



Tasmanian Masters Squash

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**NEXT
TOURNAMENT**

3-5 JULY - HOBART

EASTSIDE SQUASH CENTRE

Saturday Dinner + Band 6.30 p.m.

Waterfront Hotel, Bellerive

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2026 Tasmanian Masters Squash Championships - Tasmanian Squash Rackets Association Inc

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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



Andrew Koerbin

We are now well into the year, with several significant events coming up. The next major event is the Tasmanian Masters, to be held in July in Hobart, which promises to be a fantastic occasion. Registrations are now open, with further details provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many Tasmanians will also be travelling to Perth in late August to participate in the World Masters. Information has been sent to all members, including a document outlining a number of frequently asked questions about how the event operates, prepared with the assistance of Gaye Mitchell and Mike Brown, both frequent competitors on the world stage. The last World Masters held in Australia was 20 years ago, making this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many of us.

It was also with great sadness that we mourned the passing of Christine Bennett — a long-time Masters player, an even longer-serving hockey player, and an amazing volunteer. Christine was the driving force behind support for an orphanage in Kenya for 15 years, helping provide opportunities for orphans to attend high school and pursue tertiary education. Her presence is sorely missed by us all.



VALE CHRISTINE BENNETT

06/08/1952 - 27/03/2026

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to our dear friend Christine Bennett who passed away after a short illness. A long-time squash player with a tremendous zest for life. Christine served many years on the Committee and was heavily involved in organising events. Chris will be missed by us all.

R.I.P. Chris



Welcome to the 2026 World Squash Masters Championships

We're thrilled to welcome players, supporters, and squash fans from around the globe to the official event page for the [2026 World Squash Masters Championships](#) in Perth, Australia

30th August - 6th September.

Get ready for an unforgettable celebration of squash, community, and competition as we bring together master's athletes of all ages and nations in a showcase of passion, performance, and international spirit.

Let the countdown begin

**Accommodation is available for Tasmanian participants at the
Quality Resort Sorrento Beach**

If you require accommodation, please contact garry.hulme@gmail.com

Tasmanian Masters Squash Association Advice regarding 2026 World Masters in Perth

How does this differ from the Individual Championships at the annual Australian Masters Squash Championships?

The Worlds are really very similar to Aus Champs but with lots more players and from all over the world. There is a lot of comraderies between players and countries.

How does the draw work?

There is only 1 event per age group with men and women separately. Therefore, everyone is in a world championship event. The draw is either knockout with lots of plate events or round robin (depends on numbers for the age group). The scoring is Point a Rally (PAR) 11 with a win by 2 points. Balls are double dots. See 2024 Amsterdam draws at World Squash - WSF World Masters 2024 - Draws

How do seedings work?

The World Squash Federation (WSF) have an agreement to use Squash Levels worldwide, so this is the initial source of information for Perth with some possible tweaking where necessary. Seedings /rankings are then presented to the tournament seedings panel and then WSF sign off. Players do have an appeal period once seedings are published. Aus Masters is a bit late coming to Squash Levels, but it will be up-to-date for Perth.

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Advice regarding 2026 World Masters in Perth - *cont.*

How many games may I get over the week?

Suggested guarantee is 3 matches but with lots of plate events for larger draws you can get 4 or 5 matches.

What happens if I lose my first couple of matches, is it all over?

No, usually more plate events or round robin draws.

What happens if my opponent does not turn up or forfeits?

Usual forfeit situation where you move to the next match as the winner.

Are matches scheduled at different times than at the annual Australian Masters Individual Championships?

The Worlds run over a week with matches scheduled across the whole day and maybe some evenings – all depends on the number of players.

How do I get notified of my matches?

From the tournament web site. It is important to keep referring to this. In Amsterdam, court numbers were on the draw on the web and you went directly to that court without any control desk check-in. Occasionally there would be a PA announcement asking a player to go to a court. As in any tournament a match on a court can finish early so always best to be there early.

What is etiquette regarding the period after having played my opponent - i.e. referee and score next match - do we have a coffee/drink or just go home?

At the last couple of Worlds a marker / referee has been supplied for each court so there was no need to mark / referee the match following yours. Will have to wait and see for Perth. Mixing with players, finding out something about their home life etc, is all part of the fun. The social area always has plenty of people.

What can I wear to play - can I wear State Masters uniform? And will note there will be an Australian shirt produced?

You can wear what you like within normal player clothing regulations. There will be an Australian shirt for sale in the clothing. Also good to wear the TMSA top we have for Australian Masters Teams Championships.

Am I actually playing for Australia in some sort of country v country competition?

You are playing for Australia. There is a Nations Cup and every match played receives points towards this with the winning nation being the most points. So all your matches count.

What is the best thing about playing in a World Masters?

Lots of fun. Meet new people from everywhere. Great matches to watch. And it can be noisy with everyone cheering on fellow country players, especially the South Africans.

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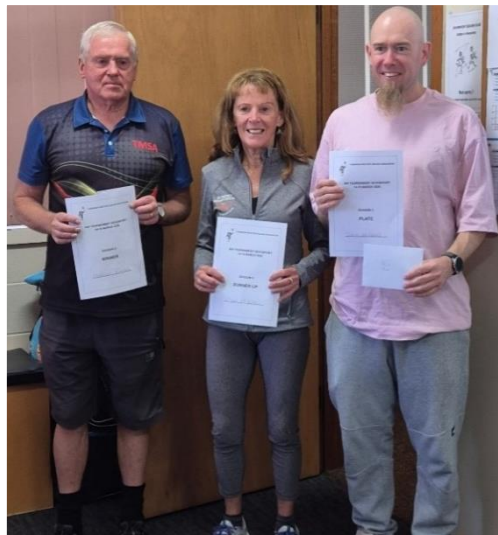
DEVONPORT TOURNAMENT

14-15 MARCH



DIVISION 1

WINNER – Paul Brewtnall
RUNNER UP – Mark Cato
PLATE – Brian Armstrong



DIVISION 2

WINNER – Michael Brown
RUNNER UP – Gaye Mitchell
PLATE – John Williams



DIVISION 3

WINNER – Bruce Bussey
RUNNER UP – Judith Fox
PLATE – Anjelica Williams

Despite having only 25 players, the Devonport tournament proved that bigger isn't always better. The small event created a relaxed, intimate atmosphere where players had plenty of court time, built great connections and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. There was very positive feedback from attendees. The dinner on Saturday night held at the Argosy was wonderful. Lots of laughs, great food and a good time had by all.

Thank you so much to the wonderful people who travelled and took time out of their weekend to support Masters Squash. Thank you to our director Michael Brown who did a fantastic job as always. The Devonport squash community as always provided great food and made sure everyone was well feed, hydrated and enjoying themselves.

Hope to see everyone in July in Hobart. Happy squashing.





TRAINING CAMP

February

The Geoff Davenport Masters Squash Training Camp was a huge success drawing an outstanding turnout from squash players across the state eager to learn from one of the best.



The camp delivered two action-packed days of expert coaching, high-level training, and valuable insights, giving participants an incredible opportunity to sharpen their skills and elevate their game.

The excitement didn't stop there – Geoff also featured on ABC local radio.



Watch out for these Tas Masters, they may not be younger than when they started the training camp, but they'll be sneakier and better organised than ever.



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MASTERS SQUASH CALENDAR

HOBART

3-5 JULY

Eastside Squash Centre

WORLD MASTERS

30 AUGUST-6 SEPTEMBER

Perth, W.A.

DELORAINÉ

19-20 SEPTEMBER

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