



**TENNIS SENIORS ASSOCIATION OF SA INC**

## **34th Berri Teams Carnival Edition 2022**



Presentations are about to start

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# WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

## WOMEN

Runner Up Open -Group A  
Winner Open -Group A  
Runner Up Open -Group B  
Winner Open -Group B  
Runner Up 35-40  
Winner 35-40  
Runner Up 45-50 Group A  
Winner 45-50 Group A  
Runner Up 45-50 Group B  
Winner 45-50 Group B  
Winner 50+  
Runner Up 50+  
Runner Up 60+  
Winner 60+  
Runner Up 65+  
Winner 65+  
Runner Up 70+  
Winner 70+

MID COURT CRISIS  
READY TO RAGE  
ELDERBERRIES  
BENDIGO GO GIRLS  
SINNET N SLIATCOC  
GAME SET & LUNCH  
KISS MY ACE  
FIREBIRDS  
BANGERS N SMASH  
C . C's  
SOUTHERN PORTABLES  
MALIBOOZERS  
ON THE BALL  
LATECOMERS  
BRIDGE BIMBOS  
STRINGETTES  
MAYBERRIES  
EVERGREENS

## MEN

Runner Up OPEN  
Winner OPEN  
Runner Up 40+  
Winner 40+  
Runner Up 45+  
Winner 45+  
Runner Up 50+ Group A  
Winner 50+ Group A  
Runner Up 50+ Group B  
Winner 50+ Group B  
Runner Up 60+  
Winner 60+  
Runner Up 65+ Group A  
Winner 65+ Group A  
Runner Up 65+ Group B  
Winner 65+ Group B  
Runner Up 70+ Group A  
Winner 70+ Group A  
Runner Up 70+ Group B  
Winner 70+ Group B

PARKS & WILDLIFE  
2868'S  
NO NRG 1  
KENSI BASH  
BAROSSA BOYS  
WEEKEND WARRIORS  
INTERSTATERS  
MALLEE BULLS  
NORBELLOES  
BELLEVUE  
A MIXED BUNCH  
WHO CARES  
NOMADS  
VIC WANDERERS  
VALLEY VILLIANS  
BARRA-RATS  
ALLSTARS  
BOVVER BOYS  
NET PROPHETS  
HOOPERS HEROES

## OPEN A WOMEN

This year the Open A & B ladies were combined to make one division of 8 teams. Unfortunately several teams from last year did not return for various reasons. Vic Girls Scotty returned with ex SA Player Caroline Venn (née Turner) & Australian players Leanne Scott & Wendy Harrison. Mid Court Crisis (Vic regulars) Fairlie Lamont, Sue Walter, Kaye Price, Lyn Robinson plus SA Chris Luhrs – returned for the ninth year!! We also had two other Vic teams – Bendigo Go Go Girls and Elderberries which included June Simpson and Heather Barwick. (ex Australian players- I won't tell your age ladies but you are still playing excellent tennis!). SA Team Ready to Rage regulars included Natalia Irvine, Michelle Leyden, Wendy Butler, Lynnie Wells, Chris Hansen and Donna Freeman (unfortunately Donna did not play due to Covid health precautions but was a great asset off the court.) Sets in the City was another SA team including Gill Scott, Linda Carter, Karen Ahrens, Jane Karl and Louise Cheattle.

The remaining teams included Simply Smashing and Hit & Giggles 1 who were local ladies who showed great spirit and competitiveness.

Apologies girls I don't have more information.

After the first Round Robins the teams were split into the top four and next four to play another Round Robin. The final saw SA Ready to Rage play Mid Life Crisis in what was to determine the winner. It was an excellent hard fought contest with some fantastic tennis played by everyone with the final result being Ready to Rage winners 3 sets to 1.

I know all the spectators watching court 12 & 13 at Berri thoroughly enjoyed it! Both teams have been fierce rivals over the last few years with Ready to Rage taking the honours for the previous two years.

It was a great weekend! Thanks to all the Vic girls who come back every year to make it such a success. Thanks to the Berri Committee and all the local volunteers for all their hard work.

We all look forward to next year!!



**READY TO RAGE** Chris Hansen, Lynn Wells, Michelle Leyden, Wendy Butler, Natalia Irvine



Open Women celebrating a wonderful weekend of tennis

## FIREBIRDS – WOMEN’S 45-50 GROUP A

Every year we look forward to this fantastic weekend of tennis and fun times. We love our stay on the river watching the water roll on by. Getting back on the grass and having to move the feet and bend the knees is fantastic. Weather was good, food was great and we were disappointed it had to come to an end. Lots of great tennis and we improved as we went along. Congrats to all the teams in our age group for competing. We had eight teams so it came down to the last match between us and Kiss My Ace as to who would get the glory and the almonds! First two sets split 6 4. Next two sets on saw us win 6 2 and then all eyes were on the last set. At the time we were 4 2 down, then 5 2 down, then 5 3 and had won the game we needed! A very tight match.

Thanks to my special team mates for the memories -

Pam, Kaylene, Shona, Yvonne, Tricia and Carol.

*Cynthia Henderson - Captain.*

## CC’s - WOMEN’S 45-50 GROUP B

The CC’s (Country/City) team was last year’s H Bombers team, but with the change of a couple of personnel. With a team of 6 ready to go, a week before the event, within a two hour window, 3 of the members had to pull out of the team, all with NON COVID reasons!!

As Captain, I contacted every tennis player I knew of an appropriate age, as well as the organisers Barb and Sue to find just one more player to help us through.

Luckily for me, on the Wednesday before the event, I found that my friend Christine from my mid-week Adelaide tennis days was available... what a relief!

Christine also tried to find another player to get us a spare, and another mid-week Adelaide tennis friend Leanne was able to help us out for Sunday/Monday... an extra relief...

What a great weekend we had, only losing the very first match, which put us into third in the first grouping split, and then being able to win through the next 3 matches to win the Div B of 45+... our youngest player being 56! We didn’t have it all our own way, with a couple of close matches with great hitting and good sportsmanship all round. The secret to all my personal success over the weekend was the consumption of kitchener buns... a story for next time. Our tie dye tops were received well, and commented on by many. On our two- hour drive home, we all commented on how the weekend had flown by, with good company, great meals, fantastic accommodation, friendly volunteers, and a well- run tournament. Also, great to celebrate a couple of milestone birthdays when we were all together. So great to see everyone again, and looking forward to next year already.

*Heather Richards*



**FIREBIRDS – Pam Cook, Kaylene, Shona Willcocks, Cynthia Henderson, Yvonne Briggs, Tricia Rabbitt, Carole Johnson**



**WINNERS WOMEN'S 45+ WINNERS C.C'S**  
Team members: Barb Williams, Chris Tinney, Heather Richards (C), Leane Parkes and Anne Hein

## MALIBOOZERS – WOMEN'S 55+

The Maliboozers team, which played in the 55+ division, comprised players from SA, Qld, ACT, Vic & NZ! We are a team of friends who met through participation in various Masters' Games over the years. If there is an excuse for us to catch up and play tennis together, we are there! We are fortunate to have our own chauffeur and 'Ace Sommelier' (or 'Drinks' Bitch') BILL, who ensures we are appropriately hydrated and transported safely to and from our matches. This year, he added flags to the car, just in case people wondered why we were there! It is always a wonderful weekend away, with loads of laughter, fun and great tennis. This year, we came runner up to Southern Portables, with whom we have shared friendships and hard tennis matches for many years. We can't wait for next year's visit to enjoy more great times with special people!

*Diane, Helen, Lizzie, Jenny, Judi and Bev*



## GAME DUCKS -WOMEN'S 55+

Game Ducks had a lovely time meeting old friends and catching up with players from previous years. We had close matches and competition was strong. Another great tennis carnival. Weather was pretty good too. Atmosphere was tops!





## LATECOMERS - WOMEN'S 60+



Team members: Yvonne Tobin, Jenny Parish, Carol Sims, Gloria Sumner, Chris Dixon

## RACQUETS R US -WOMEN'S 60+

Our team Racquets R Us, Ladies 60+ had a wonderful weekend. We did not win many matches but thoroughly enjoyed the country hospitality. Nothing beats that. The tournament was well planned. Thank you. We plan to return in 2023.

*Anne Brown*



THE DAZZLING DIVAS DAZZLED IN A DIFFERENT OUTFIT EVERY DAY



## STRINGETTES – WOMEN'S 65+

What a great weekend it was but a little bit of an upset with our Joan coming down with Covid on the Tuesday morning. We did cheer her up as " we are the Champions" Our stars were all the girls and our captain extraordinary Sue McKelvie had all our matches planned before we even made it to Berri. Sue made sure that everyone had the same court time and that was no mean feat with seven players. We all celebrated well and as it is often said "what happens in Berri, stays in Berri!!"  
The weather was perfect and tennis was the winner!

## BRIDGE BIMBOS-WOMEN'S 65+

### Day One

Heavily overcast at Loxton in the morning which made the courts heavy, which gave great challenging conditions. Bridge Bimbos adjusted well to the conditions and finished with a strong win against The Dazzling Divas, 4-0 (with a forfeit received through injury). Renmark offered dark threatening skies in the afternoon. Rain held off for Bridge Bimbos to play steadily to keep in front of the competitive Riverettes for a win. 3-1.

### Day Two

The sun shone on the dewy courts at Barmera. (We noticed a male tennis player dragging a carpet over their court to take away some of the dew). Many deuces and rallies prevailed and are not indicated within the scores. Stringettes proved too strong with a win 3-1. The afternoon shenanigans at Renmark were played in favourable spirits. The relaxed atmosphere with lots of laughter and rallies resulted with a One game win to Waquet.

### Day Three

Bridge Bimbos proved too strong against The Belles at Berri. The Belles were competitive and never gave up in the challenges. Bridge Bimbos 3-1. The play off at Renmark between 1st placed Stringettes and 2nd placed Bridge Bimbos brought out some remarkable returns of the ball, usually resulting in a winning shot. Many a ball was returned over the net for a rally or two. Lots of laughter was heard, making for a relaxed atmosphere. Stringettes took out the win by 6 games.



CONGRATULATIONS



> PS Stringettes, is your Pizza still coming over from Berri (Berry)



Can you fix our hair, it was windy 😊 Team in order of the photo is Jenny, Sue, Julie, Heather, Sandy, Di and Joan



**WOMEN'S 65+ RUNNERS-UP - BRIDGE BIMBOS**  
Team members: Rosemary Daish, Lorraine Vickers, Elsie Grobler, Helen Redden, Kathy Pfeiffer, Jeanne Weinman

## EVERGREENS – 70+ WINNERS

Team members: Chris Cave, Sue Hand, Sandra Bryant,  
Lyn Carpenter, Gail Weinert, Joanne Holding



## MEN'S OPEN – 2868's

Grant Hickman, Steve Sando, Steven Clark, Simon Grigg, and Daniel Venning

With mostly familiar faces in the mens open division again this year, was great to see the Tuesday Knights (Modbury Tennis Club) step up to the open division for the first time.

There was plenty of good natured banter between all the teams / players, full moon sightings, trash talking and even a few good shots too.

Special mentions go to Adam for his off backhand return of serve winner/scorcher,

James for his numerous tweeners (a few even went in!!), Romeo for his love boat / motorhome transportation, but most impressive of all was Simon making it past the first day without getting injured. Thanks to all who organised the great event again this year, and we are already looking forward to coming back next year.

## MEN'S OPEN - Tuesday Knights



## MEN'S 40+ WINNERS - Kensi Bash

Team members – Adrian Boulton (C), Paul Reynolds, Roger Scholfield, Donghoon Chang



## MEN'S 45+ WINNERS – Weekend Warriors

This had been the first time in a number of years that we had participated in the Berri Tennis Carnival much to the disgust of a couple of our team members whom are getting on in years and prefer the slower pace of a round of golf.

We were again lucky enough to stay in the luxurious accommodation at the Fox Estate in Barmera where there is never a dull moment with plenty of fun and laughter.

However, the comeback eventuated with the following team members:

- Rino Traforti, Andrew Brewster, Mark Swanbury, Andrew Thiel & Andrew Scheulk (absent from photo) in which it was a great weekend with great camaraderie between all competition teams. Well done to the Berri Tennis Carnival Committee for running a great event.

*Swanee*



Weekend Warriors – Andrew Thiel, Mark Swanbury, Rino Traforti and Andrew Schuelctce

## THUNDERBIRDS – MEN'S 45+

This was the Thunderbirds 26<sup>th</sup> Berri Event. For us not as successful as some other years but equally as enjoyable all the same.

We came across with just the bare 4 this year. Trevor Reeves, Ian Delbridge, Roger Davey & John Pick (not in photo). Not ideal with only 4, but luckily at the pub on the Friday night Bruce Watson came to our rescue with rackets and no team.

Himself recovering from recent surgery. Many thanks to Bruce and also to David Snoswell (borrowed from another team) who helped us out on the first morning.

The Berri Club hospitality along with the other venues was terrific as always. Barmera and Renmark were the pick of the courts this year (swings and round abouts). Credit where credit is due. To Karen Martin (Tennis Seniors Riverland new President), Barb McPherson, Peter Tanner with David Collins who did a great job in getting us organised prior and during the event. The Berri Tennis Club President Julie Day and her committee also were terrific in organising their clubhouse surrounds, having a radio station on site and looking after other sponsors needs.

Canteen food sensational as always.

Congrats to all the winners and to all those who fought it out in the finals on the Monday afternoon. The Ladies Open final was really worth watching for those Sponsors and spectators who came out to watch some quality tennis. Unfortunately the Mens Open final was not able to be played. GRRRR (enough said)

See you all next year.

*Ian Delbridge*





## WINNERS MEN'S 50+ - Mallee Bulls

A great long weekend was had by all in the 50+ age group winners 'The Mallee Bulls.'

Capt. Dave Macdonald, Peter French, Dave Watson, Brian Neilsen (Harry) not in pic, from Adelaide, Mick Luke and Murray Fitzclarence from Vic and Dave Pruckner (NSW)

Undefeated over the weekend these Bulls showed why they are known for their big testicles. These Bulls are of premium quality, young in mind and spirit (and drinking ability), they are becoming Riverland legends. :)



Mallee Bulls – 50+ Winners

## MEN'S 50+ – Wanderers

Our team, Wanderers have been playing in the Berri Carnival for many (15+) years. We were originally “Wanderers” from around SA including Whyalla, Murray Bridge and Adelaide , but expanded to include players from NT and Victoria at times.

This year we entered the 65+ Div 1 (our average age is 71), but due to a “vacancy” in the 50+, that is where we played.

There were 8 teams in the 50+ section split into 2 groups of 4.

We won 2 out of our 3 matches in our round robin, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mallee Bulls.

The teams were then divided into two groups again with Wanderers being in the top half. We played some great tennis against much better opposition and came 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Mallee Bulls on their win, and thanks to all the teams for such great and friendly competition.

We will be back next year!!

*Ken O’Dea*





## MEN'S 60+ WINNERS – Who Cares

Team Members – Brenton Burman (C), David Snoswell, John Lewis,  
Steve Evans, Ian Cooper, Terry Sutcliffe



**MEN'S 65+ SECTION A WINNER – Vic Wanderers**

Team members: Colin MacKay(C), Mark Borthwick, Terry McLean, George Penny, Ian Robson



**MEN'S 65+ SECTION B WINNERS – Barrarats**

Team Members: John Hannett, Martin Hale, Terry Drew, John Oates, Ian Robson



**WINNERS 70+ SECTION A – Bover Boys**  
Team Members: Jack Reddin (C), Owen Morrell, Theo Weinmenn, Graeme Roth, Bruce Elijah, Leslie Ost



**WINNERS MEN'S 70+ SECTION B- Hoopers Heroes**  
Team members: Philip Williams (C), Ron Harris, Ray Rossiter, Ivan Margitch, Colin Ellis

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