

NT Masters



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EDITION 1, APRIL 2008



Darwin Squash Association staff, Judy and Scott, hard at work

Dates to Remember

30 Aug & 31 Aug
- Individual registrations

1 Sept—12 Sept
- Australian Masters

31 August, 2008
- Official Welcome
Parliament House

1 Sept—5 Sept
- Individual
Championships

5 Sept
- Individual Presentation
and Dinner Dance
Fannie Bay Turf Club

6 Sept & 7 Sept
- Team registrations

8 Sept—12 Sept
- Team Championship

9 Sept
- Wrinkly's Review
Italian Club

Friday 12 Sept
- Teams Presentation
Dinner Dance
Sky City Casino

Entry to **ALL** social events will be subject to ticket presentation on arrival. NO TICKET—NO ENTRY

Australian Masters Drives to the Top End

It's settled! The Australian Masters is coming to Darwin in 2008!

Having not been hosted in the Top End since 2000, it's time for Darwin to show it's the outpost with the most.

The Australian Masters is a Tournament held over 2 weeks that is targeted at all individual male and female squash players, and teams from the age of 35.

This years event will begin with an Opening Ceremony at Parliament House on Sunday 31 August, with Individual Championships from 1-5 September and Team Championships from 8-12 September.

While squash is the name of the game, fun and laughs is the aim.

More than 400 local and interstate squash players will venture to Darwin to participate in the Australian Masters and enjoy 2 weeks in the glorious Top End.

And with approved use of Robertson Barracks facilities for the Team Championships, player numbers will no longer be a problem.

Darwin Masters Event Coordinator, Kay Dobson said the committee is very excited to host the Championships and has some great activities planned for the event.

"The committee is very pleased to be able to host the Australian Masters in 2008.

Although it's been 8 years since we were last hosts, we have some great activities planned for all to enjoy and the Top End offers some great attractions including Crocodylus Park, great fishing, Kakadu and Territory Wildlife Park, just to name a few," she said.

Kay also said the committee had taken care to ensure that activities would suit all age groups touring Darwin for the Championships.

"We have organised a number of activities including the Official Welcome at Parliament House, a Wrinkly's fun night and a Closing Ceremony outdoors at Sky City.

Our players age groups range from 35 all the way up to 85 so we're confident that we will provide great Championships that will be fun for all ages," Kay said.

The Australian Masters Championships have been running for almost 30 years.

More than 10,000 players have travelled interstate to be a part of these rewarding Championships, injecting millions of tourism dollars into the host state so it's good for squash, Darwin and our players and guests.

If you would like to join the Committee or be a volunteer for the Championships we would love to hear from you. Contact Kay Dobson on 0400 256 135 or hit the NT Masters Website www.amsasquash.com/nt2008web/index.htm

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Who are you?

Vince Yuen, Committee member for 2008 Australian Masters.

When did you start playing squash?

I joined the Darwin squash Association in 1965.

When did you join Masters?

1980.

Do you have any funny squash stories to share with us?

At one of the Australian Masters Tournaments we were performing our Wrinkly's Review and one of the ladies had a wardrobe malfunction and her boobs popped out. She received a great applause and I must admit it's for those occasions that I have remained a member for so many years. You just never know your luck at a Masters Tournament.

PHOTO:
Vince Yuen

Who are you?

Kay Dobson, Australian Masters Coordinator, 2008

When did you start playing squash in Darwin?

I arrived in Darwin in 1987 and started with the Darwin Squash Association right away. I then joined the Masters when I was 'of age.'

What made you decide to Coordinate the Masters Tournament in 2008?

No- one else would do it. I think I had a few wines and was asked when I was in a vulnerable state.

Do you have any funny squash stories to share with us?

One of our participants cut the bum out of his pants to play one of the Village People for a Wrinkly's Review. Just before the performance he went to the toilet (nerves) and thought it would be a good idea to show paper hanging from his posterior. During his performance he turned his back towards the awe-inspired audience. Well, the crowd went crazy and the women came screaming up to the stage to take photos. It certainly was a sight for sore eyes!!



PHOTO: NT Masters President, Richard Weir with Masters Coordinator, Kay Dobson

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