

EASTSIDE OPEN TOURNAMENT REPORT 2011

The Eastside Open Tournament was held from 15 – 17 July. This year the tournament was held in conjunction with the Tasmanian Open which made for a great weekend of squash. There were five divisions playing in the ES Open, alongside international representation in the Tasmanian Open.

The ES Open Division 1 winner was Harry Booth, newly resident in Tasmania, who defeated Michael Usher 3/1 (11/9, 7/11, 11/9, 11/3). The Plate winner was Paul Brewtnall. Division 2 was won by Jack Strugnell who defeated Jeremy Salter (Woden, ACT) in four (3/11, 11/6, 11/7, 11/6). Plate winner was Daniel Jones, also from the ACT. Division 3, a round robin, was won by Melanie Dunn and the runner-up was Brendan Ward. Division 4 was won by Rowan Alexander who defeated Eastside junior Kate Lindsay in 4 (11/7, 13/11, 9/11, 11/5). The plate winner was Alisdair Newton. In Division 5, it was a 'Ward' affair, with Cameron Ward defeating Claire Ward 3/0 (11/6, 11/5, 11/9). Plate winner was Harry Bird.

The standard of squash, particularly by the juniors, was excellent. The court coverage shown and diversity of great shots be it drives, lobs or boasts, was fantastic to watch. All of the finals were a fitting end to an exciting weekend of squash. Results can found at www.squashmatrix.com



L-R Harry Bird, Daniel Jones, Kate Lindsay, Melanie Dunn, Gaye Mitchell, Jack Strugnell, Harry Booth, Brendan Ward, Claire Ward, Rowan Alexander, Cameron Ward, Jeremy Salter and Paul Brewtnall (kneeling at front).

The inaugural Ian Hocking Memorial Medals for 2010/11 were also presented. Recipients were Gaye Mitchell, Paul Brewtnall, Jack Strugnell and Amy Littler.

After the completion of the Eastside Open finals, spectators were treated to more great squash with women's No 2 seed, Samantha Cornett (Canada) and men's No 2 seed, Leo Au (Hong Kong) winning the Tasmanian Open finals for 2011.

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