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TENNIS SENIORS ASSOCIATION OF SA INC





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The President's Report 2017

Australian Carnival 2017

The Australian Seniors Championships held in Adelaide in January were an outstanding success. Ron Russo, Championships Director, and the Organising Committee did an outstanding job to make it such a memorable event for all participants. There were thousands of hours of volunteer work that went into the planning and implementing of this very significant event. Whether you were involved in catering, bar work, transportation, merchandise, grounds preparation, tournament organising, social events, publicity, recording, or



any of the other activities that made the event work so well – thank you very much! The Championships are the showpiece of Tennis Seniors Australia and Adelaide again proved its expertise in putting on such a massive event. Thanks also to the Executive of Tennis Seniors Australia in providing the support to stage the event.

The tennis was of high quality and enjoyable for all competitors. The social events were well organised and well attended. The catering and bar were well patronised. The overall organisation for the two weeks was first class. We had positive feedback from competitors, supporters and sponsors alike.

South Australian teams competed well and we were just pipped at the post by New Zealand, who won the shield for the teams' competition. Thanks to all players who represented South Australia so well and helped make this a very special and memorable tournament.

South Park Courts

As the Winter season began we had twelve newly surfaced courts at our disposal. This project has been a very serious undertaking for us as we try to provide the best possible playing surface for everyone. The surface may be a bit slow to begin with as it settles down over the winter, but we are assured it will even out to a medium fast surface which will suit all styles!

Of course, this has been the work of the Consortium of Adelaide Hockey Club, Pulteney Grammar School and Tennis Seniors SA. The funding has come from contributions from each of those entities, plus a grant from the Office of Recreation and Sport. Prestige Constructions have been the contractors that laid the surface and they have done a fine job. We are also grateful to Peter Leipus from SportDev, who has provided great expertise in project management. Lynton Franzi from Tennis Australia provided great advice for us on the surface and the process of installation.

It takes many people to make a project of this magnitude come to fruition and thanks go to the Management Committee, who have been enthusiastically pursuing this for some time, and to Dennis Haupt and Louis Kemenyvary for keeping a watchful eye on it all.

We had some delays in starting the installation due to factors outside our control. Apologies that this has had an impact on the beginning of the Winter season but the wait will be worth it.

Clubrooms

We have received a grant for \$170,000 from the Office of Recreation and Sport to upgrade the toilet facilities at South Park. Again, we have been working with Hockey for quite a long time to try attract funds to do this work. This project will begin soon once we finalise designs in collaboration with Hockey.

Coordinators

The Coordinators of social and competition tennis are in many ways our unsung heroes. Playing the game is what we are all here for and the Coordinators make this happen for us. It requires much organisation to achieve smooth running competitions and they all do it with a minimum of fuss.

Membership

The number of members hovers around the 600 mark. This a substantial membership but one that we would like to grow even further. Thanks to Helen Schreier for continuing to lead our membership drive and maintain the database.

South Park Consortium

The Consortium of Tennis Seniors, Pulteney Grammar School and Adelaide Hockey is undergoing some structural changes to improve communication and decision making. All three partners are committed to the Consortium and it is essential for us to continually develop our approaches to reflect our common goals.

State Championships

Congratulations to all the participants and winners of the various events. Again thanks to our Tournament Committee especially Dennis Haupt, Janet Wang, Elaine Caldana, Marie Stevens, Barbara Mathews, Roger Davey and Brian Cadman. And a special thank you to all the caterers.

Our State Championships continue to be an important event on our calendar and I encourage all members to participate in this event. Our Tournament Committee put together an excellent event and would like to grow the numbers participating.

Regional Groups

We have our annual meeting of regional representatives in August. This is an important meeting that connects the regional groups with each other and with Adelaide. These are small but vibrant groups which keep tennis options alive for seniors in regional parts of South Australia.

Berri Tournament

The Berri teams' event continues to be one of the great stories of seniors' tennis. Universally applauded by all who participate it was held again in May with hundreds of participants. This tournament receives accolades from all over Australia. Congratulations to all involved in putting this tournament together which has now been running for 30 years.

Communications

There's a variety of stakeholders that we need to communicate with in a variety of ways. Thanks particularly to Rob Crawford, Sue McKelvie, Janet Wang, Brian Arnold, Dennis Haupt, Ian Delbridge and David Cadman for making this happen in so many different ways – emails to members and other groups, website communications, production of SAVET and direct contact with partners and sponsors.

Liaison with Tennis SA

Tennis Seniors SA enjoys a good relationship with Tennis SA. Similarly, they have advised us on the grant application for the court surface upgrade and with technical advice about the preferred surface and method of installation.

Tennis Seniors Australia

Tennis Seniors Australia elected Clive Wilkinson from New South Wales as the new national president at the Annual General Meeting in Adelaide. Clive has taken on the role with great energy and is really focused on helping all the States grow their membership. The outgoing President, Reg Trevaskis, made a very significant contribution to the development of Tennis Seniors Australia and we thank him for his support of South Australia and his hard work and dedication.

Awards

Tennis Seniors SA has scooped the pool on various awards on the back of the successful Australian Championships held in Adelaide in January. Ron Russo won the award as Seniors Tennis Person of the Year with Tennis SA and the National Carnival won the Event of the Year. Ian Delbridge was also a nominee. This is great recognition for Tennis Seniors SA and Ron who did a wonderful job in pulling together the extremely successful championships. Ron also won an award with the City of Adelaide as Sports Administrator of the year.

The Management Committee was asked by Tennis SA to make a nomination in the Seniors' category of Tennis Australia's Newcombe Awards. The Committee nominated Ian Delbridge for his contribution to Tennis Seniors over many years. Ian has been a great promoter of Seniors' tennis as a player, co-ordinator and all round enthusiast.

Subsequently, Ian was chosen as a finalist! Whilst Ian didn't win the award his efforts were well recognised.

Management Committee

The Management Committee really does take on a very significant workload. They are continually reviewing the best ways for our organisation to progress. Each of them does so much more than any of us realise. The list of their involvements is very substantial:

- Social events
- Sponsorship development
- SAVET publication
- Website development
- Communication with members
- Financial reporting
- Membership database
- Publicity
- Liaising with our Consortium partners
- Maintenance & repairs
- Liaising with our landlord, Adelaide City Council
- Liaising with Tennis SA
- Liaising with Tennis Seniors Australia
- Connecting with regional members

and many other things that enable members to enjoy their tennis. My deep and sincere congratulations and thanks to all of the Management Committee. David Cadman resigned from the Management Committee as he takes up residence in Victoria. We thank David for his contribution as a player, committee member and sponsorship coordinator. The Management Committee appointed Graham Chilman to the casual vacancy left by David's departure. Graham was very successful in the sponsorship area for the National Championships.

Roger Sanderson was co-opted to take on the role of Treasurer. Roger's contribution has been exceptional and is taking a leadership role in many areas including our reporting processes, strategic planning, risk management and financial matters in relation to the consortium. Thanks to Roger for taking this role on with such skill and enthusiasm. The Management Committee members engage others to help them, but through their leadership things happen that are very important to the day-to-day running of the organisation.

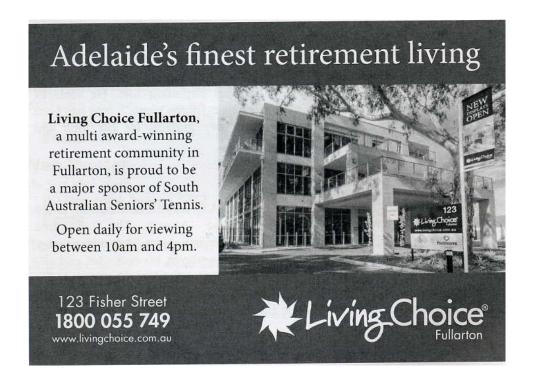
Future Directions

The Management Committee is always attuned to new possibilities for the organisation and to that end continues to look forward. Some issues on the table at the moment:

- Funding to re-surface the remaining 6 courts at South Park.
- Continuing to improve the South Park Clubrooms.
- Increasing our sponsorship base.
- Developing our next strategic plan.
- Increasing membership numbers particularly amongst the younger seniors.

Thank you everyone for your contributions during this last twelve months. Bring on the summer season and happy hitting!

John Haren, President, Tennis Seniors SA. August 2017



For Your Diary



South Australia

Tuesdays Social Tennis (I0.00am start – if hot 8.30am) **SA State Seniors Championships**

12th -14th November 2017

31st Berri Carnival 19th, 20th & 21st May 2018

Australian Championships

2018 Queensland Teams 7th -12th January,

Individuals 14th -19th January

Interstate

Sept 29th -Oct 2nd State Championships ITF 2, Eastwood Thornleigh DTA Pennant Hills Park

Oct 12th -14th WA Seniors State Championships Robertson Park - ITF 3

Nov 4th -7th Victorian Seniors Championships, Kooyong - ITF 2

Nov 24th -27th Victorian Seniors Grasscourt Championships, Kooyong - ITF 2

Closing Dates for Editorial Nov 20th 2017

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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 traveling 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

REGIONAL MEETING OF PRESIDENTS/SECRETARIES

The Regional meeting was held at South Park Clubrooms on Sunday $6^{\rm th}$ August commencing at 11.00am.

The following attended: Kaye and Peter Tanner (Riverland),

Twink Sparks (Northern Areas), Kathy Pfeiffer (Murray Bridge).

Attendees from the city were John Haren (President), Janet Wang, Helen Schreier Apologies: Trish Douglas (South East), Ellen Traeger, (Riverland) Lorraine Graetz (Murray Bridge) Anne Redman (Northern Areas).

All divisions gave a report on their activities over the past twelve months. These reports are included in the Country section of this issue of SAVET

John Haren chaired the meeting welcoming the country members.

He gave a report on the events of the past year of tennis activities, including the successful Australian Carnival held in Adelaide in January 2017. (This Carnival and Ron Russo both received awards). He also spoke about the new surface on the field. (twelve courts).

The State Championships will be held on November 12th to 14th.

The officers of the Country Divisions are listed under the Country Section All fees for the country remain the same, \$33 per division and \$20 Association fee.

John presented a plaque to the Riverland commemorating the 30 years of successful Berri Carnivals. Kaye and Peter Tanner accepted this award on behalf of the Riverland Senior Tennis.

Thank you to Sue Hand for organizing the food, Helen Schreier and Barbara Mathews who made the delicious soups and prepared the morning tea and lunch.

NORTHERN AREAS SENIORS TENNIS

2017 is the 30th birthday of the Northern Areas Seniors Tennis Group. To celebrate this we have decided to have a 30th Birthday Luncheon on Sunday 19th November at the Jamestown Tennis Clubrooms and would like to extend an invitation to all friends, past and present players to attend.

This will also be a normal playing day so if you feel like a friendly game of doubles as well, pack a tennis racquet and shoes. Matches commence at 11 a.m. If not just come along for the lunch and renew old friendships and chat.

Lunch will be at 1 p.m. In order to arrange catering we would appreciate an R.S.V.P. either to Anne Redden (08 86640888; <u>pcandae@arranstreet.com</u>) or Val Brooks (08 86641478; <u>val.reece@brooksview.net</u>) by Monday 13th November.

Annual General Meeting Report

Tuesday 15th August 2017 at 7.30 pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Seniors Association of SA Inc was held on Tuesday August 15th 2017 at the South Park Clubrooms - thirty three members attended .

In the absence of President John Haren, Vice President Dennis Haupt presented the Presidents Report for the year 2016/2017 (included in this issue of SAVET).

The Treasurer, Roger Sanderson presented his Financial Report (copy available on request).

Membership Fees

The Treasurer and Committee recommended an increase in the Senior Playing members to \$70 (including the \$20 association fee). The other fees remain the same as the previous year.

Honoraria to remain the same.

ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Committee had been received in writing. All positions nominated were as the previous year 2015/16, so no need for formal elections.

Committee for 2017/18 is as follows:

President: John Haren
Vice President: Dennis Haupt
Secretary: Janet Wang
Treasurer: Roger Sanderson

Committee: Chris Cave, Graham Chilman, Rob Crawford, Sue

Hand, Louis Kemenyvary, John Schluter and Helen

Schreier

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Congratulations to the three Members who were awarded Life Memberships of Tennis Seniors Association of SA; Sue Hand, Dennis Haupt and John Schluter all worthy of the Life Membership for their work and support of the tennis. Write ups on the three are included in this issue of SAVET.

Supper was provided by the Association committee and organized by Sue Hand. Well done. Thanks to all who helped.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS, TENNIS SENIORS of SA 2017.



John Schluter, Sue Hand and Dennis Haupt were awarded Life Membership of TSASA at the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Life Membership – Dennis Haupt

Dennis Haupt has been a major contributor to the success and growth of Tennis Seniors SA for many years. His consistent efforts have benefited Tennis Seniors SA significantly, and his contribution is acknowledged tonight with thanks from the committee, which takes pleasure in awarding life membership to Dennis. Dennis joined the South Australian Veterans Tennis in August 1991. He joined the committee in 2002 when he took up the executive role of Vice President. He still holds

this position.

During this time he has been one the Tennis Seniors SA representatives to deal with Consortium issues - this includes resolving issues brought about by the different interests and views of the Consortium members, Tennis Seniors SA, Pulteney Grammar School and Adelaide Hockey. As most would know, this process has seriously tested the sense of humour of all parties on occasions and Dennis has always put the interests of Tennis

Seniors SA strongly during Consortium meetings and in meetings with the Adelaide City Council.

Dennis has been prominent in Senior player selection, being a SA Senior selector for at least twenty years, and a National Senior selector for at least fifteen years. His selection considerations have always been pretty accurate and fair.

Tournament administration has also taken up a significant amount of Dennis's time. He has consistently helped with the organisation of the Seniors Tennis SA Championships held each November. Furthermore, he has been a member of committees organizing the Australia Seniors Tennis Carnivals and National Championships in Adelaide since 1994. Notably, he was instrumental in recruiting Ron Russo as Chairman of the 2017 Carnival held in Adelaide in January 2017. As members would know, Ron's abilities as chairman are well recognized, with this Carnival being awarded the best event of 2017 by Tennis SA, and Ron himself receiving significant awards from both Tennis SA and the Adelaide City Council. Clearly, Dennis's proposal with committee approval to recruit Ron was a major success for Tennis Seniors SA. Excellent choice, Dennis!!

While Dennis's administrative contributions are extensive, his "hands on" efforts in the maintenance and improvement of South Park facilities have been enormous. Louis Kemenyvary was also involved in some of this work.

Achievements include

- Laying pavers along courts 4-6 and along the club house, and assembling a garden for the 2009 Australian Championships in Adelaide.
- erecting sail shades.
- installing vanity basin in ladies bathroom.
- untiring "behind the scene" work at Tournaments and Australian Championships.

In fact, it is likely that Dennis (along with Louis) are responsible in some way for any improvements or repairs that you see around South Park.

We apologise if we have omitted acknowledging some of Dennis's contributions tonight. Any omissions are because at times Dennis has a work style worthy of the elite ASIO class. At times the committee doesn't know what Dennis is doing, nor when he is doing it, and even whether he is in the country. So further thanks Dennis for all the other unknown stuff you have done for Tennis Seniors SA.

Despite the time and effort that Dennis has spent over more than twenty years on "hands-on" jobs and administration, he has still played a lot of Seniors Tennis. He has played in the Australian Championships for about twenty five years, participated in many Berri Carnivals and Mildura Tri-State Events, and in earlier times played in the Tennis Seniors SA weekly competitions. He has played with ability, particularly in younger years.

We also acknowledge Dennis's wife Pam for her contributions which have included helping with state and team tournaments for many years.

To repeat, Tennis Seniors SA members acknowledge and thank you Dennis, for your extensive and considerable contributions to Tennis Seniors SA. We hope you continue to enjoy your membership of Tennis Seniors SA, now as a Life Member.

Life Membership – Sue Hand

Sue Hand has made strong contributions to Tennis Seniors SA with her leadership in women's tennis and her never-ending energy in conducting fund raising and social activities. The committee is very pleased to award Sue Life Membership of Tennis Seniors SA for her efforts over more than twenty years.

Sue was a keen and capable tennis player in her younger years, playing for Modbury, Hope Valley and Broadview tennis clubs before joining Seniors Tennis. Initially, Sue resisted becoming a Tennis Senior, saying she was not old enough to join Veterans Tennis as it was then. She overcame her resistance in 1993, and became a Veterans Tennis member, thereby starting her long and beneficial association with Seniors Tennis – certainly, her membership has been beneficial for Seniors Tennis, and we are confident that Tennis Seniors has provided Sue with many rewarding times.

Sue began organizing social activities for Seniors Tennis around 1997 and her early initiatives led to many social nights, including Xmas in Julys, Xmas in the Park, progressive dinners and Square Dance nights. In addition, Sue has organized fundraising events over many years, including film nights at the Capri Cinema, and Quiz nights, as well as selling Entertainment Books to members. These social events have strengthened the Tennis Seniors SA community and her fund-raising activities have given our club welcome financial support over the years.

In 1999, she became a member of the social committee for the Australian Championships held in Adelaide in January 2000 and helped to organize the social activities for these Championships.

Sue was elected to the general committee of Tennis Seniors SA in 2006, and she has continued her committee role uninterrupted, expanding her social activity and catering work. For the 2009 and recent 2017 Australian Championships in Adelaide Sue led the organization of the Championship social activities, including the Opening Ceremonies and the Dinner Dances. The Dinner Dance event for the recent 2017 Championships was widely viewed as perhaps the best ever and Sue can be proud of the success of that event in particular.

Catering was another component of Sue's responsibilities as lead organizer of social activities for the 2009 and 2017 Championships. This involved organizing and running the canteen for the two weeks of each of the Championships, and providing morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and nightly BBQs for several hundred players, administrators and tournament supporters. A hard working group of volunteers have also contributed to the success of the catering during these Australian Championship events.

Overall, the outstanding success of the social events and catering for three Australian Championships is due in large part to Sue's unending hard work, her leadership and considerable organization skills. Her friends have also contributed to the success by providing willing competent help.

Sue's catering efforts have not been limited to the Australian Championships. She provided catering for the 2015 Masters Games over three days. She has also organized and provided catering for a number of local Tennis Seniors events, including Regional meetings, Tennis Seniors SA committee meetings, City vs Northern regions competitions and supper following AGM meetings. Sue's catering efforts have resulted in many delicious food servings that have been appreciated by all that have tasted them. Sue's social contributions and committee responsibilities have taken up an enormous amount of her time. However, she has also found time to play Seniors Tennis. She was born into an elite tennis group - the precocious and much loved left-handers tribe, and has enjoyed annoying those afflicted by right handedness for many years.

Sue has been one of Tennis Seniors SA's most consistent participants. She has played in the local weekly night competitions for over twenty two years, including the Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles competitions. She has also played in the Australian Teams Carnival since 1997, and in the Tri State Mildura since 2001. She has also played regularly in the City vs Northern and City vs Country events, and the Berri Carnival for many years. As well as playing herself, Sue has shown leadership, encouraging other women to play many Seniors Tennis Teams events.

In summary it is clear that Sue has made outstanding contributions to Seniors Tennis, in terms of hard work, excellent organization and strong leadership. Tennis Seniors SA acknowledges and thanks you for your major contributions. You are very worthy of this award.

Life Membership - John Schluter

John Schluter has contributed significantly to Tennis Seniors SA's success and development as both a very capable administrator and his competent hands on attitude when work is needed. The committee is very pleased to award John Life Membership of Tennis Seniors SA for his consistent and efficient contributions over more than twenty years.

John joined Vets Tennis SA (as it was known in earlier years) in June 1991, and became a committee member for the years 1994 and 1995. He was elected President for the years 2004 to 2008. John then became a committee member as Immediate Past President in 2009, and then again in 2013, He has continued as a committee member to the present time.

During John's years as President, Tennis Seniors SA dealt with a range of important issues, including two major issues. One of which was very confronting. Older members will remember that the original twelve courts at South Park developed several large surface bumps during the early years of South Park. The surface was far from level and did not meet the standards required by the Consortium partners, tennis and hockey. A prolonged, expensive legal battle took place to determine responsibility for the faulty surface. The legal process began before John's Presidency and continued into John's term as President. The legal process passed through an initial court hearing, appeals in the High Court and Supreme Court, with the Consortium winning in each of these Courts. John was President when the final resolution was delivered in favour of the Consortium. Significant funds for resurfacing and legal costs were awarded. The duration of the court process would not have been easy times for the all Tennis Seniors SA committees that operated during these proceedings John as President, led Tennis Seniors SA through the latter stages of the legal processes and had to take responsibility for decisions made. These decisions were difficult and no doubt stressful to all involved.

The second issue mentioned here was a pleasing opportunity. A bowling club used to occupy the southern edge of South Park. In the early 2000's, the Bowling Club folded. Tennis Seniors SA began negotiations with the Adelaide City Council and Adelaide Hockey in the early stages of John's term as President to develop the old bowling green for tennis and hockey and to take over the clubhouse. The negotiations were slow, but successful. Courts 1-6 were developed with grant funding from the Dept of Recreation & Sport. Tennis Seniors and Adelaide Hockey took over the lease for the club rooms. In late 2008, Seniors Tennis SA had an outstanding Tennis Centre, with eighteen newly surfaced courts and a large club house, all surrounded by attractive Parkland trees and grass lands. In January 2009, it was the headquarters for the Australian Seniors Tennis Carnival and Championships. John can be proud of his role as President in presenting our new tennis centre for this major event and its ongoing home for Seniors Tennis in SA. (Cont P 18)

WINTER 2017 WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

What a winter season it has been.

As mentioned in the last SAVET, the playing surface covering courts 7-18 has been replaced. The work did not commence until later than originally scheduled and was only completed in time for the night competitions to commence in the week beginning 19th June, six weeks later than originally scheduled.

The Mid-Season Break was scrapped for the night competitions this winter and matches were scheduled for the thirteen weeks that were available until mid September.

This meant that the **Monday Mixed** with ten teams should have played one full round and a few random matches. Of course, weather conditions fouled the best-laid plans and then one team was unable to field four players each week, so after a few weeks where forfeits were recorded, it was decided that the draw be amended to incorporate a bye and the points already allocated for forfeits were adjusted.

The **Monday Men's A Grade** with six teams should have played at least two rounds, and some random matches, but again weather changed this schedule.

The Wednesday Men's B Grade had eight teams nominated in Division B1 and seven nominated in Division B2. On the first night, two teams who had not nominated, arrived to play in Division B2, so a redraw had to be made. Then a Division B1 team had to withdraw, so another redraw was done. So Division B1 has had seven teams and Division B2 has had nine teams. They are continuing to play a week later than the Monday night competitions.

The Wednesday day competition, because they only use four courts, were able to start on 10^{th} May and have a mid-season break.

Night Competitions

Monday Mixed Doubles: -

After nine rounds of matches, some of which were unfinished, played over eleven weeks, *Serves You Right* are undefeated and leading from *Tennis Tragics*, with *Footloose* and *Sideliners* in third and fourth positions.

Monday Men's A Grade Doubles: -

A new team, although not new players, *Parks & Reserves* are undefeated from *Wombat's Mob*, with *Celtic Kin* and *Poker Boys* occupying third and fourth positions. They have also had washed-out and unfinished matches.

Wednesday Men's B Grade Doubles: -

With potentially three matches to play, *Eagles1* are leading Division B1 with *Grand Slammers* second from *Nearly Inn* third and *Rabid Racquets* are fourth.

Eagles 3 are clear leaders in Division B2, *Line Callers* are second with *Eagles 2* third and Rookies in fourth position, also three matches to play.

Day Competitions

Wednesday Open Doubles, Div. 2: -

Newbies Young Bucks are in top position from Anstey's Rebels with Maddern's Angels third from Rick's Wheeler Dealers.

Thursday Open Singles/Doubles Div. 1: -

Insufficient players were available regularly to run a competition, so matches were run on a week by week basis, depending on players who arrived at the Centre.

SUMMER 2017/18 WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

Teams are invited to nominate for these competitions, due to commence in the second week of October. Nomination forms have been distributed, are available on the website and included with this SAVET.

Please send your completed forms to the Co-ordinator of the competition that you wish to enter. **DO NOT JUST RELY ON BEING INCLUDED BECAUSE YOU PLAYED LAST SEASON.**



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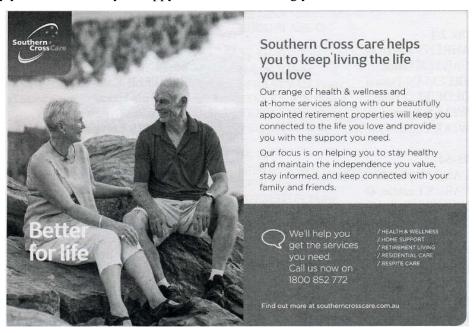
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John has been productive in many other ways during his membership of Tennis Seniors SA, including

- Coordinator for the weekly night team competitions from the late 1990's to 2004.
- Member of organizing committees for the Australian Tennis Seniors
 Championships when held in Adelaide, organizing and managing transport for the events.
- Arranging sales of used tennis balls to coaches and schools.

In all his Tennis Seniors activities John presents a "can do" approach, and an efficient "no fuss" attitude to all tasks he undertakes. John is widely viewed as the "go to" man whenever a problem arises or a task needs to be performed. As a current committee member John presents innovative ideas to resolve issues and is clear and positive in all his suggestions.

John is a prominent member of the prestigious Left-Handed club within Tennis Seniors SA. He has a rocket first serve, a lolly pop second serve, a venomous forehand and a lucky back hand. He is a very competitive player and is fun to play with and against. John - The committee thanks you for your many contributions to Tennis Seniors SA over many years and wishes you happy tennis in the coming years as a Life Member.



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XVI AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

TASMANIA 21-28 OCTOBER 2017.

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2018 AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL GOLD COAST

TEAMS JANUARY 7th TO 12th 2018
INDIVIDUALS 14th TO 19th JANUARY 2018

Australian Teams Carnival will be held in the Gold Coast.

A website has been setup and any queries can be directed to that website.

www.tennisseniors.org.au/qld/q18

Nomination Forms for South Australian Teams for the Australian Carnival are in this edition and available on our website: www.tennisseniors.org.au/sa

2018 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

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Vale Bill Cossey

Dear President's and Secretaries of Tennis SA Affiliated Associations,

It is with great sadness, that I advise you of the loss of former Tennis SA President Bill Cossey AM, on Friday 7 July 2017, following a short battle with illness.

Bill's contribution to the sport of tennis in South Australia is indisputable. A tireless club volunteer in various capacities, Bill spent nineteen years as a member of the Tennis SA Board including ten years as its President. He also served at the national level with a three-year term as a Director on the Tennis Australia Board. During his time as a director, Vice President and President, Bill made a significant contribution to the game



of

tennis in South Australia and across the nation. This included overseeing the launch of the World Tennis Challenge, leading the implementation of the Member Affiliation model as a pilot for Australia and his involvement in the growth of ANZ Tennis Hot Shots. More recently, he was responsible for the formation of the vision for the redevelopment of the Memorial Drive precinct.

Bill was held in high regard by the South Australian tennis community, commercial sponsors and Government partners for his commitment to the game and the South Australian community. This saw Bill made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to Government and to the community in June 2004. In May 2016, he became a life member of Tennis SA.

Bill was a kind and generous man. An instrumental leader, a valued and trusted mentor, an exceptional friend.

Bill will be sorely missed, but fondly remembered by the Board and staff of Tennis SA, as well as the wider tennis community.

Please join us as we offer our sincerest condolences and support to Bill's wife Kathy, children Terese, Merryn and Patrick, and their families at this sad time.

The family requests no flowers or cards. However, if you wish to make a donation in memory of Bill, then please do so. A donation to the <u>Mary Potter Foundation</u> or to the <u>Melanoma Research Foundation</u> would be greatly appreciated.

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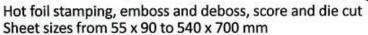


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Web News

Well, the winter really hit us hard and the nightly competition when played was reported to be very cold and there were many wash outs, but as yet, I do not have the final results to put up on the Web.

I have put up the President's report from the AGM and photos of the people who were made Life Member for their contribution to Tennis Senior SA over many years. They were Dennis Haupt, John Schluter and Sue Hand and I am sure you will agree they are all worthy recipients.

There really is not much more to report as winter is a slow season for tennis, but we are moving into our busy season with the State Championships in November and Australian Carnival in Queensland in January 2018.

I look forward to bringing you more news then.

Remember to send me anything you think should go on the Web and also remember we have a Facebook page which you can get to via the front page of the Web. This is for you to post comments etc.

Web master Sue McKelvie

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VALE TOM CASE 30/7/1937 - 7/7/2017

The Northern Areas Seniors Tennis Group are saddened by the loss of one of our early members in Tom Case. He passed away on July 7th after a short illness. Tom was a member of the group for about 25 years, regularly attending matches nearly every fortnight. He thoroughly enjoyed his tennis and looked forward to meeting old and making new friends and had many interesting stories and jokes to tell about many tennis adventures over a cup of coffee and piece of cake, especially after some "serious" tennis at Berri.



Tom was a member of some of the early Seniors Teams from 1992 – 2017 to attend the May Seniors Tennis Carnivals at Berri, only missing one in that time. While his team mates didn't change much over those years (Murray Twigden, Ted Dickenson, Twink Sparks, Alan Chapman, Malcolm Eckert, Basil Boulton, Trevor Nutt, Ian Jones and others) the team names varied over the years. They included "Northern Areas", "Yacka-Wackas", "Pokemons", "Northern Power", "Northern Areas Aces", "Kiwi Crows", and in 2017 "Has Beens", who were Runners-Up in the 70+ Group.

Tom was always there to lend a hand wherever a hand was needed whether it was setting up tables, putting up nets, cooking the BBQ or washing dishes. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all at N.A. Seniors Tennis.



Country News

Murray Bridge Division

President: Robert Butcher
Vice President: Peter Paech
Secretary: Lorraine Graetz
Treasurer: Kathy Pfeiffer

REPORT

The committee has remained the same, President Rob Butcher, Vice President Lorraine Vickers, Secretary Lorraine Graetz, Treasurer Kathy Pfeiffer, Extra member Yvonne Przibilla.

We have 27 members, 2 down on last year.

Our tennis days are usually the 2^{nd} Sunday of the month during summer. In January, we tried 5pm start with a pizza tea afterwards. In December, we had a Christmas theme and also started earlier in the day,

We had a very successful day in November hosting the South East and Riverland, which was well supported. This is an annual event.

In February, our players travelled to the South East, staying at the Kingston Caravan Park for a few nights, then on the Sunday at the Lucindale courts, hosted by South East. Good tennis and lots of laughs was enjoyed by all. Winners:- Lorraine Vickers and John Owens.

In March, sixteen of our players represented Murray Bridge in the Clare Masters, fourteen players won medals in the tennis which was great. Thankfully the weather was warmer than two years ago.

In Berri in May, our Men's team won their division and were undefeated for the weekend, which pleased them. Our younger women's team came runner-up, Bridge Bimbos came 3rd and Bridge Bells 5th, Three of our men played in other teams. Our Mort Daly end of year trophy was won by Ladies – Lorraine Vickers and Men, John Owens.

In October 2016, six of our members travelled to Alice Springs for the 30th year Masters Games and all were successful in winning medals. The weather there was quite pleasant.

Just a reminder that next year,2018, the Masters Games will be held in Murray Bridge in April 19th to 22nd, looking forward to seeing you all there.

Special Mention - four Murray Bridge ladies participated in the Seniors Carnival in Adelaide January 2017.

Kathy Pfeiffer, Treasurer.

Northern Areas

President: Twink Sparks
Vice President: Trevor Deer
Secretary: Anne Redden
Treasurer: Reece Brooks

REPORT:

Congratulations to the Riverland on the running of their 30th year of great organizing and sportsmanship.

We the Northern Areas are coming up to 30 years on 23 October this year. We will advise you on what day our event will be. (See notice on Page 9.)

Our AGM was held at Port Pirie on our last tennis day.

The following committee was elected:

President: Twink Sparks (coming up 30 years)

Vice President: Trevor Deer Secretary: Anne Redden Treasurer: Reece Brooks

Publicity: Val Brooks & George Saunders

Bar: Twink Sparks
Catering: Fay Case

I thank Northern Areas players for their wonderful support for our wonderful days, sportsmanship and for travelling. A lot of players come a long way. Our average is around 28 to 32 every fortnight with last day around 50 and a big tea that night.

Thanks to you all

Twink Sparks

Riverland

President: Kaye Tanner

Secretary &

Publicity Officer Ellen Traeger Treasurer: Ria Szewczuk

Unfortunately, we have been unable to hold our AGM as yet due to too many players being away on holidays.

During 2017 we have played our usual social tennis on Tuesday afternoons during terms 2 and 3. Numbers vary according to the weather and who is on holidays, but we usually have between 8 and 12 players.

In November a couple of us went to Murray Bridge for a hit of tennis and good food as usual. Unfortunately it was a bit windy and showery on the court but the company was good and everyone enjoyed themselves as usual.

The 30th May Carnival was again successful with 95 teams competing. The social event was held at the Berri Hotel with a good number attending and having a great time. Mick Kelly again provided the entertainment. There was a new committee running the canteen, as Lyn and Garry have resigned and everything ran as smoothly as usual. Riverland again had a good representation of teams in this competition particularly in the women's section. Next year, the dates for the May Carnival are 19th, 20th, and 21st. Thanks to Ria, Sue and Jessie for putting up the 30th decorations around the club. Thanks to our treasurer, Ria Szewczuk, secretary Ellen Traeger, and Marie and Janet on the computer. Peter and I would like to thank the committee members for awarding us Life Membership. It was a great surprise and much appreciated,

Kaye Tanner

South East Seniors

President: Trish Douglas
Vice President: Marg Moffatt
Sec/Treas: Helen Rathjen
Ass Secretary: Bronwyn Neil
Publicity Officer: Helen Rathjen

General Committee: Marlene Bull, Peter Barry,

Elzette LeRoux and Christine Cram

We have had a great year of tennis, laughter anf friendship. Our membership has been unchanged for some years now, with our numbers attending just a few less than last year.

Once again, we were able to enjoy our tennis through the winter months of May, June, July and August at the Active 8 complex at Mount Gambier. Then outside again to enjoy the South-East sunshine and top up our vitamin D levelswith September at Herriot St. October in Penola was a washout, which was the first time this has happened in my three years as President. November back to Herriot St and December off to Wattle Range for our last get-together before Xmas and always a great day. January in Millicent, then February in Lucindale, which unfortunately numbers were well down with less than fifteen being able to attend. This was our Murray Bridge Interclub day with the trophy going to Murray Bridge, so hopefully it will make a return next year. March was at Beachport, then back to Herriot St in April.

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Our ladies and supporters travelled to Berri again this year and all had a great time, as well as catching up with friends.

The Masters Games were held in Clare, a great event for all who attended and congratulations to Clare for running a successful event.

The winners of our Perpetual Shields for 2016/17 were Wendy McDonald and Bill Chapman.

I have presented our financials to the association and we look forward to another great year of tennis.

In conclusion, on behalf of the South-East Seniors, I would like to wish all divisions and everyone involved a great year of tennis

Trish Douglas, President

Sunday 9th July: Sixteen South East Senior players enjoyed tennis at Active 8 centre. Winning lady was Elzette Le Roux (Mt Gambier) and Runner-up was Trish Douglas (South End). Winning man was Allan Schultz (Millicent) and Runner-up was Norbet Wende (Frances).





Local News

WARM WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Association & South Park Winter: Chris Jeffs, Gary Krievs, Allan Jeffs

UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR

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

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This SAVET will be the last issue distributed to members by post. The December SAVET will be the first provided widely online.

It is important that all members continue to receive SAVET issues. We are aware that some members do not have or have not provided an email address. Accordingly, we will continue to print some hard copies that will be posted to these members. Please ensure if you have changed your email address recently that you advise the Secretary of your correct email address.

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 8376 8765 or 0408 123 356

Thanks, Janet Wang

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Sub-Committees 2016/2017

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