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2011 Australian 1-Wall Handball Championships

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The 2011 Australian 1-Wall Handball Championships were held indoors for the first time. Serg Papalia tournament Director for the S A H A sourced and prepared a great venue inside the gym at Rostrevor College for the Championships which were held over the weekend of the 8-9th Oct. With the back up of the S A H A - once a competitor had paid their tournament entry fee all food and drinks were gratis to the players and free also to any visitors to the event.

The Tournament attracted a large field of 24 competitors including players from New South Wales and Victoria. There were a number of close games across all the different age events; however, the top seeded players in the singles events came out on top. However, it was a different story in many of the doubles events where the top seeds were challenged and in some cases, they lost their crown.

There were outstanding performances throughout the tournament. In the A doubles, Tony Von Doussa and Anthony Donato, who were unseeded, defeated the No 1 seeds in Simon Fitzgerald and Bernie Newport in a semi final encounter. In the open Doubles Semi Final George Raimondo and Dom Morabitto forced the No 1 seeds to a tie break and were in a position of causing a huge upset but could not maintain the pressure from Fraser and Papalia who pushed through to the final.

'Spike' up front and ready



Daniel Hannigan and Anthony Donato



Other thoughts from the event were as follows:

It was great to see and hear Cedar pounding around the 1-Wall court.

Robert Farrelly the charismatic Irishman produced brilliance and the unexpected.

Dom Morabitto tried to widen the court with a crashing blow to the wall of the gym with his fist.

David Gorge, John Symons, Greg Hay and Spike were the ‘Super’ elder statesman and it was great seeing them on the court.

Eddie Scheruga should be playing the 1-Wall game rather than coming to tournaments and observing.

‘The old blokes shake hands’



“Bob Winter centre stage”



Congratulations to Serge and his helpers in making sure the court was of A1 standard and also ensuring that during the event everyone was catered for with food, drink, merchant apparel and trophies.

A special mention to Tim Fitzgerald for his fantastic Court Steward role where he ensured that the games were played on time and with suitable umpires.

Results:

Open Singles

R Farrelly d D Morabitto 21-17,21-18

S Papalia d G Daley 21-5, 21-4

G Fraser d R Farrelly 21-12, 21-4

S Papalia d JP Baggio 21-16,8-21,11-4

Open Doubles

G Fraser/S Papalia d D Morabitto/G Raimondo 21-10,14-21,11-3

C Ferry/R Farrelly d JP Baggio/D Hannigan 21-12,19-21,11-7

Final

G Fraser d S Papalia 21-8, 21-16

Final

G Fraser/ S Paplia d C Ferry/R Farrelly 21-5, 21-17

A Singles

J McCarron d G Daley Forfeit

A Von Doussa d A Bugeja 21-17

D Morabitto d R Marcoionne 21-10

R Farrelly d A Donato 21-6

R Winter d J McCarron 21-6

R Winter d A Von Doussa 21-14

R Farrelly d D Morabitto 21-20

A Doubles

A Von Doussa/D Walker d A Donato/C Severino 21-20

A Bugeja/D Morabitto d R & J McCarron Forfeit

A Von Doussa/A Donato d S Fitzgerald/B Newport 21-20

R Winter/G Raimondo d A Bugeja/D Morabitto 21-12

Final

R Winter d R Farrelly 21-8

Final

R Winter/G Raimondo d A Von Doussa/A Donato 21-9

Masters Singles

A Bugeja d J Symons 21-7

Masters Doubles

D Walker/A Von Doussa d A BugejaA Donato 25-18

A Von Doussa d R Marcoionne 21-6
 D Hannigan d A Donato 21-6
 C Ferry d A Bugeja 21-11
 B Newport d G Raimondo 21-5
 R Winter d A Von Doussa 21-9
 S Papalia d D Hannigan 21-6
 C Ferry d B Newport 21-8
 S Papalia d R Winter 21-9

C Ferry/R Schreiner d J Symons/D Gorge 25-1
 S Fitzgerald/B Newport d C Severino/R Marcoionne 25-8
 S Papalia/G Raimondo d D Walker/A Von Doussa 25-6
 C Ferry/R Schreiner d S Fitzgerald/B Newport 25-23

Final

C Ferry d S Papalia 21-14

Final

S Papalia/G Raimondo d C Ferry/R Schreiner 25-16

Super Singles (Round Robin)

D Walker d D Gorge 15-12
 D Walker d J Symons 15-12
 D Gorge d J Symons 15-1

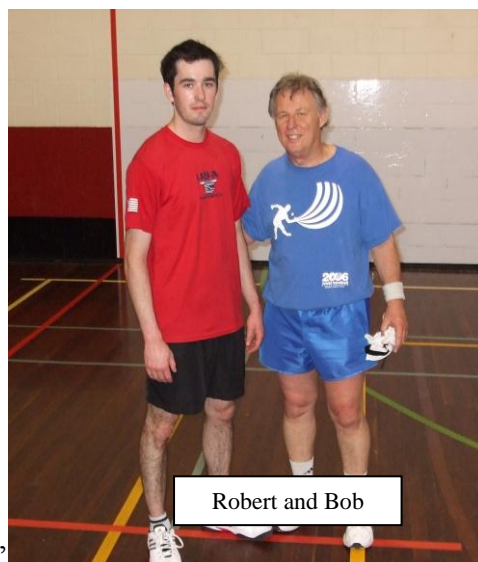
Super Doubles

Final

D Walker/G Hay d D Gorge /J Symons 21-16



Serg and 'Player of the Year' Grantley



Robert and Bob

'The Champs'

2011

Australian Handball Player of the Year

2009 D Sticca 33 Points
2010 G Fraser 31 Points
2011 G Fraser 39 Points

Congratulations to Grant Fraser, who has topped the A H C Players Ranking points for the past two years. Grant has been dominant in all three forms of the game (1,3 & 4-Wall) and was the outstanding player in the 1-Wall event. Full details of Ranking Tables for each event and the accumulative total have been attached.

Australia v Japan

Handball Tour

Preparations for the **Australia v Japan Handball Tour** to be held late Nov 2011 continue.

Congratulations to Joe Santilli, Richard Tomeselli, Robert Farrelly and Adrian Bugeja who will be embarking on the inaugural tour.

It is a tremendous effort for the guys to be in Japan and wave the Australian Flag. They will be participating in the Japan 4-Wall Open Doubles Championships, Teams event and a number of other social tournaments.

We wish them well for their Japanese tour.

Australian Handball 1950 – 2010

Peter Yuritta a past Australian Champion, Executive Director of the AHC and Australian Hall of Fame Member has penned his thoughts on Handball in Australia covering the past 60 years.

I would like to thank Peter for his time to pen his thoughts over this period of time. Peter was a unique handballer having the pleasure of watching him play. A very uncharacteristic player in his time but he was very effective in all facets of what was require on the court.

The A H C welcomes his study and wishes to share them with the Handball community. You may like to elaborate on Peters opinions and I look forward to providing any feedback in the next edition of the Australian Handball Councils Newsletter on if you agree or disagree or add to his comments.

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