

LYN CHANDLER

Service to WA Squash Award



Lyn commenced playing squash at Belmont Squash Centre in 1983. She joined the Belmont Squash Club Committee as Ladies Captain in 1985 and has held a position on the Belmont Committee ever since with the exception of 2007.

Lyn been the Treasurer at Belmont since 1988 until the present day and was made a life member of Belmont Saints in 1997. In 2000, Lyn received the Australian Sports Medal for services to squash.

Lyn joined Day League Pennant Squash in 1984, playing in Division 23. After a few years playing Day League she joined the Day League Pennant Committee and was on the committee when men were first "allowed" to join the competition.

After a few years she took over the role of Day League Chairperson on the pennant committee. Lyn started the State Junior League together with her husband, Russell for a few years in the early 1990's.

She then joined the night pennant committee back in the days when Julie Archibald was in the office in 1988. Then we had Midweek pennants, Thursday nights and Friday night pennants, and grades from A down to F5. This was back in the days when everything was done manually - grading and draws!

Lyn took on the role of Pennant Chair in 1993 for two years, then took up a position on the Board of WA Squash from 1996-1999. She also started up a newsletter which was sent out weekly to all centres in their courier bag.

When Day League was facing the prospect of collapsing due to decreasing numbers Lyn went onto a new committee that took on the role of formatting a new competition run in the same way she and Russell had run the State Junior league. Since then Lyn and Russell have been on this committee and have seen the numbers grow steadily.

With the numbers of ladies playing pennants declining Lyn, undertook the role of trying to implement the same format of competition to retain any ladies that lost their team mates and didn't have a team, or wanted to get back into pennants.

It was also a way for new ladies to enter into a beginner level and then move up through the ranks. This was introduced on a Monday night and continues to thrive with Lyn on the committee.