



**VSRA CLUB CIRCUIT INC.**  
**AFFILIATED WITH SQUASH & RACQUETBALL VICTORIA**  
**ABN 23 672 041 512**



### **CLUB CIRCUIT AUTUMN 1978**

On the Week Commencing the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 1978, the inaugural season of Club Circuit Squash commenced in Melbourne.

Number of Clubs: 36

Number of Teams: 208 (16 x A, 32 x B, 32 x C, 40 x D, 32 x E, 56 x F)

Club Circuit Pennant Chairman AUTUMN 1978 – **Jim Lambert**

#### **Note:**

The published fixtures from AUTUMN 1978 to SPRING 1981 actually show Kevin Morey as the Club Circuit 'Chairman' which was not actually the case. Club Circuit secretary Tony Nash was able to track down Kevin on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to clarify the situation via a phone conversation. Kevin was 97 years of age and living with his daughter in Queensland and had a vivid recollection of the early days of Club Circuit. Kevin confirmed that Jim Lambert was the 'Chairman' of Club Circuit where as he was the 'Match & Pennant Chairman' during this period.

The published fixtures from AUTUMN 1982 up to SPRING 1988 make no mention of any association committee positions.

In AUTUMN 1989 Club Circuit published their own specific fixture solely for the Club Circuit competition and this fixture included the committee at the time including Jim as the Chairman.

(Tony Nash 2025)

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### **CLUB CIRCUIT TEAMS AUTUMN 1978**

The following list provides details regarding the Clubs and their competition years, the number of teams representing each Club, playing locations and also the Club Chairman for each Club for the AUTUMN Season, 1978. (Please note that the title Chairman was first used and later changed to Convenor).

**File note:** In AUTUMN 1978, Alma, LTAV, RMTTC, Hawthorn, Hunts, RACV and Grace Park also had sides competing in Men's State Grade. Men's State Grade was not part of Club Circuit.

For each Club listed below, it lists the total number of teams, in brackets, each Club had for the AUTUMN Season in 1978. This total number includes teams competing in State Grade.

For the seven Clubs listed above their State Grade Teams have been included in the total number of Teams, but the State Grade Teams are not named.

For example Ajax had 11 Teams, all playing in Club Circuit and all listed.

With Alma for example, they had 10 Teams, of which 9 played in Club Circuit (all listed) and 1 Team playing in State Grade, which is not listed.

Although we have records of State Grade listings for this time, for integrity purposes, only the records of Teams competing in Club Circuit have been recognised.

**Ajax** **1978- 1993**

Address: 97 Alma Road East St. Kilda

Chairman: J. Maver

Teams : (11) F Reserve 4, F Reserve 1, F Grade 2, E Reserve 2, E Grade 2, D Reserve 2, C Reserve 2, C Reserve 1, C Grade 2, B Grade 2, B Grade 2

**Alma Club** **1978 - 2013**

1 Wilks Street, North Caulfield

Kevin Morey

Teams: (10) F Reserve 1, D Reserve 3, D Grade 2, C Reserve 1, C Grade 1, B Reserve 1, A Reserve, A Grade (x2)

**Amateur Sports** **1978**

12 McKillop Street, Melbourne

Mick Martin

Teams: (1) D Reserve 1

**ANZ Bank** **1978 - 1979**

VITAL, 109 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

C.Wierzbowski

Teams: (5) F Reserve 4, F Reserve 2, F Grade 2, F Grade 1, D Grade 1

**Bank of NSW** **1978 - 1979**

Vital Squash, 109-111 109 -111 Little Collins Street Melbourne (Teams 1-4) and Balmoral Squash, 17 Balmoral Avenue, Springvale (Team 5)

Jim Rootes

Teams: (4) F Reserve 3, F Grade 1, D Reserve 2, C Grade 2

**B.H.P.** **1978 – 1980**

Vital Centre, 109 – 111 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

R. Blake

Teams: (3) F Reserve 3, F Grade 3, D Reserve 2

**Danish Club** **1978 – 2000**

177 Beaconsfield Parade, Middle Park

Graham Lecky

Teams: (9) F Reserve 2, F Reserve 1, F Grade 1, E Grade 2, C Reserve 2, C Reserve 1, C Grade 1, B Reserve 1, B Grade 2

**Emerald Hill** **1978 – 1980**

Flinders Lane Squash Courts, 237 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Kevin Barry

Teams: (2) E Grade 2, D Reserve 2

**Grace Park Lawn Tennis**                      **1978 – 2014**

Hilda Crescent, Hawthorn

Max Hodgkins

Teams: (7) E Reserve 2, D Reserve, D Grade 2, C Grade 1, B Reserve 2, B Grade 2

**Hawthorn Club**                                      **1978 – 2014**

627 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

Ian Harold

Teams: (18) F Reserve 2, F Reserve 1, F Grade 2, E Grade 2, D Reserve 3, D Grade 2 (x2), C Reserve 1, B Reserve 1 (x2), B Grade 1, A Grade

**Hawthorn Football Club**                      **1978 – 1989**

Hawthorn Football Social Club, Linda Crescent, Hawthorn

Bill Veen

Teams: (6) F Grade 2, E Reserve 2, E Grade 1, D Reserve 3, C Reserve 1, B Grade 2

**Hunts**    **1978 – 1980**

41 Johnston Street, Fitzroy

Jim Holroyd

Teams: (14) F Reserve 4, F Reserve 3, F Grade 3 (x2), F Grade 1, E Grade 2, D Reserve 2, D Grade 1, C Grade 2 (x2) C Grade 1, B Reserve 1, A Reserve

**Imperials**    **1978 – 1980**

Annabel's Hotel, 7 Alfred Place, Melbourne

Mario Iachone

Teams: (4) F Grade 1, E Grade 1, D Grade 1, B Reserve 2

**Junior Printing Executives**                      **1978 – 1980**

12 McKillop Street, Melbourne

Ron Corcoran

Teams: (2) F Grade 3, D Grade 1

**Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club (LTAV)**                      **1978 – Current**

489 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

Cedric Mason

Teams: (9) E Reserve 1, D Grade 2, C Reserve 1, B Grade 2, A Reserve, A Grade

**Melbourne Cricket Club**                                      **1978 – Current**

Western Stand, Melbourne Cricket Club, Yarra Park, Jolimont

Eric Beissel

Teams: (10) F Reserve 1, F Grade 2, E Reserve 2, E Grade 1, D Reserve 1 (x2), C Reserve 2, B Reserve 2, B Reserve 1, A Grade

**Mercy Maternity Hospital** **1978 – 1980**

Clarendon Street, East Melbourne

John Couch

Teams: (2) F Reserve 2, E Reserve 1

**N.R. Reid** **1978 – 1980**

V.S.R.A. Headquarters, Albert Park Drive, Albert Park

John Hill

Teams: (1) D Reserve 2

**National Mutual** **1978 – 1986**

447 Collins Street, Melbourne

Jim Maygothling

Teams: (6) F Reserve 4, F Reserve 2, F Grade 2, F Grade 1, D Reserve 3, B Grade 2

**Naval and Military Club** **1978 – 2009**

27 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

Greg Beeton

Teams: (8) F Reserve 2, F Grade 2, E Reserve 2, E Grade 1, D Reserve 3, D Grade 2, B Reserve 2, A Reserve

**North Melbourne** **1978 – 1986**

Annabel's Hotel, 7 Alfred Place, Melbourne

Phil Boyd

Teams: (7) F Reserve 4, F Reserve 3, F Grade 3, E Reserve 2, E Grade 1, D Reserve 1, C Grade 2

**North Suburban Club** **1978 – 2006**

622 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

Charles McMahon

Teams: (6) F Reserve 1, E Reserve 1, D Reserve 3, C Reserve 2, C Grade 1, A Reserve

**Old Brighton Grammar School** **1978 – 1980**

V.S.R.A Headquarters, Albert Park Drive, Albert Park

Tony Balfe

Teams (6) F Reserve 3, F Grade 3, D Reserve 2, D Grade 1 (x2), C Grade 2

**Powerhouse** **1978 – 1983 and 1990 – 1992**

McAdam House, Lakeside Drive, Albert Park

Len Welch

Teams: (2) E Reserve 2, E Grade 1

**Reserve Bank** **1978 – 1988**

60 Collins Street, Melbourne

Alan Kirby

Teams: (3) D Grade 2, C Grade 1, B Grade 2

**Royal Automobile Club of Victoria** **1978 – Current**

123 Queen Street, Melbourne

John Balmer

Teams: (6) C Reserve 1, B Reserve 2, B Reserve 1, B Grade 1, A Reserve

**Royal Brighton Yacht Club** **1978 – 1989**

253 St. Kilda Street, Middle Brighton

David Tregear

Teams: (4), F Reserve 2, F Reserve 1, E Reserve 1, C Reserve 2

**Royal Melbourne Tennis Club** **1978 – 1991 and 2012 – Current**

18 Sherwood Street, Richmond

David Heathershaw

Teams: (4) D Reserve 3, B Reserve 2, A Grade

**Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club** **1978 – Current**

Verdant Avenue, Toorak

Paul Hearnden

Teams: (5) D Reserve 1, C Reserve 2, B Reserve 2, B Grade 2, A Grade

**Sandringham Club** **1978 – Current**

94 Beach Road, Sandringham

Bob Vance

Teams: (5) E Grade 1, C Reserve 2, C Grade 1, B Grade 1, A Grade

**South Yarra Club** **1978 – 1987**

226 Toorak Road, South Yarra

John Ignatius

Teams: (19) F Reserve 4, F Reserve 2, F Reserve 1, F Grade 2, E Reserve 2, E Reserve 1, E Grade 2, E Grade 1, D Reserve 3, D Reserve 1 (x2), D Grade 2, C Reserve 2, C Reserve 1, C Grade 1, B Reserve 2, B Reserve 1, B Grade 2, B Grade 1

**Taxation** **1978 – 1979**

V.S.R.A. Headquarters, Albert Park Drive, Albert Park

Tony Yacono

Teams: (4) F Reserve 4, F Reserve 3, F Grade 3, D Grade 1

**Union Fidelity Trustee Co.** **1978 – 1980**

Vital, 109 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

Barry Knowles

Teams: (1) F Reserve 3

**Victorian Hardware Club** **1978 – 1986**

43 Hardware Street, Melbourne

Jack Hession

Teams: (5) E Reserve 1, E Grade 2, C Grade2, B Grade 2, A Reserve

**Victoria Police Club** **1978 – 1990**

43 McKenzie Street, Melbourne

John Newsom

Teams: (2) E Reserve 1, E Grade 2

**Vital** **1978 – 1980**

109 Little Collins Street, Melbourne

Ron Aust

Teams: (10), F Reserve 4, F Reserve 3, F Grade 3, F Grade 1 (x2), E Reserve 1, D Reserve 2, D Grade 1, C Grade 2, A Reserve