

2016 WORLD MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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NEWSLETTER # 1

Following the recent announcement by the World Squash Federation that the next World Masters Squash Championships will be held in Johannesburg from 23 -30 September 2016, we have pleasure in providing you with information which we hope will enable you to plan ahead for next year. We thank all those who registered on the website.

Tournament Dates

The tournament dates are 23 September to 30 September 2016, with play starting on Saturday 24 September. September is springtime in South Africa, and Johannesburg, with its excellent climate, should be delightful with daytime temperatures rising to about 24 deg C.

Squash Venues

The number of clubs required will be dependent on entries but we are planning on using four clubs, all fairly central in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg, namely, Parkview Squash Centre, The Country Club Johannesburg, The Wanderers Club and the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits).

Hotels

The tournament hotels will be mainly in the Rosebank area, a good office, shopping and restaurant hub in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg and close to the Gautrain, a railway service which links Rosebank to Johannesburg's international airport. Details of the hotels will be posted on the website soon.



The Country Club Johannesburg

Tournament Transport

The squash venues and tournament hotels will all be linked by shuttle buses.

Championship Events

There will be events for men and women from Over 35 years and upwards in 5 year intervals up to possibly Over 80 for men and Over 75 for women, depending on the number of entries received.

Doubles Events

We will run Social doubles events concurrently with the Championship Events, for older players from Over 60 years, who do not wish to compete in the Championship singles events. This will take place on the doubles courts at the Country Club Johannesburg alongside the Championship events.



Sightseeing

September and October are excellent times of the year to travel and see the country, being spring and outside peak holiday periods. South Africa offers a wide variety of options from game parks to mountains, coastal areas to wine farms and of course Cape Town.

South Africa offers excellent value for money. Details of reputable travel agents will be posted on the website soon.

Tournament Entries

Entries will open in September, a year before the tournament starts. To qualify for a particular age group event you will have to be of the age (or older) on the start date of the tournament.

In order to enter you will need a SPIN number (Squash Player Identity Number) which is a WSF requirement. If you don't have one we suggest you obtain yours now by going to the WSF webpage and registering online.

We will be offering a reduced "early bird" entry fee from September to December 2015 after which normal rates will apply.

We look forward to hosting you in South Africa!

Regards

Chris Grainger

Championship Director



Wanderers Club



Parkview Squash

