



Message from The President

It is very heartening to see so many players, in particular D Grade where our Div 3 and 4 players have entered the City of Hobart Tournament. I sincerely hope that they enjoy the tournament and wish them every success, and to then encourage others to participate in our next tournament on the 16th July.

It is approaching that time of the year when players succumb to illness, so if this occurs, please don't leave you team in the lurch, without a fill-in. Be considerate and organise a fill-in at your earliest opportunity, from the fill-in list, members of your team who may be able to assist, or finally your roster coordinator. More importantly let someone from your team know what is happening.

As we are now well into the current roster, please give some thoughts to what you would like to see improved, what you like and what you dislike. As we are providing the rosters for your benefit please give us your ideas, so that we can improve the experience for our current members, and to encourage more players to participate.

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Tasmanian Teams Championships and Bellchambers Cup

Over the weekend (14 – 15 May) STBA hosted these events with North Hobart winning the Division 1 and South Hobart winning Division 2 of the Tasmanian Teams Championships. There were a number of interstate players that provided tough competition and it was great to see many of our roster players participating in this event particularly those that took out the titles. Check out some of the photos of the weekend, both on & off court. Two days of badminton! Tons of Fun!



ROSTER ROUNDUP – Monday to Thursday, 7:30pm onwards

(Night roster results as at 12th May 2016)

Division 1 (Wed): The 90s groups have been rocking hard on the Wednesday nights. 4 more weeks to go, **Human Nature, Take That, Proclaimers** and **U2** all have a chance to claim the title.

Division 2 (Thurs): On 21 points each, The **Tempest** and **Othello** are currently sharing top position, followed by **Henry V** on 18 points. Next are **Julius Caesar, Macbeth** and **Twelfth Night** all on 15 points. Coming in the rear are **King Lear** and **Hamlet** on 9 and 6 points, respectively. With only half the roster completed, to win or not to win; that is the question.

Division 3 (Mon): Things have been tense in division 3 over the last 6 weeks. **Fennel** has a narrow lead over **Thyme**, while **Oregano** isn't far behind. With 4 weeks left, anything could happen!

Division 4 (Tues): Games are going well, with **Rio De Janeiro** leading the charge at 22.5 points. As colds and virus's are now taking players out for a night we are finding more ladies required for filling in let us know if anyone is interested!

Division 5 (Wed): This Autumn the STBA is not running a division 5, but a public session is run from 7:30 pm on Wednesdays, so come along for a hit!

**BREAKING
NEWS**

STBA Live Stream

Livestreaming has come to STBA hall. We will broadcast all games on Court 5 during the future tournaments. Please follow us at <http://livestream.com/accounts/19384915>

PRODUCT REVIEW

Gosen G Tone 9 & Momone String

The new range of strings from Gosen arrived at the beginning of 2016. After some trials there are two stand-out string options in this range; G Tone 9 and Momone. G Tone 9 provides excellent durability due to being a relatively thick string at (0.69 mm). This string also provides good power with a sharp (hard) feel. G Tone 9 has become the preferred choice for many players playing multiple times a week including the weekend tournaments. Momone is also proving to be a very reliable string option for those wanting a thinner string (0.66 mm) providing maximum power. The soft feel of the Momone makes it one of the most comfortable of the thinner strings available. However, Momone has limited durability and is suited for players wanting a good string for a short period, such as through a tournament. To have your racquet strung with either of these strings will cost \$27 a little cheaper than other specialist Strings.

Please feel free to ask us in store or email offcourt101@gmail.com for any badminton inquires. With 40 years combined badminton experience, Will and Rowan will be happy to assist in any way they can!



LJ Hooker Hobart Vets Carnival

For 27 years the Hobart Veterans Carnival has been held at the Southern Tasmania Badminton Association in Cascade Rd for “players with greater experience”.

The carnival is a very popular doubles only tournament where players enter as individuals but play in teams and all participants are guaranteed a minimum of 12 matches over the weekend.

Players start at 35 years of age through to players still kicking ass and taking names in their 70’s.

The format provides the opportunity to play with different partners, employ all the strategies learned from years of badminton and compare notes on the best kind of arm band and anti-inflammatories.

In addition to some awesome badminton there are nibbles and drinks on the Saturday and an impressive spread of food at the prize giving following the last games on Sunday.

Add in the chance to win some very handy prizes in the raffle and you have a great weekend for just \$35.00!

Event date: 4th – 5th June 2016. Entry closes on 22nd May Sunday, so get in QUICK!

SATURDAY JUNIORS WELCOME!

All junior players are welcome to come and try our junior roster starting Saturday 28th of May, 1:30pm – 4:30pm. This is where many players first experience badminton at a club level. Players will have fun, make new friends and play competitive badminton matches throughout the roster. The roster is idea for school age children from grade 4 – grade 12. Matches will be played in 4 divisions based on age and ability to ensure close competitive matches. Cost is \$10 for the first family member and \$6 for each subsequent sibling.

No previous badminton experience is required and we will make sure all beginners learn the basics of the game over the first few weeks. Weekly attendance is not compulsory. For any further information please see the flyer and newsletter on the STBA Website under Juniors or contact the roster manager Rowan Henderson at STBA.Junior@gmail.com.

28-May	Come and Try	30-Jul	Roster Games
4-Jun	No Games	6-Aug	Roster Games
11-Jun	Come and Try	13-Aug	Roster Games
18-Jun	Roster Games	20-Aug	Roster Games
25-Jun	Roster Games	27-Aug	No Games
2-Jul	Roster Games	3-Sep	Roster Games
9-Jul	No Games	10-Sep	Roster Games
16-Jul	No Games	17-Sep	Roster Games
23-Jul	Roster Games	24-Sep	Championships Day

Put a Face to a Name – Marcus Freebody

I'm originally from London where I met and worked with my wife Natalie and where I trained in Hospitality at Westminster College with Jamie Oliver, an industry that has enabled me to travel the world, from America to India, Africa to Bahamas and almost everywhere else in between.

Since arriving in Australia in 1997, I've worked my way around the mainland with stints in Sydney, Melbourne, Fremantle and Cairns, before disco-

-verging in 2002 that Tasmania is the best place in Australia to permanently put down roots. Now with one little girl Isabella born in 2009 & now a second daughter Ellis born in 2013, I understand the importance of juggling work & family life & how best to aid people in their real estate needs.

When I first saw that there was a dedicated badminton centre, without the confusion of lines for basketball courts etc. I knew that I had to get back into playing and have been with STBA ever since. I have been a proud STBA sponsor for almost 10 years. It is a great pleasure to now be able to further sponsor the L.J Hooker Vets Carnival.

With nearly 15 years experience in real estate, I have a broad understanding of the sale process and the Real Estate Industry. I believe that the most important aspect of my business is 'clear and honest communication with my clients & to do a great job for my vendors and exceed their expectations, especially in difficult situations'.

If you require any real advice or would just like to know what your homes worth, please give me a buzz on 0409 973 632 or email: mfreebody.hobart@ljh.com.au



Upcoming Events in June

- College & high school roster – Every Wednesday and Friday, 4pm onwards
- Junior roster – Every Saturday 1:30 – 4:30pm
- LJ Hooker Hobart Vets Carnival – 4th – 5th June
- BWF Australian Super Series – SYDNEY – 6th – 12th June
- Winter roster nomination closes – 15th June
- North West Invitational – BURNIE – 18th – 19th June
- Autumn roster semi-final & preliminary final – 20th – 27th June
- Come and Try sessions - Tuesdays (7:30pm), Fridays (6:30pm), Sundays (7pm)
- Many regular training sessions throughout the week

See website or contact the STBA secretary on 0488 788 426 for more details

