

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION UPDATE

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Hi to all our Oceania Squash members.

This year is of tremendous significance to the world of squash with the bid for squash to be included in the 2020 Olympic Games.

There are many individuals

and organisations led by World Squash who have put in a huge effort to give squash its best chance for 2020. It is imperative that all Oceania member countries continue to help carry the message to influential individuals and IOC members of the value our game can bring to the Olympic games.

Good news. Our Oceania Champs are being held in Norfolk Island from October 14th to 18th. We are indebted to Mal Tarrant and his team for holding this championship so please organise your entries ASAP. We are sure this will be a great event in our region.

Communication is key if we are to lift the profile of squash in your country and the region. Our main project for 2013 is to launch a new Oceania website so that we not only communicate with each other but also encourage *more* interaction between countries. We need a squash enthusiast in each country to take on this task and make the site a vibrant spot for our sport. Jim O'Grady from Squash New Zealand is handing this initiative and will be in contact shortly.

This year the World AGM and conference is being held in our region. Christchurch, New Zealand is hosting this from October 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The Oceania Executive is planning our

AGM on Sunday October 20th also in Christchurch, which will give delegates the opportunity to stay on for the WSF Conference and AGM. I urge you to plan for both events.

I am a squash enthusiast and have had many years of experience both playing, building and in administration of the game so I welcome the opportunity to help you wherever possible. Send me your contact details and the best time to phone, and I will call you.

Regards
Neven Barbour
President Oceania Squash



CHANGING OF THE GUARD

We are all well aware of the retirement from OSF of our long serving President and Executive Officer, Mr Col Clapper and Vice

President, Mr Butch Gifford. OSF thanks both these gentlemen for their tireless worth over the years.

However many of you will not be aware that at the recent Cook Islands AGM several other long serving stalwarts in our squash fraternity also took a well earned rest.

OSF wish to take this opportunity to thank Grant and Marie Priest, Heimata Karika and Robert Skewes for their dedication and support to not only Cook Islands Squash but to squash throughout the Region.

We wish them well in their future endeavours and hope you enjoy your well earned retirement from squash administration.

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**WSF CONFERENCE & AGM
CHRISTCHURCH
21st - 23rd OCTOBER**

“President Ramachandran and the WSF Board invite all Member Countries of the Oceania Region to attend the 43rd WSF Annual General meeting on Wednesday, 23rd October 2013, together with the WSF Conference which will take place on Monday, 21st and Tuesday 22nd October.”

This is a rare opportunity for all our Oceania Member Nations to attend a WSF Conference and AGM within our own Region and OSF encourages all its Members to attend. A dedicated website including details of venue and costs can be found at <http://www.2013worldsquashgm.com>.

Delegates can book online at their convenience.

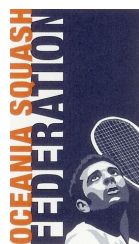


2013 OSF AGM

To reduce costs for our Members so they can attend both the Oceania Squash Federation Annual General Meeting

and the WSF Annual General Meeting and Conference the 2013 OSF AGM will be held on Sunday 20th October in Christchurch, New Zealand. The time and venue is yet to be determined, however it is anticipated that the AGM will be held during the afternoon of the 20th. Further details will be sent once the final details are confirmed.

We have been advised that WSF President Ramachandran and other WSF Board Members are keen to attend our AGM and meet with the Oceania Delegates. OSF encourages all Members to ensure a delegate is present at this meeting so the unique conditions of Island life are related to the WSF Board.



**2013 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS
NORFOLK ISLAND
14 - 18 October**

The 11th Oceania Championships, incorporating the 20th South Pacific Cup, will be held in Norfolk Island from Monday 14th to Friday 18th October.

Both Men and Women Team and Individual Events will be conducted. Only member countries of the OSF will be eligible to participate. To be eligible to represent their country players must have been born in the country, or be a citizen of, or have resided in the country for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the closing date for nominations, 14th August 2013.

For the Team Competition a Men's Team shall be a maximum of five (5) players with four (4) players contesting each tie, and the Women's Team shall be a maximum of four (4) players with three (3) players contesting each tie.

Information relating to accommodation will be distributed by mid April together with details of Tournament Officials and the official Nomination Form.

OSF encourages players across the Oceania Region to participate in this event. Entry forms and further information will be distributed in due course.



ONOC & OSFO ASSEMBLY

The Oceania National Olympic Committee and Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania Assemblies and joint workshops will be held at the Sheraton Denarau Resort, Nadi, Fiji from 17th to 20th April 2013. OSF President, Mr Neven Barbour, will be attending as the OSF Delegate. If any Member Country has any issues they would like Neven to discuss whilst he is attending these assemblies please don't hesitate to email him at nevenb@kiwilink.co.nz.

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2013 OCEANIA MASTERS

The 2013 Oceania Masters will be held on Norfolk Island from 23rd to 28th September 2013. Entry fee is \$80.00 per person, guaranteed 3 games. Any enquiries or entry forms email Mal Tarrant, President of Norfolk Island Squash at president@squash.nlk.nf



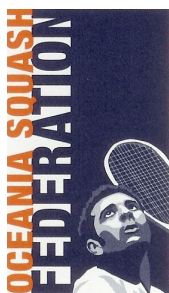
DUNLOP EXTEND WSF AGREEMENT INTO 5th DECADE

Dunlop has recently renewed its partnership with the WSF reinforcing Dunlop's status as the world's number one squash ball. OSF has again entered into this Sponsorship Agreement and will be receiving Dunlop balls for distribution to Member Nations to assist in development of squash in the Region.

The balls will be distributed via the Squash NZ office in Auckland. It is hoped that OSF will be able to distribute the balls to Member Island Nations at a reduced freight cost than in previous years.

To assist, if any Island Nation has someone travelling through Auckland please consider getting that person to transport balls back in their luggage rather than OSF sending the balls through the post.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer please let contact Jim O'Grady at Squash NZ office to arrange pickup. Jim can be contacted at jim@squashnz.co.nz.



2014 OCEANIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are proud to announce the Oceania Junior Championships will be hosted by Squash Australia at Palm Beach on the Gold Coast from 17th to 21st January 2014.

Events to be contested will be Boys and Girls Under 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19. The Under 19's will be accredited WSF Teir 2 Regional Championships events.

Further information relating to this tournament will be available in the near future.



MILO ALL STAR JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

28th May to 2nd June 2013
Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

Events to be contested : Under 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 for both Boys and Girls. Entries close : Sunday, 15th April.

Entry Forms are available from the Tournament Secretariat, Ms Mary Ong at maryongtn@yahoo.com.



2013 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR SQUASH OPEN

30 March to 1 April 2013

OSF wishes our Oceania Junior Players all the best at the upcoming Australian Junior Squash Open in Sydney.

With 200+ entries this will offer players the opportunity to compete against players from throughout Australia and the Oceania Region. Good squashing!

CURRENT WORLD RANKINGS

(top Oceania Players)

Men

Ranking	Player	Country
14	Cameron Pilley	AUS
21	Campbell Grayson	NZ
30	Ryan Cuskelly	AUS
40	Zac Alexander	AUS
48	Martin Knight	NZ

Women

7	Joelle King	NZ
13	Kasey Brown	AUS
16	Rachael Grinham	AUS
17	Donna Urquhart	AUS
35	Amanda Landers-Murphy	NZ

