Maggie Goodman [9-16]	NSW	11-2, 11-3, 11-5 (15m)
QF	Def	Madison Lyon	QLD	11-2, 11-1, 11-8 (17m)
SF	Def	Ariel Lyon [9-16]	QLD	11-5, 11-6, 11-4 (16m)
FINAL	Def	Ella Burge [5-8]	QLD	11-1, 11-6, 13-11 (20m)



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BU15 #1 seed Remi Young was narrowly defeated in the quarter finals but bounced back to finish 5th. Eric Gray [5-8] finished 8th and Josh Mitchell [9-16] 14th. GU15 Olivia Bunter [9-16] finished 10th and Michaela Pratt [9-16] 13th.

BU15 Remi Young WA - Seeded 1				Finished: 5th
R2	Def	Bryn Arnold	NSW	11-3, 11-6, 11-3 (20m)
R3	Def	Sebastian Johnson [9-16]	QLD	14-12, 11-5, 11-4 (20m)
QF	Lost to	Dylan Molinaro [5-8]	VIC	9-11, 11-9, 11-5, 7-11, 10-12
5-6PO	Def	Eric Gray [5-8]	WA	11-3, 11-0, 11-7
5-6PO	Def	Ethan Stephenson [5-8]	QLD	9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-6 (22m)

BU15 Eric Gray WA - Seeded 5-8				Finished: 8th
R2	Def	Adithya Srivatsan	NSW	11-5, 11-1, 11-0 (12m)
R3	Def	Daniel Chu [9-16]	VIC	8-11, 10-12, 11-1, 11-7, 12-10 (38m)
QF	Lost to	Haani Qureshi [3-4]	NSW	7-11, 11-9, 8-11, 6-11
5-6PO	Lost to	Remi Young [1]	WA	3-11, 0-11, 7-11
7-8PO	Lost to	Sam Sergo [3-4]	NSW	W/O

BU17 Abel Jin 11th, Callum Blakey 15th, Trey Mackenzie 18th and Ethan Baldwin-Wright 27th. GU17 Jade Woods [9-16] 3rd, Kiara Rogers [5-8] 7th, Olivia Lindsey [5-8] 10th, Pascale Louka [9-16] 13th and Georgia Charles [9-16] 14th.

GU17 Jade Woods WA - Seeded 9-16				Finished: 3rd
R2	Def	Skye Loach	NSW	15-13, 11-6, 11-3 (20m)
QF	Def	Sarah Quinlivan [3-4]	VIC	5-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-2
SF	Lost to	Alex Haydon [2]	SA	5-11, 3-11, 6-11 (15m)
3-4PO	Def	Courtney Mather [9-16]	QLD	11-6, 11-7, 11-8 (17m)

GU17 Kiara Rogers WA - Seeded 5-8				Finished: 7th
R2	Def	Kirby Gill [9-16]	QLD	13-11, 11-6, 11-8 (18m)
QF	Lost to	Grace Pattinson [1]	TAS	7-11, 8-11, 11-9, 10-12 (27m)
5-6PO	Lost to	Taylor Jones [3-4]	QLD	5-11, 12-14, 6-11 (41m)
7-8PO	Def	Sarah Quinlivan [3-4]	VIC	11-6, 8-11, 11-2, 11-4

BU19 Damon MacMillan [5-8] 6th, Kane-Jaran Holman 20th and Josh Blakey 22nd.

BU19 Damon MacMillan WA - Seeded 5-8				Finished: 6th
R1	Def	Gavin Condon	QLD	11-13, 11-4, 11-6, 11-6 (20m)
R2	Def	Connor McNeill	QLD	11-1, 11-6, 11-3 (15m)
QF	Lost to	Joseph White [3-4]	QLD	13-15, 7-11, 15-13, 7-11
5-6PO	Def	Caleb Johnson [9-16]	QLD	11-8, 13-11, 2-11, 11-3
5-6PO	Lost to	Nick Calvert [5-8]	QLD	11-13, 11-7, 11-5, 4-11, 6-11





# WA SQUASH

## WALL OF FAME





# Country Week

## WA Country Teams

### 50th Annual Championship

By Brad Grinter



It takes a really keen squash player to travel hundreds of kilometers for a few games of squash. Well that is what happened on 24-26th September 2016 at Mirrabooka Squashworld.

One hundred and seventy five (175) players, from 12 clubs and making up 43 teams, all converged at the recent Country Championships.

Last year saw 10 clubs compete with 147 players over 35 teams.

The annual pilgrimage was the 50th anniversary of competing in this event and they came from everywhere ... Broome, Bunbury, Busselton, Eastern Goldfields, Esperance, Geraldton, Headland, Karratha, Katanning, Mandurah, Manjimup and Narrogin.

Bunbury Squash Club hosted the event and resurrected the social gathering that had been missing for several years, by having a Sunday night BBQ.

Heavily attended by over 130 people for lamb, chicken, steak, sausages and salads in the Mirrabooka Squash Club rooms for a night of reflecting on the last 2 days of squash and catching up over a couple of beers and reminiscing about squash games played in the past.

The Men's A Grade Final was a belter coming down to the last match. Defending Champions Geraldton weren't going to give back their title easily, eventually defeating Bunbury only on

points. With Rubbers and games tied at 2 Rubbers and 7 games apiece the points went in the favour of Geraldton 91 to 80.

The ladies A Grade was completed via a Round Robin system between Bunbury, Narrogin and Esperance. After years without playing the Esperance ladies are back with a vengeance coming out on top and claiming the Ladies A Grade title.

Sharon Kirkby has been advocating for a number of years to get an Individual Ladies A Grade competition up and running to entice ladies back into the game.

Finally it has been organized and "Shazza" managed to win the event without dropping a set.

Next year we see Broome taking over the hosting of this event and we are expecting that the event will be bigger and better than this year!

#### **2016 State Country Teams selections:** **Men's Team:**

Colin Harris - Busselton,  
Jamie Herring - Bunbury,  
Dwayne Simmons - Mandurah,  
Daniel Taylor - Busselton.

#### **Ladies Team:**

Sarah Hennessy - Narrogin,  
Sharon Kirby - Mandurah,  
Zoe Petrovansky - Broome,  
Christine Torrelli - Esperance.

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<b>Mens A Grade</b>	Winner	<b>Geraldton 1</b>		
Geoff Watters	Wayne Lewis	Luke Austin	Mike Dufour	
<b>Mens A Grade</b>	Runner up	<b>Bunbury 1</b>		
Jamie Herring	Nigel French	Brad Grinter	Neil Meek	
<b>Mens B Grade</b>	Winner	<b>Hedland 1</b>		
Brian Sackley	Luke Jessop	John Stade	Travis Millson	
<b>Mens B Grade</b>	Runner up	<b>Narrogin 1</b>		
Derek Nunn	Andrew Pratt	Graham Bell	Sarah Hennessy	
<b>Mens C Grade</b>	Winner	<b>Mandurah 2</b>		
Neil Fitzpatrick	Terry Sansom	Mark Benn	Terry Sims	Dale Subke
<b>Mens C Grade</b>	Runner up	<b>EGSRA 1</b>		
Shane White	Gavin Cunningham	Peter Siebert	Richard Argus	
<b>Mens D Grade</b>	Winner	<b>Esperance 1</b>		
Darren Kennedy	Sonny Torelli	Cooper Kennedy	Sam Torelli	
<b>Mens D Grade</b>	Runner up	<b>Manjimup 1</b>		
Andrew Shuard	Darryl Church	Dylan Starkie	Duncan Brown	
<b>Mens E Grade</b>	Winner	<b>Narrogin 3</b>		
Victor Ranieri	Chris Allan	Ahron Allan	Dwayne Franks	
<b>Mens E Grade</b>	Runner up	<b>Manjimup 2</b>		
Neil Wells	Ric Shuard	Fran Karamfiles	Zac Karamfiles	

### Men's A Grade Champions



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### 50th Annual Championship



<b>Mens F Grade</b>	Winner	<b>EGSRA 2</b>			
Travis Kenna	Dean Fraser	Russell Posa	Xavier Falla		
<b>Mens F Grade</b>	Runner up	<b>Katanning 3</b>			
Louise McCarley	Fiona McCarley	George Lorenzen	Ben Watson		
<b>Womens A Grade</b>	Winner	<b>Esperance 3</b>			
Christine Torelli	Michaela Florisson	Carol Pearson	Rachael Doney		
<b>Womens A Grade</b>	Runner up	<b>Narrogin 5</b>			
Sarah Hennessey	Carolyn Thompson	Rachel Bowman	Jodie Ranieri		
<b>Womens B Grade</b>	Winner	<b>Esperance 4</b>			
Jacqui Tonkin	Deb Hoffrichter	Michelle McArthur	Kellie Scheer		
<b>Womens B Grade</b>	Runner up	<b>Esperance 5</b>			
Raewyn Fisher	Cheryl Hoffman	Bronwyn Brennan	Renae Spencer		
<b>Womens C Grade</b>	Winner	<b>Narrogin 6</b>			
Lee Conlon	Jackie Hogg	Thea Smith	Suzie Sattler	Melissa Grieve	
<b>Womens C Grade</b>	Runner Up	<b>Esperance 6</b>			
Tammie Florisson	Ali McArthur	Eve Cooper	Shelby Kennedy		
<b>Womens Individual</b>	Winner	<b>Sharon Kirkby</b>		Runner up	<b>Christine Torelli</b>



**Women's A Grade Champions**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS



# BLOG

## Part One - Japan



A group of WA juniors: Zoe Massam, Kiara Rogers, Trey MacKenzie, Jade Woods, Anita Tangaris, Eric Gray, Greg Chan and Oscar Lindsey, under the assistance of Mike Cornish traveled to Japan and Malaysia to compete in the Japan Junior Open and the Penang Junior Open respectively.



**Day 1 by Zoe Massam:** The day started with an early meeting at the airport at 4am. Our first flight took us to Kuala Lumpur where we had a two hour stop over and our first bit of excitement of the trip with Shari and Anita only just making the connecting flight after having to recheck their bags and themselves onto the flight. The next leg was an 8 hour flight to land in Haneda, Tokyo. It was about 11:30pm by the time we got our bags and got through customs. Greeted by Mike at the gate and being a little behind schedule we had already missed plan A to get to the accommodation, so it was onto plan B ... catch the train. Missed the last train to the closest station to the hotel so it was then plan C which long story short ended up on two different trains to then still end with plan D where we caught a taxi to the accommodation. Thanks Mike! After a little snack and checking in it was shower time and off to bed after being awake for nearly 24 hours!

**Day 2 by Zoe Massam:** We started with a sleep in not having to meet for brunch until 10am. Down the road at Denny's we found a stereotypical diner with a bargain \$6 western breakfast. Back to the accommodation to quickly get set for our afternoon plans at the Tokyo American Club. Our experience with the trains didn't get much better this time thanks to our 'superb' tour guide Mike. We all know how much he likes to talk but it went a step too far when we missed our station and had to transfer at the next and go backwards. So Mike's "no talking" strike started

# BLOG

## Part One - Japan



and lasted a whole 0.0001 seconds! After arriving and warming up the local players challenged the squad to many matches. Some valuable time was spent working out how much the ball bounces and how fast it moves in the humidity over here. Showered and then went into the restaurant for an all you can eat buffet dinner which the boys definitely approved of. After a stock of ice cream and sweets the squad went off to play ten pin bowling with Kiara and Trey coming out on top. A lovely tour from one of the Toyko America Club members ended our day at the club and we had the least stressful train ride home yet! Thank you to the Tokyo America Club for having us today we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Tomorrow we have a day off with some shopping planned before training again Tuesday.

**Day 3 by Trey MacKenzie:** It was a slow start out of the gates leaving for Denny's for a brunch. We then rode the train to Shibuya and Akihabara and everyone brought back a memento or two. When we got back we celebrated with the local people, the "JINJA" where Eric, Gregory, Scott, Mike and Allan were lucky enough join in. The others just watched the locals celebrate their hearts out, Mike set me up with a few locals #ultimatewingman. Then we ventured back to find a restaurant which we did in time and had some Raman and had some interesting conversations about tactics for the competition. Then we hit the sack ready to go for the next day

**Day 4 by Kiara Rogers:** The adults left early for trial run to the courts and coffee, while us kids went to breakfast at Denny's again! The adults came back and we met in the lobby to go for lunch. We just went to the supermarket and grabbed some pastries and fruit and came back to the hotel but had to sit in lobby and eat as our rooms were getting cleaned. Some of us went up to room and played cards while we waited to go to the courts for our practice session. Courts are glossy and very bouncy, get very hot quickly, played king of the court the winner got a free meal and Greg was the winner haha so he was stoked. Now heading back to hotel for shower and then off to Mike's friends for our welcoming dinner then early to bed for the first day of tournament to start. Lucky for the boys we didn't have to buy dinner tonight ☺ thank you Master and Ayako for the amazing meal.

**Day 5 by Eric Gray:** The start of the Japan tournament. A big deal for all of us, for some it's their first experience of an International tournament and others who have experienced it before and know the big effort required. Results were as follows:

First matches:

Oscar lost in 4: 11-7 9-11 4-11 0-11

Greg won in 3: 11-1 11-0 11-2

Anita lost in 3: Unknown score

Jade lost in 5: 11-5 11-3 8-11 7-11 5-11



# BLOG

## Junior

### Part One - Japan



Eric won in 3: 11-7 11-7 11-8

Trey won in 4: 6-11 14-12 11-4 17-15

Kiara won in 3: 11-0 11-0 11-0

Zoe won in 3: 11-0 11-1 11-0

Second matches:

Greg won in 3: 11-7 11-4 11-1

Eric lost in 3: 11-7 11-4 11-8

Trey lost in 3: 11-13 11-6 11-7

Zoe lost in 3: 11-3 11-6 11-4

So that means Greg and Kiara are still undefeated. So Greg, Kiara and Oscar continue to play at the SQ-Cube while the rest of us start playing at PALEC from tomorrow.

**Day 6 by Jade Woods:** It was our second day into the tournament and was a good day for many of us. Everyone played great squash after getting over the nerves of the first day and were rewarded with some great results. Both our under 13 boys won all three matches. Oscar had two wins today ( both 2-0, 11/3, 11/3 and his second game results were 11/1, 11/3) coming back firing after yesterday's game, and Greg easily overpowering his opponent in a straight 3 games. Eric in the under 15s lost 1-2 but played a strategic and impressive game (results were 11/9, 8/11, 7/11). As the only under 17s boy player from the squad, Trey won convincingly 2-0 (11/4,11/5).

On the girls side we all played strong and confident in our games. Kiara had to play the #1 seed and even though she lost in four (3/11,11/9,5/11,6/11) she was seen to been playing some of her best squash under such pressure. Both myself and Anita won our games 2-0, Anita being relentless and not letting her opponent have a single point and myself dropping one point to my opponent over the two games.

After a clean win this morning ((2-0)11/0, 11/2), Zoe fought hard in her second match but was outclassed by one of the top ranked girls in her age group, losing 2-0 ( 5/11,7/11).

It was yet another muggy day at the courts, but everyone used the court conditions to enhance their game and perform to a high standard. Tomorrow will hopefully be just as successful as today results have been and everyone perseveres through the heat to ultimately achieve a good ranking.

**Day 7 by Anita Tsangaris:** The day starts at 8am with breakfast at Dennys, where the waitress displays her usual astonishment after hearing we don't want coffee with our food. Next stop was the station, which we managed to navigate expertly thanks to Zoe and Allen. Kiara and Greg got off at SQ Cube, while the others

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## Junior

### Part One - Japan



continued on to the place I forgot the name of! The results were as followed:

Trey down 10-12, 10-12

Jade up 11-2, 11-0

Anita up 11-5, 11-4

Kiara up 11-8, 14-12

Jade defeated Anita 11-2, 11-4

Greg up 11-9, 11-6, 9-11, 11-3

Eric up 11-7, 13-11

Oscar up 11-7, 11-5

Kiara down 9-11, 3-11

Back to the hotel for showers, then a quick stint at the shopping centre. Cash register workers are extremely difficult to understand, so we just stand there and nod. At 7:30 Mike takes us out to a restaurant where the meat is thinly sliced and presented to you raw, then placed upon the miniature barbeque in the centre of the table. At our table there was questioning on how cooked the meat actually was, while Kiara's table had undoubtedly done enough "charcoaling" for all of us combined.

**Day 7 by Gregory Chan:** Got off to a good start when I was late for the train and the rest of the group were there before me. When I arrived I checked the match before the match before me was halfway through, so I went to warm up. My match was an interesting 5 setter which involves me being 2 games down but I managed to catch up to make it 2 games all. In the 5th set I was going to shake my opponents hand as every five setter goes but when I put my hand out he gave me his racket so that didn't work. I lost in five in the following scores; 5-11 5-11 11-8 11-7 5-11. The final placings for the squad includes me coming in 2nd, Oscar coming 18th, Eric coming 13th for U15, Trey coming in 10th for U17, Kiara coming in 6th for U17, Jade coming in 9th for U17, Anita coming in 10th for U17 and Zoe coming in 14th for U19. We then went for breakfast and then presentations. Then the group split up to go to two different shops while I had no idea what Mike was doing. After shopping we went back to Ayako and Master's place to freshen up / shower and for another great meal. Thank you to Master & Ayako for their warm hospitality and delicious Japanese cuisine. After that we said our goodbyes and went off to the airport. When we reached the train station Mike asked if anyone had left something behind when my mum saw her bag with Mike which had both my mums' and my laptop in it. She squealed and grabbed the bag off Mike and we had a laugh before we went on our way to the airport. Mike's plan B worked well this time! We checked in and did the usual airport stuff. Then we went into the boarding gate and shortly after boarded the plane. After the plane landed everyone got off when my mum saw someone's wallet, and like father like son, Allan had left his wallet on the plane. So we did the same thing Mike did - "did anyone leave anything behind??" and gave the wallet back to Allan. We got off the plane to collect our luggage. The 2nd leg of our tour starts today. Penang here we come!!!



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## JUNIOR SUPER SERIES

EVENT 1	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Division 1	Damon MacMillan	Remi Young	Abel Jin
Division 2	Ethan Baldwin-Wright	Kiara Rogers	Jackson Ashby
Division 3	Damon Blakey	Kael Owen	Calan Harris
Division 4	Michaela Pratt	Austin Pianta	Aled Phillips-Johns
Division 5	Patrick Minson	Oliver Ernst	Finlay Galt
Division 6	Isla Harris	Hannah Slyth	Ruby Brandon-Stewart

EVENT 2	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Division 1	Damon MacMillan	Remi Young	Abel Jin
Division 2	Eric Gray	Ethan Baldwin-Wright	Pascale Louka
Division 3	Damon Blakey	Kael Owen	Oscar Lindsey
Division 4	Max Forbes	Michaela Pratt	Austin Pianta
Division 5	Bayley Ponton	Finlay Galt	Michael Bartie
Division 6	Isla Harris	Ruby Brandon-Stewart	Taelin Wynbergen

EVENT 3	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Division 1	Damon MacMillan	Callum Blakey	Bradley Ward
Division 2	Eric Gray	Ethan Baldwin-Wright	Pascale Louka
Division 3	Calan Harris	Damon Blakey	Kael Owen
Division 4	Austin Pianta	Michaela Pratt	Aled Phillips-Johns
Division 5	Michael Bartie	Bayley Ponton	Aaron Caldwell
Division 6	Sam Wells	Jaxon Wells	Harvey Pianta
Division 7	Isla Harris	Hannah Slyth	Taelin Wynbergen

Top Point Scorers					
Isla Harris		570		Ethan Baldwin-Wright	520
Damon Macmillan		570		Eric Gray	520
Damon Blakey		560		Pascale Louka	510
Bayley Ponton		550		Calan Harris	510
Austin Pianta		540		Kael Owen	500
				Michaela Pratt	500



In the words of a famous TV commercial ...

# Is DON Is GOOD!

It has come as a complete shock but the incredible **Don Huffer** is leaving WA Squash. I have known “the Don” for well over 15 years now firstly as a parent taking his two gifted kids - Scott and Larissa - to the major junior squash events around the country and secondly as GM of WA Squash.

I have always found Don to be a very private but genuine person with a high level of professionalism and decency, honesty, a strong work ethic and a great passion for WA Squash. He always called a spade a spade and has done his best to “keep the bastards honest”. He will be sadly missed.

## **Steve Bowen** PRESIDENT

Don has been with WA Squash now for some 10 years. He was originally employed as Terrace Squash court manager when Andrew Stanbury was General Manager.

Within 12 months Andrew Stanbury left to follow other employment options. We did employ another person to fill the role of General Manager but this was only for a short period.

During this time we were fortunate to be in a position to evaluate Don, his work ethic and abilities and the Board had no hesitation in asking if Don would fill the role.

This turned out to be an astute decision by WA Squash with Don attending to all duties as court manager and WA Squash General Manager.

Although Don had never played squash he had been involved at the highest Junior Level for many years with Scott and Larissa achieving numerous National and State Titles.

Not only did we get Don on the payroll but also Larissa whenever we were in need of someone to help out!

Whilst Don was GM I can confidently say that not one cent was wasted or unaccounted for and the Board always had total trust in Don's honesty, reliability and passion for squash.

At the WA Open each year that he was with us Don did almost everything from managing the courts, helping with lunches, arranging billets, hosting players himself, sweeping the courts and emptying the rubbish.

At the Presentations the largest cheers were for Don and it was very good to see that the players were even aware of just how much work he did and they appreciated it.

Over time as funding got more difficult Don started cutting costs by doing more and more of the work himself including pennant management and all that was associated with it.

There are some areas where Don was not perfect though ...

- He would refuse pay increases
- He would not take holidays
- He refrained from the use of email unless it was an absolute necessity

!Don will be impossible to replace as we will not find anyone to do the huge number of jobs





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## **Steve Bowen** PRESIDENT

that he did for a relatively low wage.

I was President for virtually all of Don's period of employment and always appreciated the hard work and support he gave me and the

Board.

Don, your contribution to WA Squash has been massive. I hope all WA squashies appreciate everything you have done.

Thank you and good luck ...  
Steve

## **Sue Hillier** DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

What can I say about Don Huffer ... there isn't much to tell as he never talks about himself!

I know he came from country Victoria and played Aussie rules and cricket.

Don is also a mad Essendon supporter (but don't mention the drug scandal).

He loves his sport although has never played squash. He is passionate about squash and once on a subject he is passionate about be prepared to have a lengthy discussion.

I know that when WA Squash moved to the Hyatt (current home) and lost its General Manager, Don said he would do both the GM and court operator position for the same salary to save the association money.

He has done this for the past 10 Years. He has worked tirelessly for our sport,



opening at 7:30am and leaving at 9pm most days. He did have Sunday's off. He does so much work behind the scenes. He doesn't really want to be the front man nor does he seek recognition.

He still does not have a mobile phone and would prefer to phone someone rather than reply to an email.

He has two children - Scott and Larissa - both very good squash players but no longer playing. Don has become a grandfather this year.

It has been a pleasure working with Don and I wish him all the very best for the future.

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# NATIONAL MASTERS DARWIN

**By Doug Minchin, WAMS Teams Coordinator**

550 players flocked to Darwin to compete in the AMSA Individual championships & Interstate Teams Series, that were held at the Darwin courts at Marrara, from 5 -16 Sept 2016.

NTSMA (Richard Weir, Gerard McNally, Wendy Beard & co.) did a wonderful job along with AMSA stalwarts (Peter Wright, Ron Smith and Garry Irwin) in preparing for and running these championships and the many accompanying social events that are the highlight of the Masters Squash year.

Western Australia fielded 33 Individuals and 77 Team's players for a great total of 100.

## **AMSA Individual Championships:**

Several WA players excelled in their age groups winning their divisions, including:

Sue Hillier Winner W50-54 Open

Sue Volzke Winner W65-69 Open

Chas Renner Winner M85-89 Open

Joe Mihaly Winner M60-64 Div3

Others did well in gaining second or third place in their age events:

Chris Baker Runner Up M45-49 Open

Vic Thomas Runner Up M65-69 Open

Joyce Barnett Runner Up W75-79 Open

Paul Campbell Third M45-49 Open

Ali Butler Third W50-54 Div2

Linda McBrierty Third W65-69 Div2

Jim Hine Runner Up M65-69 Div2

Ed Jennings Third M65-69 Div2

Gerard Carlin Runner Up M40-44 Div3

Special congratulations go to **Sue Hillier**, **Sue Volzke** and **Chas Renner**, who were crowned Australian champions in their age groups. Well done **Joe Mihaly** on winning your age division.

Both Chris Baker (Broome) and Paul Campbell (Mirrabooka) played exceptionally well in the M45-49 Open but neither could manage to get a game off the mercurial winner, Jeff Bond from NSW.

Vic Thomas again played very well, to narrowly beat Phil Grant in a tough 5 sets, to play the championship decider against Brian Cook, but the twenty times Australian Age champion was again too good and beat a valiant Vic in 4 sets.





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Joyce Barnett did very well to again be placed second in her open age group this year

## **AMSA Interstate Teams Series:**

WA fielded the second largest number of teams in Darwin (24 teams) behind NSW (28).

Many players nominated to play together as a team and with many having a Team Differential (difference between first and 3rd player's AMSA ranking) of greater than 1.0, the AMSA teams meeting enforced the rule that their team average be based on the top two players (instead of three).

This pushed 5-6 teams into higher divisions and thus made them less competitive. Consequently, WA's results were negatively affected.

However, a good win was recorded by WA10 (**Joe Mihaly, Kalev Kutt and Jim Hine**) who went through undefeated in Div10. Well done chaps!

WA1 (Div1), WA3 (Div3), WA19 (Div17) and WA23 (Div21) all played well and were Runners Up in their divisions.

It was gratifying to see our number one team of Courtney Diggins, Antony Marion and Andre Blignaut, battle it out gallantly against very strong opposition from NT, QLD and NSW teams and did very well in playing long, tough games in warm humid conditions, to finish second.

An interesting anomaly was that WA8 (Robert Price, Glenn Blight, Doug Minchin & Rod Smith who finished third) were the only team to beat the winners of Div7 QLD7. It demonstrates that the Interstate Teams is all about consistency rather than isolated rubber results or an player's individual performance.

All 78 members of the WA teams, including Prue O'Neil, with a broken wrist, plus partners, met up on the Sunday evening (11 September) at the Precinct Tavern on the Waterfront, to meet their team mates, receive their team playing schedules, badges and general Masters tournament advice and then partake in a delicious meal, that was subsidized by WAMS. A great night was had by all.

Antony Marian and Yvonne Trotter did well in winning the Mixed Doubles tournament.

All social functions (Individual & Teams dinner dances,



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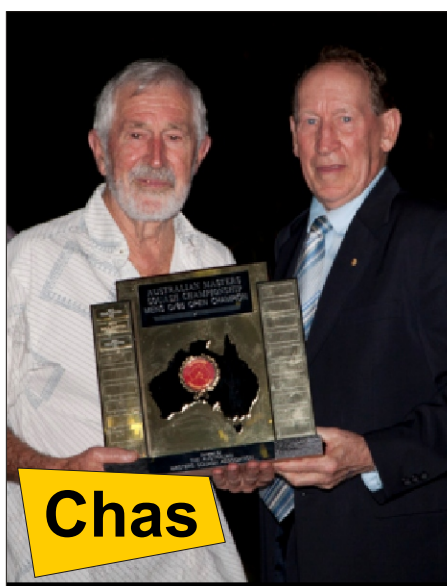
Territory night and VIP evening) barring the Welcome function at Parliament House, were held in the warm open air which was generally rather pleasant. However, at the Teams dinner dance at the Sky City Casino, the wet season decided to break early and at 10pm, rain poured down, forcing patrons to scurry to shelter and the band to prematurely shut down for the night.

Fortunately, the formalities had just been completed but energetic Masters' players missed out on 2 hours of dancing! Hopefully, they enjoyed some luck at the casino tables instead.

Overall, it was an excellent AMSA Championships and a great credit to the AMSA, the slick NTMSA organizing team and the 550 Masters Squash participants. My thanks go to Ed Jennings in helping with organizing the WA teams' players.



Sue



Chas



Sue



WA10  
Kaveh Kutt &  
Joe Mihaly





# NATIONAL MASTERS DARWIN



## Our 2016 National Masters Champions:

**O65 Sue Volzke**  
**85+ Chas Renner**  
**O50 Sue Hillier**

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Sue Hillier** showed her dominance in the W50-54 Open event clinching the title without dropping a game. It was Hillier's fourth National Masters Individual title.

**Sue Volzke** won the W65-69 Open event to take her collection of National Masters Individual titles to seven.

It was also an impressive 7th National Masters Individual title for **Chas Renner** when he took out the Mens 85+ Open event.

**Joe Mihaly** won another title for WA by taking out the M60-64 Division 3 event.





# NATIONAL MASTERS DARWIN



# UNI GAMES - GOLD TO UWA



**Charlie Yin, Adam Tynas, Hasitha Abeysekera, Joe Walder and Tim Cornish**

# UWA GOLD

Terrace has just hosted the 2016 Uni Games.

The awesome Men's UWA team were the Gold Medalists!

Congratulations to Charlie Yin, Adam Tynas, Hasitha Abeysekera, Joe Walder and Tim Cornish.

They beat La Trobe University in the final 128-110.

The Women's UWA team finished with a Bronze Medal.

Congratulations to Corina Malatzky, Jodie Koh, Naomi Naveh, Eloise Skoss, Shanae Alexander and Kathleen Matthys.

Four of our players received a Green and Gold medal for their outstanding performance: Kathleen Matthys, Jodie Koh, Tim Cornish and Hasitha Abeysekera.



**Kathleen Matthys, Jodie Koh, Tim Cornish and Hasitha Abeysekera**



# 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**  
**SQUASH**

# **Top 4** **JUNIOR RANKINGS**

**September 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. Remi Young - MAR
4. Callum Blakey - MAR

## **BOYS U15**

1. Remi Young - MAR
2. Gregory Chan - VP
3. Oscar Curtis - VP
4. Eric Gray - HIL

## **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. Erin Classen - MAR
2. Isabella French - BUN
3. Olivia Bunter - MAR
4. Michaela Pratt - NAR

## **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

**OCT 28-30**

**Busselton Halloween Open**  
*Busselton*

**NOV 5 - SW Grand Prix**

**Manjimup Junior Tournament**  
*Manjimup*

**NOV 18-19**

**Masters**  
**Spring Teams Tournament**  
*Squash Factory*



**Squash**  
**Players**  
**Over 35**



**WA Masters**  
**Spring Teams Tournament**

Saturday, 19th (From 1pm) - Sunday, 20th November

**THE SQUASH FACTORY**

18 Garino Rise Wangara WA  
Tel: 9408 0777

Tournament Director  
Linda McBrierty & Ed Jennings

Tournament Referee  
Steve Bowen

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday, 14th November**

## **SOUTH WEST GRAND PRIX** **MANJIMUP JUNIOR** **TOURNAMENT**



**BRONZE** Abilities Based  
One Day Junior Tournament

**5 November 2016**

**ENTRIES CLOSE:**  
**5.00PM WEDNESDAY**  
**2 NOVEMBER 2016**

All enquiries:

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*See you at Manjimup!*



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