

Squash Tasmania President's Report for 2010

2010 was another good year for squash in Tasmania especially in the Key Result Area: Development and Participation.

The total number of affiliated players increased from 613 in 2009 to 719 in 2010. The table below provides a club by club breakdown of affiliation numbers.

Club	Region	2010 Adult	2010 Junior	2010 Total
Deloraine	North	1	0	1
Launceston College	North	0	11	11
Longford	North	2	5	7
Scottsdale	North	5	28	33
Theogenes	North	4	4	8
University (Launceston)	North	0	0	1
Westbury	North	2	0	2
Burnie	North West	24	16	40
Devonport	North West	59	18	77
Penguin	North West	32	47	79
Smithton	North West	16	10	26
Ulverstone	North West	29	4	33
Wynyard	North West	31	21	52
Eastside	South	152	84	236
Kingborough	South	25	41	66
Parsons	South	6	7	13
University (Hobart)	South	13	21	34
Total for State		401	317	719
South		196	153	349
North		14	48	63
North West		191	116	307

Our achievements for 2010 are briefly summarised under the Key Result Areas identified in the Strategic Plan.

Governance, Management and Commercial Interests

Work continued this year to improve our administrative procedures and to develop regulations for operations. We are also attempting to get more accurate membership details.

The constitution is still being reviewed and amendments are proposed to allow for a national registration system and representation from each club.

We have taken an active role in the move towards a national approach to squash. I have attended the Squash Australia AGM and workshops as well as Squash Australia Executive Officers Group meetings and been involved in discussions on a range of issues including a national registration system, competition software improvements, web site improvements, insurance, tournament circuit and strategic planning. Positive results of these discussions will be seen over the next few years.

All of our governance activities were completed with the usual diligence.

Elite Development

Tasmania was represented by junior, senior and Masters' teams this year.

The development of junior squash both in numbers and standard resulted in Tasmania being represented at the Australian Junior Championships in the Boys 19, 17, 15 and 13 year age groups and Girls 19, 17 and 15 year age groups.

Kate Lindsay was our outstanding junior for the year. She won the Vicki Cardwell Classic at the National Junior Series and finished the year with an Australian Ranking of 6 in the 15 year age group. Other juniors to achieve Australian rankings were Amy Littler, 10 in the girl's 19 year age group; Jade Lee, 13 in the girl's 17 year age group and Claire Ward, 10 in the girl's 15 year age group. No boys achieved rankings.

This year we hosted the Australian Masters Championships at Eastside Squash. Our outstanding performer was Michael Brown. Michael won the Men's Over 55.

In 2010 Aaron Frankcomb and Maggy Marshall received scholarships from the Tasmanian Institute of Sport. Aaron is now based in England and represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games. Maggy is training in with the Australian Institute of Sport in the United States.

Facilities, Competitions and Tournaments

This year most clubs continued to enter their competition results on the MATRIX. In addition most of the junior, senior and Masters' tournament results were entered on the MATRIX.

Eight junior tournaments were held at various venues around the state. The number of juniors participating in tournaments continued to grow and 148 juniors participated in one or more junior tournament during the year.

At the conclusion of each event the State Junior rankings were reviewed and published.

The 2010 Tasmanian Open was hosted by the Tasmanian Squash Academy at Eastside. This was the first professional squash player event to be held in Tasmania. Players from 11 countries participated and the event received excellent publicity in all forms of the media. It was a tremendous promotion for our sport. The prize money was made available by Squash Australia and the Tasmanian Squash Academy.

In addition four weekend open tournaments were held; the Eastside Open, the Tasmanian Open, the Devonport Open, and the City of Clarence Open. In addition one-day open events were held at Eastside, Ulverstone, Devonport and Kingborough.

Two Tasmanian Masters' tournaments were held; the Devonport Masters and the Tasmanian Masters at Eastside.

The Australian Masters' Championship was held at Eastside, Kingborough and Parsons. I would like to congratulate the organising committee and volunteers for putting on a great event.

The squash calendar for 2011 has been drafted and forwarded to clubs for comments and additions.

Development and Participation

Development and Participation was our major focus for the year. These programs were delivered by the Tasmanian Squash Academy.

Although we were ruled ineligible for a State Grant in 2010 because we had insufficient affiliated players in the Northern Region (63 telephone district) we did receive a Sport and Recreation Tasmania Minor Grant and sponsorship from the Tasmanian Squash Academy that allowed us to continue to deliver Development and Participation Programs. Squash and Totball programs were delivered during school time to 30 primary schools state wide. The promotion was delivered to over 5,000 Grade Prep to 6 children resulting in over 100 juniors joining squash clubs.

After school squash coaching programs are being provided in most Tasmanian squash centres.

Two Level 1 Squash Coach Training Courses were held resulting in 11 new coaches becoming accredited. I would like to thank Max Moorhouse and Bob U'Ren for delivering these courses.

Concluding Comments

I am pleased with the outcomes that we have achieved in 2010 and with the steady increase in the momentum of the resurgence of squash in Tasmania. I am looking forward to seeing the results of our efforts over the next few years.

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