

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS - PERTH 2007

September 2007 saw approx 30 Tasmanian Masters Squash players head off to Perth for the Australian Masters Championships. . We were there to show them all how good Tassie Masters were (on and off the court!). Some of us were there for two weeks to play both the individuals and teams events and others came during the second week to play teams. Some of the Tassie contingent arrived early and went touring while others toured during and later.

The individuals commenced on Monday 3 September and were held at Mirrabooka Squash courts at Scarborough. This was particularly good because everything was at the one venue. Some very good squash was played and some very social squash as well. The teams competition commenced on Monday 10 September and we had to use 3 centres as this was the largest contingent of teams to attend masters. Teams is brilliant fun and can be recommended to all players. Tasmania again proved that we are worthy competitors whether on the court or off. A special thank you to Mark Kinghorn, Don Unsworth and Roy Baker who as non-players, did an exceptional job with organising and doing a lot of the transporting of our players.

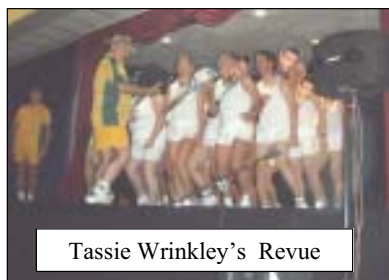
Best performed of the Tassies in the individual events were: Mike Brown – 4th M o'50 Open; Cheryl Unsworth – winner special plate W50-54; and Christine Harris R/U W50-54 Div 2.

Team Winners were: Div 9: Tony Lawrie/George Kovacs/Brendan Lucas; Div 15: Bob Simmons/Judy Fox/Christine Harris; Div 23: Julie Kingston Smith/Sue Poulton/Mark Hayes.

Most of the Tasmanian group stayed near the beach at Scarborough and only a short drive or bus trip to the courts or city.

The Individuals dinner was held on Saturday 8 September at the Hyatt Regency Hotel where winners of the individuals were presented with their trophies and then it was time to party—not that this wasn't going on all week.

Wrinkley's Revue was held on Tuesday 11 September and again Tassie put their best feet forward. Not sure about the costumes but a lot of fun. The theme was Bond in Perth 2007.



Tassie Wrinkley's Revue

The Teams dinner was held on Friday 14 September at the Rendezvous Observation City Hotel at Scarborough and we could walk to this one. The presentations were held first and then again it was time to party.



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Some of us are either lucky or unlucky to have birthdays while we are away and this years lucky person was Julie Smith-Kingston from Devonport. Not only was she a Virgin but she was introduced to James Bond and Pussy Galore. Julie seemed to be enjoying this, even when the gun was shown.



The Australian Masters is a great tournament to attend whether you are a top player or not. There are grades and divisions for all and it is a great fortnight or week as the choice may be. The Championships are being held in Darwin for 2008 and I urge all Masters to consider this. If you are interested please talk to one of the committee or ask Gaye, Ross, Anne or Sandra or contact Eastside Squash courts for more information.

Thanks to Sandra Fogarty for this wrap up of the championships.