

NMSA Annual Report for 2018/2019

NAMES OF THE COMMITTEE

Committee Members – 2018

- Robert More - Chairman
- Mandi Joubert – Vice Chair
- Anna Botha
- Izak Lampbrecht
- Bertus Kruger
- Anton Meyer
- Willem Klopper
- Saartjie Cromhout (Finances)

Committee Members – 2019

- Robert More - Chairman
- Mandi Joubert – Vice Chair
- Izak Lampbrecht
- Magalan Pather
- Arrie Pretorius
- Anton Meyer (Until 31 May 2019 – Resigned)
- Saartjie Cromhout (Finances) – Co-opted
- Anna Botha – Co-opted

GRASS ROOTS DEVELOPMENT

NMSA is a Masters participation association and incorporates players of 35 years and older.

Our grass roots development are players who have progressed through the ranks to senior status and then affiliate themselves with our association to continue their squash activities.

COACHING & REFEREEING

NMSA is fortunate to have a few qualified and semi-qualified referees, but not enough at this stage. We are discussing the encouragement of masters players to avail themselves for coaching courses in order that they may achieve the required qualification in this regard and hope to have a greater number of referees in the near future.

Coaching opportunities is lacking in NMSA, but in defence the senior players have either had coaching their younger years or are satisfied with the standard of squash they play in their masters participation. Masters players in Northerns are inclined to attempt to coach other masters who are not up to a required standard, but this is done non-officially.

ELITE DEVELOPMENT

NMSA is fortunate enough to have masters players who have reached great heights of achievements with their squash standard and some have participated in the World squash Tournaments with great success.

LEAGUE/TOURNAMENTS

Satellite 1 Tournament

- Held over weekend 03 – 05 May 2019
- Venue – Uitsig Squash Club
- Winners and runners up as follows:
 - Men's A Section – Jason Phillips (Winner) –Sifiso Musi (Runner –up)
 - Men's B Section – Dean Morkel (Winner) –Brett Cousins (Runners-up)
 - Men's C Section – Jacques Bezuidenhout (Winner) –Deon Groenewald (Runner-up)
 - Men's D Section – Johan Durand (Winner) - Daniel Naude (Runner-up)
 - Ladies Section – Karla Hunt (Winner) – Sharon Cousins (Runner-up)
- 59 Entries and Tournament was very successful.

Northerns Masters Closed Tournament

- To be held from Monday 8th July 2019 to Saturday 13th July 2019
- Venue – Pretoria Country Club
- We are expecting a large turnout as this tournament qualifies participants for participation in IPT Tournament in September (in Pretoria)

Sponsored League

- League matches are taking place on Friday Evenings.
- Venue – Pretoria Country Club.
- League commenced Friday 31 May 2019 and will conclude on Friday 30 August 2019
- Eight Sponsors have been sourced.
- 60 Players are participating in the League which includes reserves.
- The tournament is for both singles and doubles matches.
- The tournament has been divided into A & B sections with double round matches played.
- The tournament to date is very successful.

Dave Short Tournament

- This tournament was held from 31 May 2019 to 02 June 2019 in Pietermaritzburg and was hosted by Midlands Squash Union
- Northerns entered teams in the following sections:
 - Men's A Section – Ended in 4th position
 - Men's B Section – 3 teams entered – Ended 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions
 - Ladies A section – Ended as winners

IPT Singles Tournament

- Tournament to be held from 06 September 2019 to 10 September 2019 in Pretoria.
- NMSA will be hosting this tournament and we are vigorously planning to present a very successful tournament

- The previous sponsor of IPT tournaments has unfortunately withdrawn sponsorship and NMSA is now attempting to source numerous smaller sponsors to make up for this setback
- As this tournament is in Pretoria we are confident to field numerous teams with strong participation and with hopes of good results

Northerns Open Doubles Tournament

- To be held 25 – 27 October 2019
- Venue – to be decided
- A good number of entries is expected

IPT Doubles Tournament

- Tournament to be held from 6 – 10 November 2019 in East London
- Northerns are confident of entering a strong number of teams

STRATEGIC PLANNING

NMSA has deviated from previous years regarding the sponsored league tournament and our new format appears to be popular with nearly double the entries for 2019 as opposed to 2018

We are constantly considering ways and means of attracting masters players to participate in tournaments which in previous years has dwindled, but positive signs have been noticed this year and more players have shown interest in our tournaments

BUSINESS PLAN

Our finances are taken care of by Saartjie Cromhout (Committee member co-opted) and our financials reflect a healthy position

The collection of levies, fees etc. is very successful and minor problems that do arise are quickly resolved

It is our intention to present the IPT tournament with a participation levy lower than previous years through the sourcing of sponsorships and we are confident that we will be in a positive position after this tournament

LOW LIGHTS

Participation in tournaments by masters players in previous years have been extremely problematic but our new planning appears to have partially resolved this problem through direct approach to the actual players themselves

HIGH LIGHTS

The increase in numbers of masters players participating in our leagues for 2019 is encouraging and most definitely a high light

The IPT which will be presented by NMSA for 2019 will undoubtedly be a high light of our year and we are confident of a successful tournament.