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President's Report

In the short time I have been President, it has become obvious to me that Seniors' tennis in South Australia is in a very healthy state. This is because of the input of many people who volunteer their time to make tennis playing a pleasure and a well organised experience for all of us. My thanks go to the Committee and all those people who organise, coordinate, undertake practical tasks and generally work for the good of Seniors' tennis. Our membership numbers are very healthy in comparison to the rest of Australia and we are the envy of other States with our complex at South Park. The impact of our regional centres is unparalleled anywhere. We also enjoy a healthy financial position.



The Committee of Management will have a strategic planning session in April to lay out a plan for our future. This will build upon the many important aspects of tennis seniors that are working well to increase participation and the great experience of tennis over the next few years. We would be very keen to hear from you about any ideas that you have for the future of Seniors' tennis.

Your Committee has been active in these last few months on a range of issues.

Parklands Master Planning

The Committee has lodged a submission to the Adelaide City Council's Parklands Master Planning process. The key elements of this submission are:

- 1. The current site is its preferred site, now and for the future.
- **2**. Tennis Seniors' SA (TSSA) values its partnership with the Adelaide Hockey Club and Pulteney Grammar in bringing together common community goals in relation to sport and recreation on a multipurpose site.
- **3.** TSSA supports the Adelaide Hockey Club in seeking a second pitch of a hybrid nature that could be located to the north of the current courts/pitch. This could be of a hybrid nature as long as the existing pitch retained its current surface.
- **4**. With the addition of a second pitch, we would see that extra car parking and access to the site would be essential.
- 5. With the heavy usage of the facility, TSSA would envisage that, in the future, on-site management of the site would be desirable. This would include a person(s) employed for daily oversight of the facility as well as the conducting of various programmes that would increase participation and provide access to a range of existing and potential new participants.

- **6**. We would also like to see the development of more spaces around the clubhouse and playing arenas that enable people to sit, watch and enjoy any activities that are happening.
- 7. The clubhouse will need upgrading in due course. Although its current use is already significant, we believe that with an upgrade it could be attractive to other groups in the community for social activities, meetings and community events and thereby increase usage.

Tennis Seniors Australia

Vice President, Dennis Haupt, and I attended the January meeting of the States' Presidents and Secretaries in Hobart. This is a six monthly meeting that is important in sharing information and ideas about the future of Seniors tennis across Australia. A number of important issues were discussed including:

- Maintaining Tennis Seniors' Australia as a viable structure that can lead and support the States in their endeavours.
- All States reviewing ways of engaging more people in Seniors tennis.
- Strategies to encourage more players to participate in tournament play.
- Changing the structure of membership fees to encourage more people to join.
- The relationship with Tennis Australia to continue the growth of tennis participation across Australia.

National Championships, Hobart

Congratulations to all participants in Hobart. South Australia was well represented in settings that were spectacular for tennis. We had some well deserved wins and our participation numbers were high. The South Australian dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Australian Selection

Congratulations to SA players selected in Australian Teams for 2014:

COURT CUP 45+ CHRIS LUHRS

ITALIA CUP 35+ ADAM ALESSANDRINI, ANDREW TAVELLA

TRABERT CUP 40+ MARTIN RICHARDS

DUBLER CUP 45+ GARRY NADEBAUM

All the best for their respective competitions.

Solar Power

Solar panels have been installed at South Park. This has been achieved through winning two grants to finance the installation and will significantly reduce ouR power bills over the coming years. Thanks particularly to John Butterworth, Dennis Haupt, Tony Murphy and Rob Crawford for putting in countless hours on this project to achieve a successful outcome in collaboration with the Adelaide Hockey Club.

Regional Centres

The strength of Seniors' tennis in regional South Australia is an important part of the strategy to involve as many people involved in tennis in this State.

John Butterworth has agreed to an ongoing liaison role with our regional centres.

John Haren, President



For Your Diary

South Australia

Tuesdays Social Tennis (I0.00am start – if hot 8.30am) City v Northern Areas - March 9th 2014 Jamestown

29th Riverland Tournament, at Berri, Renmark, Loxton and Waikerie Saturday 17th to Monday 19th May, 2014

Australian Championships

ACT 4th - 16th January 2015

Interstate

2nd – 6th December - Victorian Seniors Championships ITF2

14th - **19**th **October** - Beijing Tennis Post Tour, from \$1290pp. Email sportstours@olympictravel.com.au

Closing Dates for Editorial – 25th May 2014

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Tennis Seniors of SA - Secretary's phone number.

Please be advised that the telephone number for all enquiries for Tennis Seniors and the phone number to contact the Secretary is now 8376 8765 or 0408 123 356

Thanks, Janet Wang

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL HOBART 2014

Congratulations to the four South Australian teams who won their divisions.

Women's 35-49/1

Michelle Leyden (Captain), Melissa Beadman, Wendy Butler, Lynnie Wells, Chris Flynn (Marie Stevens extra)

Women's 60-69/2

Carole Johnson, Sandra Bryant, Sue Russo, Chris Cave, Di Reynolds , Jan Warren and Sue Hand (Non playing Captain)

Women's 70-74/2

Pauline Fielden (Captain), Pauline Ward, Barbara Mathews, Pam Bessell and Helen Schreier.

Men's 70-74/2

John Butterworth (Captain), Peter Dawe, Theo Weinmann, Rob Hann and Dennis Scrutton (NT).

Men's 35-49 were defeated in final and Women's 50-59/3 also lost their final.

Well done all SA players!!!!

RESULTS FOR SA PLAYERS IN THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN

35/40 SINGLES – **Adam Alessandrini** (SA) def Richard Wynwood (Tas) 7/5 3/6 7/6 (0)

75 SINGLES – Bob Howes (Vic) def Bruce Rehn (SA) 6/3 6/2

85 SINGLES – **Henry Young** (SA) def Hans Mass (Tas) 7/5 6/7(5) 10/7

75 DOUBLES – **Bruce Rehn** (SA) & Bob Howes (Vic) def Max Byrne (Tas) & Neville Langford (Qld) 6/4 0/6 10/8

35/40 MIXED DOUBLES R/R – Karen Klevelaan(Vic) & **Adam Alessandrini** (SA) def Nicole Smith & (Vic) & Michael Tebbutt (NSW) 3 wins/2wins.

Congratulations particularly to **Henry Young**, who is our oldest (90 years of age) and amongst our most enthusiastic and energetic members. He continues to work hard to improve his tennis and is often the last to leave the courts after playing in the regular Tuesday morning Social Tennis. Henry was a very popular and worthy choice for flag bearer for S.A. at the opening ceremony.



Reports from SA Teams

WOMEN'S 35-49/1

The team comprised of our "star" Melissa Beadman (aka Molly),, her sister Michelle Leyden (Capt), Lynnie Wells, Wendy Butler, Chris Flynn and myself going along as an "extra". Thanks to Chris for going at the last minute after one of the original team had to withdraw.

There were five teams in this division and we played everyone twice with the team with the most points being the winner. No final as such.

The two teams to beat were NSW1 (which included our own Chris Luhrs and Karen Ahrens) and the VIC team, comprised of almost all Australian players. WA and NSW 2 made up the rest of the division.

The girls played very well the first round, winning all matches and it came down to the Friday morning when we had to play the Victorians, which would decide the winner. The decision was made to split Molly and Michelle, playing one in each double — this proved to be a winning move. Melissa and Lynnie won both sets and Michelle and Wendy won the first 6-0 and narrowly lost the second, which gave us a 3-1 lead. Molly and Michelle then played No 3 double against Fairlie Lamond and Julie Golighlty. This was an excellent match showcasing some fantastic tennis — the best for the week! Molly and Michelle coming out the victors in both sets 6-3, 6-4 in what was a great match. In the meantime, Lynnie and Chris both played their best tennis for the week against Sue Walter and Fiona Walker, eventually winning both sets as well. SA came out the winner 7 sets to 1. Well done to all the girls. A great outcome and well deserved win for the girls and a win for SA!

Marie Stevens

WOMEN'S 60-69 Div 2 - "DREAM TEAM"

Carole Johnson, Sue Russo, Sandra Bryant, Chris Cave, Di Reynolds, Jan Warren

Day 1: SA v Tas. 8/0 SA v WA 2 7/1 Day 2: SA v ACT 5/3 unf. SA v WA 4 7/1

Day 3: SA v WA 3 8/0

Day 4: SA v Vic 8/0

Semi-Final: SA v WA2 7 1/2 - 1/2 unfinished

Day 5: Final SA v Vic 2 4/4 (39 games to 27 games)

Above are scores from all matches including semi-final and grand final.

It was a week of various standard and scores, but with six in our team, I had no problems with managing the team and rotating players. We played at various venues which were all well run and mostly very picturesque. On Wednesday, we only had the one match so we took the opportunity to have a lazy morning with a brunch and do a bit of sight seeing around the docks. On the final day, we played

our final at the Domain and with the score at 2/2 after the first rubbers, we were well up on games with the first double winning 6/1, 6/2 and the other double going down 2/6, 5/6. This was the same in the next doubles with 6/2, 6/0 in the first one and the other we lost 4/6, 4/6. The referee was called in this set after a little antagonizing from Victoria, but this was soon settled.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to captain this team and my thanks to them for a great week.

Congratulations to all the other winners also.

Sue Hand, Non playing Captain

WOMEN'S 50-59

The team was made up of four new players to the Australian Carnival Team Events, namely Judy Greenway, Helen Stacey, Sue McKelvie and Rosemary Daish. Jill Jones and Kathy had participated in these events previously.

The competition was very strong, but the team gave of its best and had many long rallies.

We had lots of laughs and fun together as a team and I'm proud of the team spirit over the week. Tasmania was such a great place to visit, as well as great weather.

Kathy Pfeiffer, Captain

WOMEN'S 70-75 DIV 2

Our Team Barb Mathews, Pauline Ward, Pam Bessell, Helen Schreier and myself had a great week.

Credit goes to these ladies for making my week easy, enjoyable, social and best of all winning the GRAND FINAL. We lost to VIC 2 the only loss we had for the week. We then played ACT in the Semi and won comfortably. So then it was into the Grand Final to play Victoria again. After the first four sets, we were two sets all, but to the team's credit, we then went on to win the next four sets, winning the grand final six sets to two.

The only hassle we had for the week was the first match where myself and one other player were at the courts at start time, so a little panic was had. As those who were in Tassie will know, finding courts can be a little problem, but luckily they were only two minutes late.

I guess we were lucky to be in Hobart where the weather was comfortable for playing tennis. We missed all of the 40 degree heat.

My thanks to Sue Hand for organising the State dinner, which was a very enjoyable night.

Congratulations to the other three teams that won their finals.

Pauline Fielden, Captain

MEN'S 60's TEAM

Team members were Roger Davey, Colin Mander, Ian Delbridge, Ron Russo, Mike Horsman, David Cadman and Dennis Haupt.

We played QLD2 in the first match on Monday morning and lost 7-1, (got ambushed) but the match was much closer than the score indicated. However, it put us on the back foot to start with. We made up for it with a win in the afternoon, so back on track, I thought.

Next morning, we played QLD3 and suffered our second loss which was going to make it difficult to reach the Final on Friday.

We defeated TAS and NZ easily in the remaining matches of the round, but unable to make up enough ground to oust QLD3 from the Final and finished up in a credible third position, having only lost those two matches for the week.

A very enjoyable time was had with plenty of laughs and good banter between team-mates, capably led by CM. It was quite a challenge at times having to fit seven players into a starting six. Nevertheless, we got through.

Dennis Haupt.

MEN'S 70-74 Division "3"

Our team consisted of Jack Redden, Louis Kemenyvary, Ian Maddern, Frank Sebastyan and myself.

Unfortunately, we only won two matches, but lost one by a game which was Tasmania who finished second behind WA3, the eventual winners.

Thanks to the team for their effort during the week and special thanks to Jack who played every match.

A good night was had by all team members at the state dinner.

David Fielden, Captain

MENS 70-75/2

There were five teams in our Division, ACT, NSW and two from WA. Our team was Peter Dawe, Theo Weinmann, Robert Hann, Dennis Scrutton (NT) and myself. Don Burgess was ill beforehand and was not able to go.

We lost our first match on Monday to ACT 6 sets to 2, then in the afternoon beat WA2 6 sets to 2. I injured my knee in the afternoon match, but was able to play on and win the sets.

2014 Australian Carnival Winning Teams



<u>WOMEN'S 35-49/1</u> – Chris Flynn, Melissa Beadman, Michelle Leyden (capt.), Wendy Butler, Lynnie Wells and Marie Stevens



<u>MENS 70-75/2</u> – Peter Dawe, Rob Hann, John Butterworth (Capt.), Theo Weinmann and Dennis Scrutton (NT).

Tuesday we lost to WA1 5 sets to 3. I stood out and had my knee strapped up by the physio. I played all of the remaining matches. We beat the NSW team 5 sets to 3 on the Wednesday morning to complete the round, making it 2 wins and 2 losses. In the afternoon, we reversed the result against ACT the second time, winning 6 sets to 2. Thursday morning, we beat WA2 7 sets to 1 with one unfinished, and then beat WA1 5 sets to 3. On the final day, we beat NSW 8 sets to love, meaning that we had won our Division fifteen points clear of the second team. As we were the lowest ranked team in this division, it was very satisfying. Our No.1 player Peter Dawe played exceptionally well all week (he missed two shots one day) with the rest of us playing pretty well too.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their week. The accommodation and courts were very good as was the State Dinner. The Presentation Dinner was very well presented, but the price meant that most of the team did not attend.

From the AGM, the stated intention of Reg Trevaskis and most of the Australian executive to stand down in the next couple of months because of various tensions (some most unnecessary) is most disturbing for the future of Tennis Seniors. I would hope that all of our members will show them our support and encourage them to reconsider.

John Butterworth, Captain

MEN'S 75+

Six players selected, Ray Woodforde, Allan Chaman, Twink Sparks, Mike Morris, Norm Formston and Hugh Bloink from Victoria.

Monday 8am - At Lindisfarne - 1st Match SA1 v WA

- 1. Woodford/Bloink v Napier/Spencer 6/4, 6/4
- 2. Formston/Sparks v Harris/ Morcombe 3/6, 4/6
- 3. Woodforde/Sparks v Napier/Harris 1/6, 5/5 unf
- 4. Formston/Morris v Morcombe/Jones 4/6 0/6

WA defeated SA1 5.5 sets 43 games to 2.5 sets 29 games. SA had chances to level score, but lack of experience at this level did not help. All players steady

Second Match Monday 1.20pm – SA v NSW

- 1. Woodforde/Bloink v Fisher/Whittaker 1/6, 3/6
- 2. Chapman/Sparks v King/Harkin 1/6, 6/3
- 3. Bloink/Chapman v Fisher/King 2/6, 2/6
- 4. Formston/Morris v Arnold/Jones 1/6 0/6

NSW defeated SA 7 sets 45 games to 1 set 6 games

Not a good result, possibly only as good as expected. NSW is a very strong and experienced team: Well done Twink and Allan

Tuesday 10.20am - Fine and warm at Taroona SA1 V SA2

- 1. Woodforde/Bloink v Finn/Moulton 6/1, 6/3
- 2. Chapman/Sparks v Young/Hill 6/1, 6/4
- 3. Bloink/Sparks v Finn/Young 6/0, 6/2
- 4. Formston/Morris v Hill/Greenway 6/0, 6/2

SA1 in trouble, Allan down with hamstring (had several offers of assistance! but not game to accept). SA1 defeated SA2 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 13 games.

Well done team, good result

Tuesday - 4pm SA v Qld

- 1. Woodforde/Bloink v Hocking Wenzel 4/6, 5/6
- 2. Sparks/Morris v Waite/Ambrovic 1/6, 3/6
- 3. Woodforde/Sparks v Langford/Brown 2/6, 4/2 unf
- 4. Morris/Formston v Ambrovic/Hocking 3/6 0/2 unf

Qld defeated SA1 7 sets 40 games to 1 set 22 games.

Fair performance, too hot, team ran out of steam, Good experience for all

Wednesday - 1-20pm at the Domain Courts SA1 v WA

- 1. Woodforde/Bloink v Morcombe, Cartledge 0/6, 4/6
- 2. Sparks/Morris v Napier/Harris 1/6, 5/6
- 3. Woodforde/Sparks v Morcombe/Spencer 6/4, 6/3
- 4. Bloink/Formston v Cartledge/Jones 1/6 1/6

WA defeated SA1 6 sets 48 games to 2 sets 24 games.

Fair performance, should have done better, on a par with first match. At this stage, the players are feeling the pressure. I hope they see it through.

Thursday - 8am St Theresa Moonah. SA1 v NSW

- 1. Woodforde/Bloink v Fisher Whittaker 0/6, 1/6
- 2. Sparks/Formston v King/Harkin 4/6, 0/6
- 3. Woodforde/Sparks v Jones/Arnold 0/6, 2/6
- 4. Bloink/Morris v Harkin/Fisher 0/6, 1/6

A very poor effort by all concerned, especially me as Captain. Can't hit a ball into play. Hope we go a lot better this afternoon.

NSW 8 sets 48 games to SA 0 sets 8 games

1pm Thursday SA1 v SA2

- 1. Woodforde/Bloink v Finn/Moulton 6/1, 6/4
- 2. Sparks/Formston v Young/Hill 6/0, 6/1
- 3. Bloink/Sparks v Finn/Young 6/2, 6/3
- 4. Formston/Morris v Hill/Greenway 6/3, 6/1

SA1 defeated SA2 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 15 games.

On a par of first match in hot and gusty conditions – well done.

Friday 8 am at Gilston Bay SA v Qld

- 1. Woodforde/Bloink v Langford/Brown 5/6 1/6
- 2. Sparks/Formston v Wenzel/Ambrovic 5/6, 4/6
- 3. Bloink/Sparks v WenzelWenk 3/6 0/1 unf
- 4. Morris/Formston v Ambrovic/Hocking 5/4 unf

The first sets of each double went to tiebreaks. Over one hour each, first double lost 9 points to 7 points and second double lost 10 points to 8 points. QLD defeated SA1 5 sets 35 games to 0 sets 23 games. Good effort by the team. Pity time was against us. That is our last match and I would like to take the opportunity to thank each one of the players for their sincere effort.

Unfortunately, the opposing teams had more depth and experience than SA. I hope you have enjoyed your tennis and will be available for selection at future series. All the best and thank you

Ray Woodforde, Captain.

SA STATE DINNER AT SALAMANCA INN

This was once again held on the Tuesday night and thanks go to Pam and Dennis Haupt for finding this venue.

It was well represented with 97 S.A. members attending. The staff went out of their way to be very helpful and the dinner was in the form of a buffet with one at each end of a room which made for quick and easy access.

Mark Swanbury hosted the night with each Captain giving a run down on their teams matches over the first two days (with the occasional joke added). Tennis Seniors SA subsided the night and thanks go to them for their support..

From all reports, everyone enjoyed the night and it proved to be a success once again.

Sue Hand

Reporting Performances of their teams, Days 1 & 2 At State Dinner



Men's 50-59 - Ray Furness



Women's 50-59 Div.2 - Marie Klaosen



Men's 60-69 – Dennis Haupt



Women's 50-59 Div. 3 – Kathy Pfeiffer



<u>Men's 35-49</u> – Mark Swanbury



Men's 70-75 Div. 2 - Peter Dawe



Women's 60-69 Div. 2 – Sue Hand



Men's 70-74 Div. 3 – David Fielden



Women's 70-74 Div. 2 – Pauline Fielden



Men's 75+ - Norm Formston



Men's 80+ - Ron Moulton



Women's 75+ - Claire DeMack

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Weekly Competitions

SUMMER COMPETITIONS

Summer 2013/2014 competitions are now into the last month of their season. Some competitions have clear leaders, while the top spots in others are still very close.

Monday Mixed: -

Division 1 has *The Drivers* leading *Half Volleys* at the top of their ladder, while the Division 2 ladder shows *What a Racquet* clear leaders from *Footloose* and *Sideliners*.

Tuesday Ladies: -

Division 1 playing the three player format has the *White* team showing the way. In Division 2, *The Force* are well clear on their ladder.

Wednesday A Grade Ladies and Men: -

Paragold are leading the ladies competition on Points Ratio from **The Responsibles**, while **Dewce** are easily leading the Men's ladder from **Wombat's Mob**.

Thursday B Grade Men: -

Eagles are undefeated in Division B1 and lead second team **Grand Slammers** by 27 points. There must be something in the name, as **Eagles2** are heading the Division B2 ladder from **Byron's Battlers** and **Power**. Division B3 is much closer with **Volleys** and **Grommets** separated on points ratio, although they have played a different number of matches.

The <u>Daytime Open competitions</u> played a half season up to the December break. Division 1 competition saw *United* finish on top of the ladder, while *The Musketeers* were the proverbial mile ahead of the other three teams in Division 2.

The daytime players resumed after the Australian Carnival in Hobart and then had to contend with the extreme heat. So far, *United* are again showing they are still the team to beat in Division 1, while competition in Division 2 is much closer with *The Musketeers* showing the way, although so few matches have been played that a clear pattern is yet to emerge.

It Is Essential That All Captains Ensure That Each Player's Family Name <u>AND</u> Given Name Appear On The Match Sheet.

The Recorders are NOT Mind-Readers!!!!!!!!

Weekly Competitions, cont.

WINTER COMPETITIONS

The nomination forms for winter matches are included with this SAVET. Monday night will be for the Mixed Doubles and Men's Division 1 doubles, while the Winter Ladies competition will be on Wednesday night, as well as the Division 2 Men's doubles.

Get your nominations in early as there may need to be limits set so that all matches (except the Wednesday Night Ladies) have two courts.

Players nominating for the Day competitions can also use the same form. These competitions will again be offered this Winter as two short seasons. Depending on nominations, they will probably be held on the same days as this Summer, to get the best usage of the front six courts and not have to roll nets out on the other pitch area.

For enquiries about any of these competitions, contact the following:

Barbara Mathews (8258 8806) (Monday), Gail Weinert (8391 2984) (Tuesday Ladies), Karen Ahrens (0410 315 220) and Ian Delbridge (0402 362 011) (Wednesday A Grade Ladies and Men), Norbett Jahnke (8373 5363) (B Grade Men), and John Butterworth (8261 4467) for daytime events. Helen Schreier (8278 6426) is the contact for the Winter Ladies Competition on Wednesday nights.



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National News

National Selectors for 2014

Convenor: Enid Besant-Ryan

Young Seniors

Ladies Men

Narelle Follington Rys McDougall
Jo Walter Andrew Schuelke
Julie Golightly Mike Roberts

Seniors

Ladies Men

Ros Balodis Colin Holgate
Kym Ireland Mike Ford
Di Cassel Graeme Sticka

Super Seniors

Ladies and Gentlemen: Men

Bobbie Edwards Bob Howes
Carol Campling Alan Gooch
Joy Rigter Lee Taylor

The TSA Executive takes this opportunity to thank other players who nominated and also past selectors, Martin Richards, Paul Kleverlaan, Brenda Foster, Wendy Harrison, Dennis Haupt, Judy Hancy and Neville Langford

Reg Trevaskis

SENIOR TEAMS SELECTED TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN THE ITF CUPS FOR 2014

WOMEN

LENGLEN CUP 35+				COURT CUP 40+		
1.	Karen Kleverlaan ©	VIC	1.	Julie Dybendale	Qld	
2	Karen Maddison	WA	2.	Chris Luhrs	SA	
3.	Nicole Smith	NSW	3.	Fiona Medina ©	VIC	
			4.	Julie Golightly	VIC	
YOUNG CUP 40+ No team selected						

BUENO CUP 50+				CONNOLLY CUP 55+		
1.	Brenda Foster	NSW	1.	Roslyn Balodis ©	ACT	
2.	Narelle Raftery ©	ACT	2.	Wendy Harrison	VIC	
3.	Wanda Howes	VIC	3.	Helen Shea	NSW	
4.	Diane Cassel	NSW	4.	Fiona Walker	VIC	
Res	Leanne Swaysland	NSW	Res	Sara Goddard	NSW	

2nd Res Davina Yates VIC

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MEN

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<u>ITALL</u>	A CUP 35+						
1.	Adam Alessandrini	SA					
2.	Andrew Tavella	SA					
3.	Adam Bick	WA					
TRABERT CUP 40+							
1	Martin Richards ©	SA					
2.	Brett Patten	WA					
3.	Matt Olsen	NSW					
4.	Rhys McDougall	QLD					
DUBLER CUP 45+							
1.	Chris O'Mara ©	QLD					
2.	Garry Nadebaum	SA					
3.	Igor Jovanovic	NSW					
4.	Mark Hodgson	QLD					
Res	Guido Schouteten	QLD					
PERR'	Y CUP 50+						
1.	Simon Arms	VIC					
2.	Bruce Ferguson ©	VIC					
3.	Chris Arms	VIC					
4.	Peter Gard	VIC					
AUST	RIA CUP 55+						
1.	Glen Busby	VIC					
2.	Mike Ford ©	QLD					
3.	Colin Holgate	ACT					

Congratulations to SA players selected - Chris Luhrs, Adam Alessandrini, Martin Richards, Andrew Tavella and Garry Nadebaum

VIC

Ronald Evans

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Tributes - Sue Linford and Alison Tuckfield



Our dearest Susan Linford sadly passed away January 11, 2014, at 51, after a two year struggle with cancer. We were privileged to have Susan as a member of our club. She was a strong supporter of our tournaments, competitions and in particular, our social events. Whether you were dancing with her at the Berri dinner dance, singing at karaoke, having a cuppa on the verandah at Mildura Tristate or just a drink after a match on Wednesday nights. Susie always included you in the conversation, encouraged

everyone to mix and made us all feel valued and special.

Susie always came onto the court looking gorgeous in her matching outfits. Even during chemo she played wearing matching bandanas - still the fashion queen. She always said "If I can't play tennis, at least I can look the part". She did play a great competitive game of tennis. She fought her cancer with the same grit and determination, never giving up and running down every ball. She was passionate about the game but valued and loved the friendships she made even more. Susan was a beautiful, courageous, selfless and thoughtful woman. Her contagious smile and vivacious personality will be remembered by all her tennis friends. RIP Susie

Alison Tuckfield was a member of Tennis Veterans from 1995 to 2010. She was playing at Stirling Tennis Club in Hills Association and came to Veterans (now Seniors) with Lynda Kenihan, Dot Brown and Bronte Elston, entering a team named Racqueteers into the Division 1 Ladies competition on Tuesday nights.

Comments from SAVET weekly competiton reports:

2005 March --- Racqueteers are the pace setters in Div 1.

2006 April --- Won the Ladies final

2007 March --- Racqueteers leading in Div 1

' May ---- Won the Ladies final

2008 May --- Won final, undefeated for Season

2010 May --- Changed from Tuesday to Wednesday night and won final.

Alison played in the Australian Championships in Perth in 2007

Alison was a strong and remarkable woman, laughing and living with style.

Alison passed away on 25 December 2013 after a battle with cancer.



Web News

This has been a busy period for the website. You will find a new look Administration page with photos of all of the committees members. There is the report of our great wins in Tasmania and congratulation to all who went and participated, I know I had a great time and I haven't heard of any complaints. The Berri entry form is now up on the web and can be downloaded from 'Application & Entry Forms' on the Home page. We are having a final social event on the 30th March as Hockey take over on the 1st April. Read all about it in the Latest news page.

Remember keep your eye on the web as it is the way we can keep you up to date with the latest happenings around the club.

Sue Mckelvie

Web Info

Aus websites:

SA www.tennisseniors.org.au/sa
Vic www.tennisseniorsvictoria.com.au
Qld www.tennisseniors.org.au/qld
NSW www.tennisseniorsnsw.org
WA www.tennis.com.au/seniorswa
ACT www.tennisseniors.org.au/act



From John Lewis, in Japan

I was a member of the association in 2013, but moved to Japan this year on an exchange. I met up with the attached senior players at the Himeji Tennis Centre and play at least weekly with them. The lady on my left looking at the photo, in purple, is Mayumi Fukunaga. Mayumi has played in Adelaide, most recently in 2009 I think at the Masters games. Her husband, not pictured, is a former Japanese champion in the 50-55s and now in the 70-75s.



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CITY V NORTHERN AREAS 2014

The City v Northern Areas Tennis is an annual event, and the 2014 event is to be played in Jamestown.

It offers Tennis Seniors SA players the experience of visiting the attractive town of Jamestown, the opportunity to play SA country players, a great day of competitive, friendly tennis and the experience of playing on excellent lawn courts

Take the opportunity to participate in the most enjoyable and traditional of Tennis Seniors SA days.

The 2014 competition will be played on Sunday 9 March 2014.

Players should arrive in Jamestown by 9.30 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start.

Each team is composed of 12 men and 12 women. Men's and Women's doubles pairings play 2 sets, followed by a reverse doubles of 2 sets (all sets are tie break at 6 all). Mixed 9 game doubles matches complete the days tennis.

Teams for this event have not yet been filled. So players are encouraged to nominate for the team as soon as possible

All interested players should contact our secretary Janet Wang,

email: janet.wang@bigpond.com or phone: 8376 8765

End of Season BBQ / Music

Sunday 30th March at 4:30 pm A chance for a final get together and make use of the clubrooms before handover to Hockey

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" WHOLESOME THOUGHTS AND NO FAST WOMEN "



I have been asked to detail some of my quite extraordinary career, so will concentrate firstly on one occasion in a Service career that embraced the Army, the Air Force and four of the World Navies. Then, on nearly forty years converting scrub to pasture in what used to be called the 90 Mile Desert.

In December 1948, I was flying back to the Naval Air Station, Eglington, Northern Ireland in my Sea Fury fighter when

suddenly the engine stopped. The silence was deafening. There was a low overcast with not enough height to hope to bail out, so, with my years of training, I did all the right things. Opened my canopy, tightened my seat harness and looked for a paddock to make a wheels up, forced landing. This was all tenant farmer country with small paddocks, each surrounded by stone walls, but thankfully, one narrow longer paddock with trees in each corner with, I thought, enough room for me to squeeze through. What I didn't see until I banked round on my final approach was a smaller tree, previously hidden by the taller trees, in the middle of the gap. I near as dammit made it, but clipped the tree when about twenty feet up, which slewed my starboard wing into the ground. This promptly sheared off, cart-wheeling me onto my port wing, which also sheared off and slowed me down for a half loop on to my tail plane. I can't remember dropping out, but the veterinary surgeon who was working nearby and stitched me up, said I was not a pretty sight, having sliced open my forehead and scalp on the plane's gun sight.

Just out of hospital, a week later, I was given, not only seven days recuperation leave, but also, two weeks general leave over Christmas and the New Year. "Where do you go, for three weeks leave, with your head still swathed in bandages."? There is only one place where you can blend into the landscape - the ski fields.!! Particularly in Europe, where the home trail down to the village is always through trees so that, people on crutches, arms in slings and heads in bandages, blend into the landscape and they are almost regarded as badges of honour. So, I am off to London to organise my three weeks ski-ing. This is the background to a most extraordinary meeting when all he stars lined up in a way as to be almost unbelievable, and, which led me, ultimately, to celebrate my ninetieth birthday at the Seniors Tennis Courts in Adelaide.

Australia, after the War, decided to have a Fleet Air Arm and the Royal Navy did all it could to help. They supplied an almost-built aircraft carrier, renamed H.M.A.S. "Sydney", and agreed to supply all the aircrew for a Fighter Squadron, using the brand new Hawker Sea Fury's, and a Strike Squadron of Fairie Firefly's, giving a two year opportunity to train up ex-RAAF pilots to carrier standard.

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During the recruitment phase Australia discovered they had from New Zealand, four ex War fighter pilots, fully Royal Navy trained, who were immediately packed off to England to replace, to their disgust, four Royal Navy pilots cheated out of their promised two year, inaugural "Showing of the Flag "cruise, around Australia and the South Pacific. "Immediately packed off ", in those days, meant six weeks as a first class passenger on a Passenger Liner to England. On the "Strathaird" was Madge Curtis-Elliott, a young, beautiful girl, banished to England, to stay with her famous theatrical Aunt in Kent, to end what her family decided was an unsatisfactory love affair. I was one of those four, ex R.N., pilots and had acquired a "short term girl" for the cruise, but had enough sense to seek out and include Madge in my address book, under "S" for Sydney.

So it was, that on that propitious day, a week before Xmas, my head swathed in bandages, having just organised my ski-ing trip, I was walking down Piccadilly in London when I saw this beautiful creature swinging down toward me. "I know her. "It was my Madge. With the whole population of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales between us for four months, the odds between us meeting, "by accident, " in the pre Xmas crowd in London on that one day are so astronomical it had to be pre ordained.

Madge was taking her lunchtime break from Simpsons of Piccadilly, where she had been recruited for the Xmas bedlam, to race around to the Bank of N.S.W. in Berkeley Square to get some money. So we walked round together. Then, because time was fleeting, we caught a taxi. It was in the back of that taxi, Madgie was mentally moved up to first place in the "S" for Sydney listing of my address book

Eighteen months later, I resigned from the Navy, proposed, was accepted with the alternative, having me as an airline pilot or a farmer. Qantas had said, while they were not recruiting at the moment, they acknowledged they could hardly get a better trained pilot and they "would keep me in mind." As the appointment had been arranged by the daughter of the founder of the Qantas airline, it was a pretty sure bet. As a farmer, I had twelve months on the land in N.Z. under their War Service Scheme. In spite of the obvious huge difference in lifestyle, Madgie chose me as a farmer.

Two years later I joined the A.M.P. Land Development Scheme in Keith, with the promise, after four years developing the trace element deficient scrub country into pasture, of 100% finance on to our own property.

They, the Development Bank, our Stock Firm and some hard work led to us, eventually, having three adjacent properties, the "Gun Crutcha", three boys through University and an idyllic retirement, playing tennis and travelling the World.

We have been very fortunate and, as I tell everyone, I am in a good paddock! Thank you Henry Young.

South East News

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The festive December event of South East Tennis Seniors was hosted by the Wattle Range Tennis Club in good weather with a break for a Christmas lunch and this included a Christmas Pudding

An inflatable Santa came and presented all players with scratchie tickets ...

Winners on the day were

1st lady Susie Waite 1st man Bob Brown 2nd lady Kerrie Mc Donald 2nd man John Davidson



Winners at Wattle Range: Susie Waite (Naracoorte), John Davidson (Penola), Kerrie Mc Donald (Mt Gambier) and Bob Brown (Mt Gambier)

Millicent Tennis Club hosted Seniors Tennis on the new courts at Mc Laughlin Park on 18th January and the winners were :

1st lady Marlene Ball (Naracoorte) 1st man Bill Chapman (Millicent) 2nd lady Trish Douglas (Millicent) 2nd man Murray Beelitz (Mt Burr)

The novelty of playing on lawn courts was enjoyed by 52 players when Lucindale hosted the South East Tennis Seniors for the annual February event. Players from Murray Bridge and Riverland were hosted and winners on that day were as follows:

South East winners: John Davidson (Penola) and Trish Douglas (Millicent)

Murray Bridge winners: Ray Rossitter and Coralie Bryant

Riverland winner: Sonia Facci



Winners at the Lucindale event were Sonya Facci (Riverland0, John Davidson (Penola), Trish Douglas (Millicent), Ray Rossiter and Coralie Bryan (both from Murray Bridge)

The next event for South East Tennis Seniorswill be held at Beachport on 16th March with an 11 am start. All tennis players over the age of 35 are welcome to attend. Lunch will be available. *Fay White* 87 239 190

Other Country Details

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Meet first Sunday of the month at Pt Elliott Tennis Club

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Twenty Ninth Riverland Tournament

Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th and Monday 19th May 2014

Entry forms included in this issue of SAVET

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TSA RANKING LISTS

Please be advised that TSA Ranking lists are available on the TSA website – www.tennisseniors.org.au

Players who are travelling overseas to compete in ITF tournaments MUST advise Gail Bates on maxgailbates@bigpond.com that they have played in an overseas ITF tournament or their results/points will not be added to their TSA rankings

Local News

WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Association: John Blok, Cathie Trezona, Sharon Jenner, Heather Richards, Rick

Bailey, Steve Corrie

South Park: Steve Paparella, Carolyn Corkindale, Ian Barry, Mary Alepon

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Kerley, Rosalie Jaeschke, Bev Bird

County SE: Craig Cleggett, John Milstead

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Updating of Email Addresses.

From time to time, emails are sent out to all Tennis Seniors players registered under MYTENNIS Membership. If you are on email, it is important that we have your up to date email address. Could you please email your current email address to janet.wang@bigpond.com, so that we can forward you any information regarding various activities of Tennis Seniors SA

Vale

Frederick Ray Miller (Freddie) 14/9/27 to 14/11/2013. Freddie joined seniors in September 1992. He played in South Australian teams several times. Condolences to his extended family.

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Successful South Australian Women's Teams



<u>Women's 60-69/2:</u> Sue Hand (n/p capt), Sue Russo, Sandra Bryant, Chris Cave Jan Warren, Carole Johnson, and Di Reynolds.



<u>Women's 70-74/2:</u> Helen Schreier, Pauline Ward, Pauline Fielden, Pam Bessell and Barbara Mathews,