
PRESIDENTS REPORT 2006

It is with pleasure I present my report for 2006. It is a bit strange this year as it is my first year of report writing that I have participated only as a spectator and not as a competitor. It does seem odd to be sitting back on the sideline watching everyone else chase that little black ball around those four white walls!!

Our membership in Southern Tasmania seems to be flourishing but I'm afraid Masters Squash in the north is nearly at a standstill. The north west probably needs a little encouragement as they seem to be running strong pennants competitions.

Ross Barnden ran a great Southern Masters Tournament in April 2006. Once again it was the southern players who carried the competition to success.

We bit the bullet in July and ran the Tasmanian Masters 2006 in Devonport. It was a very successful championship, well represented by all regions. A special thank you to RetireInvest for being our major sponsor. Ross was the boy behind the desk and he had a band of willing helpers. A good night was held at the soccer club with a live band and we rocked the night away which is what Masters Squash is all about.

Over 20 Tasmanians travelled to Canberra in September for the Australian Masters Squash Championship. Congratulations to Gaye Mitchell and Rob Slade for winning their main events. Plate winners were Mike Brown, Ross Barnden and George Kovacs, and Don Ambler was a runner-up. We had two teams winning the finals and two teams being runner-up. That is quite a huge feat for a small state. Wrinkleys skit was a hit and thank you to Eryl Raymond for organising this. She had such wonderful talent to work with which made her task so much easier!!!

Mike Brown attended the World Masters Squash Championship in Cape Town in October. Mike got to the final of the Classic Plate which was an honour.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Tasmanian Masters committee for their efforts in helping get squash up and running in Tassie. A special thank you to Gaye Mitchell who does a huge amount of work – her heart is well and truly in the right place – that is, keeping Masters Squash alive.

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