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President's Report – 2011 AGM

I hope you all had a good break over the festive season and are now well back into your Seniors Tennis. Over the break, eight men's and five women's teams represented you in Perth at the **Australian Tennis Seniors Championships** – separate reports on these are on other pages. Congratulations to our successful teams. A very enjoyable **State Dinner**, with nearly every player attending, was held on the Tuesday night.



The **2013 Championships** were due to be in Canberra. However, what was to be a \$4m upgrade of the facilities has turned into \$20m with Tennis Australia intending to make this a major tennis centre. Consequently, the courts will not be available in time. Tennis Seniors Australia were then looking for another State to run them and we were asked to do it. However, our committee did not think there was enough time to do the excellent job they usually do, so we declined and **WA has agreed to have them there again**. All State Presidents said they would be looking for a vast improvement in the playing surface of the back courts at Robertson Park or alternately the use of Mt Lawley courts.

Our **summer competitions** are running well with teams on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday down slightly in numbers, but Thursday Men's Divisions B1, B2 and B3 have 22 teams playing on the 18 courts. We are looking at playing one of these divisions on one of the other nights, probably Wednesday, next summer.

Winter tennis will again be on Monday and Wednesday nights. After a meeting recently with the Consortium Representative from Hockey (Philip Rundle, a former President of AHC), it is anticipated that with the new committee that AHC now has, relationships with Hockey should be on a much more amenable basis.

Our Tuesday **Social Tennis** continues to grow with a new member nearly every week. We now regularly have 10 to 12 courts in action, including one with the ball machine, which is used pretty often.

President's Report, cont.

The **City v Country** match due in February was deferred because of lack of women players to represent the Country. New formulas are being looked into.

The **City v Northern Areas** match is still on and, at this point, we are still looking for more players. Jamestown turn on a great day, so if there is still time, contact Janet Wang.

Berri Teams Carnival is on 19th - 21st May. Make sure you get your team nomination in.

The Barossa National Ranking Seniors Tournament, which started last year at **Lyndoch**, will be held this year on **15th and 16th September**. Those that played last year thoroughly enjoyed the tennis, singles and doubles as well as the winery visits and dinner. Talk to your team-mates and all enter.

Our new **website** is progressing well and should be up and running about the time you read this. Brian Dew, Rob Crawford and Sue McKelvie are working hard on it under guidance from Ian Somers, who does the Australian and Queensland websites.

This year, it is our **40th Anniversary** and we are planning on celebrating this with a **Dinner in November**.

John Butterworth, President.

Malcolm Beddome is looking for
Photos or Memorabilia for the
40 Years Anniversary Dinner
ON 17th November 2012

He would like to hear from you.
Phone 8264 2750

For Your Diary



South Australia

Tuesdays Social Tennis (10.00am start – if hot 8.30am)

Sunday 11th March 2012, City v Northern Areas
at Jamestown Lawn Tennis Club

Saturday 19th, 20th & 21st May - Riverland Teams
Tournament at Berri and other venues

Sunday 29th July - Regional Meeting at South Park

Tuesday 21st August - Annual General Meeting

11th to 14th November 2012 – State Championships

Australian Championships

6th – 19th January, 2013 – to be held in Perth, WA

Interstate

March 9th to 12th Clay Court Championships Grade 2 Tournament

To be played at Dendy Park, Victoria

Overseas

Seniors:–

Turkey, Antalya

18th –23rd March - Teams

24th –31st March - Individuals

Super Seniors:–

Porstejov, Czech Republic and Poertschah, Austria

9th –14th September - Teams

15th –21st September - Individuals

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South Australian success in the Tennis Seniors Australia Teams Championships

The Tennis Seniors Australian Teams Championships were held in January 2012 in Perth, at the Western Australian Seniors Tennis headquarters at Robertson Park and at Alexander Park. There were 111 teams entered in the championships and 670 players registered to play.

Barbara Matthews has been a strong, long term contributor to the success of Tennis Seniors SA and was chosen as the flag bearer for the South Australian representatives at these Championships.

Two South Australian teams were successful in winning their age event.

In the **Men's 35-49** competition, the SA and NSW teams played off in the final, with SA winning 8 rubbers to 2. Congratulations to the SA team for an excellent win. The team members were **Steve Clarke, Andrew Schuelke, Rino Traforti, Andrew Brewster and Guy Murray**.

The SA **Men's 50-59 Division 1** team were also successful. They defeated the WA1 team 8.5 rubbers to 1.5. The team members were **Bill Lewis, Greg Parker, Trevor Reeves, Michael Degenhart and Ray Furness**.

Congratulations to these players for their outstanding performance.

SA men's teams also played in several other age group events. The **Men's 60-69 Division 1** team finished sixth on a countback. The **Men's 60-69 Division 2** team, **Men's 70-74 Division 2** team and **Men's 75+** team all finished fourth.

Several SA teams also took part in the Women's teams events.

In the **Women's 35-49 Division 1 event**, the SA team were runners up with a score of 54.5, just behind WA with a score of 59. Congratulations to the team members for their strong performance. Team members were **Michelle Leyden,**

Wendy Butler, Lynn Wells, Kate Smith, Christine Luhrs and Melissa Beadman. In other SA teams results, the **Women's 60-69 Division 1** team finished fourth, the **Women's 70-74 Division 1** team were 5th and the **Women's 70-74 Division 2** team finished third.

NSW won the overall teams State Trophy, with SA ranked fifth.

	State	Sets won	Sets Played	Trophy%
1	NSW	541.5	832	65.08
2	ACT	206	384	53.64
3	QLD	483.5	904	53.48
4	WA	1480	3008	49.2
5	SA	372.5	824	45.2
6	NZ	82	192	42.7
7	VIC	375.5	896	41.9
8	CAN	43	128	33.59

Thanks to all SA players who participated, and contributed to making the Teams Championships competitive, enjoyable and successful.

Tennis Seniors Australia Individual Championships

The individual championships were held in January 2012 during the second week of the Tennis Seniors Australian Championships Carnival. Over 300 players participated in these championships. Several South Australian members that took part in the teams events also entered the individual tournaments.

Vladimir Ejev was seeded fourth in the 50+ Men's Singles event, reaching the semi-finals, where he was defeated by the No 1 seed, Simon Arms, from Victoria. **Roger Davey** played in the 60+ Men's Singles event. He was unlucky to meet an eventual finalist of this event in the first round. He lost to Quentin Maisey from NZ in a close 3 set match.

Four SA members played in the 65+ Men's Singles Championship.

John McDonald lost in the second round to Alan Walsh (NSW) who reached the semi-finals. **Peter Dawe** lost in the first round in a tight match. **Tatsuhiko Sakai** lost in the second round. **David Cadman** also lost in the second round to the second seed, Terry Smith (Vic), who lost in the final to Peter Keller (Vic).

Bruce Rehn was seeded third in the 70+ Men's singles. He played an excellent tournament, recording a memorable win over Bob Howes (Vic), who has held a world No 1 ranking for his age group. Bruce reached the final, losing to Dennis Bindon (NSW).

Ray Woodforde and **Ron Moulton** played in the 75+ Men's Singles. Ron lost in the first round. Ray was seeded fourth and played well to reach the semi-finals. A number of SA players also participated in the doubles events.

Vlad Ejev partnered **Mike Ford (Qld)** and they were seeded second in the Men's 50+ doubles. They performed well to reach the semi-finals.

Mike Horseman and **Kym Sladden** lost in the first round of the 55+ doubles.

Roger Davey and **John McDonald** played well to reach the semi-finals of the 60+ Men's doubles, where they lost to the eventual winners of this event.

David Cadman and **Peter Dawe** recorded some excellent wins in the 65+ Men's Doubles event, reaching the semi-finals, losing to the second seeded pair.

Bruce Rehn carried his excellent singles form into the 70+ Men's Doubles Championship. He and his partner **Bob Howe (Vic)** were seeded No 1 and eventually won this event in a close 3 set final.

Ray Woodforde partnered **Herbert Althaus** (Germany) in the 75+ Men's Doubles. They were seeded 3, and performed well to reach the semi-finals, where they were defeated by the eventual winners of this event.

In the 80+ Men's Doubles event, **Henry Young** teamed up with **Naoki Mizuno** (Japan). They lost in the first round in a close 3 set match.

Well done to all the South Australian players who participated in the individual Australian championships. Particular congratulations go to **Bruce Rehn** for his strong performance in both the 70+ Men's Singles and 70+ Men's Doubles Championships. Congratulations also to several other SA players who reached the semi-finals of their particular events.

Australian Teams Championships - Perth

SA Team Reports

Women's 70+ Div 1

Team: Pauline Ward, Pauline Fielden, Pam Bessell, June Chapman and Barbara Mathews.

We had hard matches all week, starting with a loss to NSW, (who won our division unbeaten), winning only 1 set 15 games. We did get better as the week progressed, managed to win one match and got many 0.5's for unfinished matches. The competition was much too strong for us, but we will front up again next year and hopefully be in the next division. Thanks Team.

Barbara Mathews, Captain.

Women's 70-74 Section 2

Our team of five players were Margaret Kirkwood, Kathleen Jackson, Maxine Morley, Francis Hill and Claire DeMack.

We knew we were in for a hard five days; even if we are getting a little more senior, but so is the opposition. A few of them were Australian players and still very difficult to play.

We lost to Vic2 by a few games the first morning, then won the afternoon match by 2 sets. Day 3 had a huge loss to WA2. Day 4 was a loss to Vic2 by 3 games and by 2 games in the afternoon to WA.75 +; so close and frustrating. Thursday was a triumph as we decided to use some tactics we had observed, mixing up our players and beating the unbeaten team of WA2 by a set and 2 games. The other teams wanted to have us "tested ". The last day, we did the same thing and won by 2 sets to put us in third, which was very satisfying - "**happy days** "

Thank you to all concerned who did such a great job.

To my Team, my thanks to you all.

Claire DeMack, Captain

Men's 35-49 Age Group – The Champions

Well it was a great effort from all the boys over the week to win the title. The team consisted of first time players [Guy Murray](#) and [Steve Clarke](#) who fitted in the team great. Then came [Andrew Brewster](#), [Andrew Schulke](#) and myself. We went through the week undefeated, which was an awesome effort.

The semi final was a real tight one with Qld, winning only by 9 games.

In the final we had NSW, our arch rivals after losing to them in the Newcastle final!!!. In the first double, [Andrew Schulke](#) and myself split the points, which was a good start against solid competition. My plan was to play [Guy](#) and [Andrew Brewster](#) second doubles all week and they did not drop a set together.

After they got both sets, perfect start for us. Then in come our super sub, Steve Clarke, who teamed with Brewy and I teamed with Guy. We both got first sets and that was it. Beers flowed well after that!! well all week really. Congratulations to the boys and well played all week. Thanks.

Rino Traforti

Men's 50-59 Age Group – The Champions

Well, four of the five of us won the 40+ in Perth five years ago, so maybe a little thinner (hair only) and greyer, we decided to have another crack in the 50's and traded the junior Schuelke (who was part of the victorious 35+ team by the way) for the senior Reeves.

Playing in Perth is always appealing – great people, great city and great **grass** courts. Four of our team play regular lawn tennis Saturday morning for Tranmere and Trevor Reeves is an old hand.

Our preparation was immaculate – Ray Furness' duties as Father Christmas at Harris Scarfe's had finished weeks before and he had done so many chores around the house between Christmas and the 9th January, he could have gone to Iceland with points accumulated. Mick Degenhart packed all his Mr Grumpy T-shirts, but hardly needed them as he warmed to Perth like a starfish on Cottesloe beach.

Reevesy was really smart – he took his family on a holiday to Margaret River the week before and then forgot to get on the return flight with them so he could be that special pinch hitter for us. Bill Lewis probably had the poorest preparation in that he only practised every day from the 15th November to the 9th January, but in his own words, he assured me “Parks, by the Wednesday I should be seeing the ball ok”. I was too busy at the physiotherapist in the weeks leading up to Perth to practice, but I knew my strength was “man management”.

So here we were, four injury prone 50+ year olds with Billy Lewis keenly awaiting knowledge of the strength of our opposition. With this sort of thinking, I had to intervene, “one match at a time, fellas”. We were ranked third from memory, but after the first round playing ACT on synthetic who were ranked second, and winning 8sets-0, the Captain's words rang true. So solid wins followed over SA2, WA2, Qld, WA1 and NSW. All matches were keenly contested and the two West Australian sides proved to be very tough, but we managed to get through without a loss.

The weather was very warm (mid 30's) and I tried to rotate our boys as much as possible so we could be reasonably fresh for the business end of the week. We were fortunate that we had a bye on the Thursday morning with the semis against WA2 in the afternoon. We got through the semi ok, dropping only one set.

The final Friday against WA1 was going to be hard fought and our opening combinations of Degenhart/Parker and Lewis/Furness combined superbly to give us a 4-0 lead at the half way point. In the reverse, Reeves came in for Furness

and played with Mick D. Reeves tore a hamstring with only points to go so Micky D pulled them through by crossing on everything and they got the set that we needed to clinch the win. This topped an amazing week for Mick where we think he may have been the only player not to drop a set for the whole tournament – just shows that total concentration on tennis with no distractions except for the odd early morning dip gets results!

We dropped four sets in about 60 for the week so we were over the moon and I'm working on my captaincy clichés for next time after voting myself captain of the tournament.

Greg Parker

Men's 60-69 Age Group, Division 2

The team consisted of Mike Horsman, David Cadman, Tats Sakai, Rob Hann and Peter Dawe. This year's format was a little different in that the sections were in 10 year age groups rather than 5. Our team are all over 65, which meant that we were older than many in our age division.

On the first day we lost to Qld3 (the eventual winner) 5-2, one game unfinished. We also lost to WA2 (the runner up) 4 sets all, 37 games to 36. We turned this around and won our remaining matches against the other four teams: Qld4, WA2, Vic2 and NZ. The victory over Victoria was their only loss in the preliminary round.

These results put us in third place leading into the play offs.

The play-offs for the top four were 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. We played Qld3 and lost 5-3. The winners then played off for first and second, while the losers played off for third and fourth. We lost this match 4-3, one set unfinished, placing us fourth overall. The fact that we won four of our six matches in the preliminary round and suffered a couple of very close losses, demonstrated how competitive we were. Well done, team, and thanks for your co-operation.

Congratulations also to the two SA men's teams who won the 35-49 and 50-59 age groups.

Peter Dawe – Captain.

Men's 70+ Team Report

Our team played in Division 2 and consisted of Theo Weinmann, Louis Kemenyvary, Rod Cook, David Fielden and myself. We finished fourth out of five teams (ACT, WA2, WA3 and WA4).

We started the week against ACT, winning the first four sets. Then Theo and Louis lost their first set in a tiebreaker. Despite this, we managed to convert this into a loss on games. ACT went on to win our division.

Next, we played WA3, winning 6-2, then WA2 was a 2-6 loss and WA4 a 6-2 win. This completed the first round with a record of two wins and two losses. However, the wheels fell off then and team confidence dropped, with us losing to all teams in the second round. Over the week, we played seven tiebreakers and lost all of them. Winning even a few of them would have made a big difference.

John Butterworth – Captain

Men's 75+ TEAM

SA Team: Ray Woodforde, Lorne Main, Ron Moulton, Allan Chapman and Graham Knight

Matches being played on lawn and synthetic grass at Robertson Park Tennis Centre and lawn at Alexander Park.

Matches commence at 8am on Monday and Wednesday and 10.35am Tuesday and Thursday. Weather forecast for the week mid 30 degrees. Could affect some of the older players, especially if they are required to play eight sets a day. South Australia have a steady side and some of the opposition is fairly strong with six or more players to pick from. WA have three sides; WA1, WA2 and WA3. NSW very strong, Queensland and South Australia. I'm sure we can do well providing the weather is not too hot.

Monday 9th January 8am start

SA v WA2. 6 sets 38 games to 2 sets 22 games

Lorne and Ray 6/1 6/1; Ron and Allen 6/2 6/4, Lorne and Ron 6/2 6/0, Graham and Ray 2/6 0/6. A sound performance - nice to win first up.

Monday 1.10pm

SA v NSW - opposition very strong.

Lorne and Ray lose 6/4 6/3; close, but not consistent enough. Ron and Allan lose 2/6 1/6; just never got going. Ray and Allan at third double lost 3/6 2/6. Lorne and Ron play at fourth double and show how they are the mainstays of the team. They win 6/3 6/2; great effort – team-wise we can improve.

Tuesday 10th January

Warm 34 degrees, SA v WA3, fortunately it's 10.35am.

SA defeats WA3 7 ½ sets 45 games to WA3 ½ set 23 games. Ray and Lorne 6/2 6/2, Ron and Allan 6/1 6/4, Lorne and Ron 6/2 6/2, the undefeated pair. Ray and Graham 6/5 up and 3/5 down when the siren goes.

Great effort – Qld this afternoon.

Tuesday pm

SA v Qld - Ray and Lorne 6/5 6/2, Ron and Allan 1/6 1/6, Lorne and Ron unfinished 2/6 0/1 down, Ray and Allan unfinished 2/6 0/2 down. A bit disappointing and yet Qld quite strong, have six players to choose from.

Qld defeat SA 5 sets 33 games to 3 sets 19 games.

SA players feeling the effects and looking for somewhere to lie down.

No State Dinner tonight.

Wednesday 11th January 8am start - at Alexander Park.

Have to catch shuttle at 7am Temperature 34 degrees, a strong cross court breeze, conditions not the best. SA are playing WA1.

Ray and Lorne win first set 6/5 after being down 3/5 and lost second set 1/6. Ron and Allan won first set 6/3, lost second set 0/6. Any fire left in the side was only smouldering. Ray and Allan lose 4/6 and 4/3 up in second set when time was called. Lorne and Ron lost 2/6 1/6.

WA1 defeats SA 5 ½ sets 41 games to SA 2 ½ sets 24 games.

This year the opposition has improved and they have six or more players to choose from.

Now to Play Offs – SA a Bye this afternoon.

Play-offs top 3 teams 1, 2, 3 play R/R and 4,5, 6 also play R/R. The third team after R/R plays the first team of 4, 5 and 6 for third and fourth position. SA missed on being third by 0.2, so I'm told.

The weather is 36 degrees. Tennis was stopped because of the heat yesterday.

SA playing WA3 and win convincingly, 8 sets 48 games to only 13 games. Well done. Scores were Ray and Lorne 6/0/ 6/2, Allan and Ron 6/1 6/2, Ray and Allan 6/2 6/5, Lorne and Ron 6/1 6/0.

Thursday pm

SA v WA2 - Very warm, the wind has died out and its just plain hot. If SA win, we will play WA1 for third position.

SA defeats WA2, 6 sets 42 games to 2 sets 21 games. Ray and Lorne 6/2 6/1, Allan and Ron 6/1 6/2, Ray and Graham 5/6 1/6, Lorne and Ron 6/2 6/1.

Well done team; tomorrow we play WA1. Their match against Qld was not completed and Qld were in front by 1 set. So we play WA1 for third position.

Friday 13th January

Warm 36 degrees again, a bit of a breeze from one end. Have decided to change order of doubles to pick up sets. Ray and Allan at first, Lorne and Ron at second. Unfortunately, it just did not pay off.

Ray and Allan lose 5/6 5/6, Lorne and Ron lost 5/6 2/6. (bad luck three of the sets 5/6 down). Lorne and Allan are really feeling the heat. Remaining matches; Ron and Allan, Ray and Graham. See how we go. Ron and Allan down 2/6, Ray and Graham not any better 1/6 down, we ran out of time. WA1 defeated SA 7 sets 37 games to SA 1 set 21 games.

The team has been great – gave 100% all the way. As Captain, I have greatly appreciated the effort and desire of the team, Graham as our reserve and Lorne as our import (is available next year), Ron and Allan as the mainstays of our team – well done.

Ray Woodforde

Weekly Competitions

All competitions are now getting close to that time in March when the Co-ordinators have to choose one or two extra rounds of matches. The question to be answered then - will they choose to replay a match cancelled because of weather, select matches based on the ladders or some other concept. These matches could decide at least one of the finalists in most grades.

Recent forfeits show some captains are not aware that they can use players from the team with a bye when they are short of a player, or even two, as long as the Co-ordinator and the opposing captain approves.

Monday Night Mixed

Division 1- based on the ratio of points earned to number of matches played, *Half Volleys* are leading the way with *All of Us* in second place. *The Drivers*, *Kiss my Ace* and *Shiraz Soaks* are competing for third, fourth and fifth positions. *Footloose* are leading Division 2 from *Sideliners*, with *What a Racquet* in third place from *Enigma* and *Fab Five* vying for fourth place.

Tuesday Night Ladies

Division 1 is still being dominated by *Jalapeno Hotties*, with very little between *Aces*, *Spin'n Win*, *Hot Shots* and *Latte Ladies*. It appears likely that the second finalist will not be decided until the last minor round match.

Grinners continue to be the leading team in Division 2, followed by *Jackdaws*.

Wednesday A Grade Ladies and Men

The Ladies competition is very even and only 10 points separates the top and bottom teams, with 8 points available each match. The table positions are changing almost weekly and results are never predictable.

The Men's competition sees *AceHoles* at the top of the table, followed by *Dewce* with only slightly better Points Ratio than *Argonauts*.

Thursday Men's B Grade

Left Field lead Division B1 in spite of a recent loss, with *Grand Slammers*, *Smart Aces* and *Eagles* separated by only 5 points – who will finish in second position could well be undecided until the last week.

Nearly Inn is still undefeated in Division B2 with *Gerry's Aces* looking the likely other finalist. *Byron's Battlers* may prove that statement wrong.

Crocks head the Division B3 table, even though *Old Bucks* have more points, but have won less sets. *Glass Half Full* and *Racquetiers* are currently in third and fourth positions.

Weekly Competitions

WINTER SEASON

Matches will begin on Monday 30th April and run through until mid-September. Nominations are invited from all members on the form enclosed with this magazine. A separate form should be used by those wishing to nominate for the Ladies special winter competition, with three players per team.

Monday Nights will commence play at 7 pm, while play on **Wednesday Nights** will be from 7-45 pm. The number of teams nominating will determine the format of each of the competitions.

The forms should be returned by the due date to the appropriate Co-ordinator.

MIDWEEK DAYTIME COMPETITION

The concept of a weekly teams competition being played each Wednesday morning has been suggested, perhaps for those who dislike late night finishes or just looking for more tennis.

Is there enough interest to get this idea up and running?

Are there enough players who are interested?

If you are looking for another tennis fix each week, contact Dennis Haupt on his mobile, 0431 965 285 and let him know.



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More from Australian Teams Championships - Perth

Upcoming Events

CITY v COUNTRY – Tom Gray Shield

This match was scheduled for Sunday 12th February at South Park. Unfortunately, it had to be CANCELLED for this year due to Country not being able to fill a team. Thank you to all City players who made themselves available and it is hoped that we can resume playing this event next year. We are looking at other options and will let you all know when a decision is made.

Janet Wang

CITY V NORTHERN AREAS JAMESTOWN LAWN TENNIS COURTS SUNDAY 11TH MARCH 2012

Northern Areas are hosting the City this year. Please nominate to be included in a team to play at Jamestown on Sunday 11th March 2012 (to be confirmed). A very enjoyable day. Nomination forms in this issue of SAVET

BERRI TEAMS TOURNAMENT

Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th and Monday 21st May 2012

ENTRY FORMS IN THIS ISSUE OF SAVET

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New Executive for TSA

A new Executive team was voted in at the Annual General Meeting held in Perth during the current Australian Seniors Championships.

Reg Trevaskis, previously Treasurer, is the new President. He is a resident of Brisbane, but plays much of his tennis at the Gold Coast Seniors Club. He hails originally from South Africa, but has been in Australia now for 26 years. Reg has Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Business Administration degrees, is a past Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, but has been retired for six years.

The new Vice President is **Enid Besant-Ryan**. She is a previous President of Tennis Seniors NSW (3 years) and has been an active seniors tennis participant for 16 years. She works in Canberra as an International HR Administrator.

Treasurer **Peter Froelich** is a qualified Accountant and Tax Agent (B Comm, FCPA). He is a former Seniors World number 1 and has now represented Australia 18 times. Peter resides on the Gold Coast and is well known to many of our members, as he is a regular participant in tournaments around the country.

Secretary **Pat Moloney**, like Enid, is a resident of Canberra and is also the current President of Tennis Seniors ACT. He is a retired qualified engineer and also has a Diploma in Fitness.

Yvonne Stanton has retained her role as Competition and Events Manager on the TSA Executive. She lives in Sydney where she works as an Overseas Logistics Manager with an importing company. Yvonne has been on the TSNSW Committee for three years and has previously been the President of the Strathfield Recreation Centre.

Reg has commented that there are many challenges facing TSA at present, and any member of the Executive would welcome comments or ideas from senior players – the contact details of the new Executive will shortly be posted on the national website www.tenniseniors.org.au.

Some of the issues about which they would be happy to receive comment include how to address declining membership and participation levels, increase social play opportunities, whether to split the Australian Teams Carnival from the Individual Championships and whether to reduce the potential amount of tennis played in the Teams Event by, for example, playing short sets.

TSA Executive



*Back row (l to r): Peter Froelich, Reg Trevaskis, Pat Moloney
Front Row (l to r): Enid Besant-Ryan, Yvonne Stanton*

Some observations on the Australian Seniors Championships - Tom Hancy

The Championships trophy was won by TSNSW with a percentage of 65.08. The big participation winners were the players of TSWA, playing a total of 3008 sets.

The variability between scores of competing teams, that is, the great winning margins between teams, was the lowest in the past five years when a reduced number of teams have been participating. Winning margins in the order of 48 games to 5, 6 or 8 games occurred in approximately 40% of matches in recent years, but this year, such winning margins were few. It is believed that the organization and ranking of teams in ten year age ranges is the major contributing factor. Many players commented that the grading of teams in the ten year age ranges produced the best competition in the Teams Championships for many years.

Tennis Seniors Australia congratulates the winning state and all players who participated in the Teams Championships.

Another interesting observation was the number of incorrectly completed scorecards. This year, there was only one compared with sixty eight incorrectly completed cards at Wodonga in 2008.

All scores and final order of finishing in all sections can be found on www.92computing.com.au under the Australian Tennis Seniors Team Championships.

Web News

For some time now, I have been in the process of changing our website over to a brand new look. It is a long and tedious task, but we hope it will be very worthwhile and you will end up with a much brighter and easier to navigate web site. We hope that you find it more informative and enjoyable to use. I hope that the new face of the Web will be up and running within the next month.

At the moment though, in the existing web pages you will find some great photos of our players in action at the Tennis Seniors Australian Championship held in Perth in January this year. You will find them under the heading of *Photo Gallery Perth 2012*. There are also two articles written by Rob Crawford summing up the event for both the Teams week and the Individuals Week - they can be found on the Latest news page.

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South East News

President – Tut Agnew, 8725 1635 or 0439 861 163

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Eighteen months ago at the AGM of the South East Tennis Seniors, it was decided to provide all financial members of the club with a newly designed top, paid for with a surplus of funds that had accrued over the years. After much discussion on colour and design, the tops were presented at the December event hosted by the Wattle Range Tennis Club.

South East Tennis Seniors have 43 financial members at present. Of these, 28 played at Wattle Range, with the winners being

1st Lady: Wendy Mc Donald

1st Man: John Milstead

2nd Lady: Yvonne Norman

2nd Man: Bill Chapman



The January event of South East Tennis Seniors was hosted by the Millicent Tennis Club in excellent weather conditions. Winners on this day were

Lady no 1 Bronwyn Neill

Man no 1: Alan Schultz

Lady no 2 : Marg Mc Kinnon

Man no 2: Bob Brown



The February event was held at Lucindale on 12th February with a 10 am start and players from Murray Bridge were hosted. This was also a good opportunity to obtain details of the very popular annual Easter Tournament held every year at Lucindale.

Quiz

Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

Name six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S':

Joke

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady.

She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up.

After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts.

She repeats this gesture about five more times.

When she is about to hand him another batch again, he asks the little old lady,

'Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?'

'We can't chew them because we've no teeth', she replied.

The puzzled driver asks, 'Why do you buy them then?'

The old lady replied, 'We just love the chocolate around them.'

Berri 19th – 21st May

Pt Pirie Games 13th – 22nd April 2012

Their motto is:- Good people, good games, good times

Alice Springs Masters Games will be held 13th - 20th October 2012

Mildura Games will be held again in 2013

The next local event will be held on 18th March at Beachport with an 11 am start.

All tennis players over the age of 35 years are welcome to attend.

As a life member, I also received a new shirt at Wattle Range, even though I have never played tennis.

Our son, Phil, said that Bruce getting him into tennis was the best thing that could have happened, to help him get his life back on track after his marriage break down. So, this is a father and son Senior Tennis photo.



I myself am starting to put on some weight, now that my condition has been diagnosed and treated. There is a song "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth". All I wanted was a bottom, as mine was so thin and bony, and not at all comfortable to sit on.

Fay White 8723 9190

A Date for Your Diary



Tennis Seniors SA

40 years Anniversary Dinner
To be held on
17th November 2012

Please keep this date free
More information soon

Looking forward to past and present
members attending,
to make this night memorable!

Local News

WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Linards Jansons, Richard Ruffin, Adam Alessandrini, Lynnie Wells, Grant Daniel, Pam Scholfield, Scott Nottle, Varis Lidams, Ian Randell, Sue Fletcher, Rose Glennon, Daniel Flaherty, Ingrid Flaherty, Paul Hollinshead, Yvonne Briggs, Joel Piper, David Milburn, Bevan Ferguson and Mathew Rae.

UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR

Contact **Chris Cave** on 8379 7352 or 0412 627 456
for state shirts and jackets.

PRIVACY

Tennis Seniors SA is required to use Tennis Australia's My Tennis database for recording member details. If you have any objection to such information being used in this manner, please contact our Secretary on 8376 9197.

DEFIBULATOR

Tennis Seniors SA now have a defibulator for the club.
It is situated on the wall over the photo-copier.
Several people each night are qualified to use it.

Marie Stevens, Kaye Furst, Chris Cave, Kaye Barratt, Louis Kemenyvary, Dennis Haupt, John Butterworth, Rod Cook, Norbett Jahnke, Frank Sebastian, Rob Crawford, David Cadman and Peter Dawe.

Sub-Committees 2011/2012

Social/Catering

Sue Hand
Janet Wang
Sue McKelvie
June Raven
Rhonda Walker
Sandra Bryant

Publicity Officer

Rob Crawford

Tournament

Dennis Haupt (Chair)
Janet Wang (Sec)
Barbara Mathews
Marie Stevens
Elaine Caldana (TD)

Selection

Janet Wang (Sec)

Women

Marie Stevens (Capt)
Barbara Mathews
Sue Hand

Men

Mark Swanbury (Capt)
John Butterworth
Dennis Haupt

SAVET

Janet Wang
Brian Arnold
Helen Schreier
June Raven

Ball Monitor

Dennis Haupt

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Membership

Helen Schreier

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2012 Australian Champions



Men's 35-49: Team SA1

Steve Clarke, Andrew Schuelke, Rino Traforti, Andrew Brewster and Guy Murray



Men's 50-59, Division 1

Bill Lewis, Greg Parker, Trevor Reeves, Michael Degenhart and Ray Furness, (with Andrew Thiel from 35-49 Team SA2)