

# tennis 30<sup>+</sup>

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TENNIS SENIORS ASSOCIATION of SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. - TSSA

This Edition pays tribute to those hardy souls who disregarded the chill and gloom of winter and continued to pursue their love affair with our great game.

## Farewell to the 2021 Winter Season!



*Enigma's **Donna Newberry** seems to be praying for deliverance from the elements on the final night of the Winter Competition but she's really supporting her team and waiting her turn for some on-court action in their match against Four Play.*

**INSIDE:** We have wraps of the season from co-ordinators, individual player stats compiled by the indefatigable Ernest STEVENSON, and plenty of happy pics from the September 14 presentation night.

## MIXED DOUBLES OPEN


Frank SPIEL

Not sure why, but for whatever reason the 2021 Winter Season just concluded seemed to be wetter and colder than those experienced in the past few years, or it might just be that as we get older, we feel it more!

A quick Google search found out the obvious; in that as we get older, we naturally experience thinning of the skin and a decreased metabolic rate. Great!

Nevertheless, it was good to get out and play tennis, albeit we had a reduced 2021 Winter Season due to wet weather cancellations and COVID management lockdowns.

In the end our season for Mixed Doubles Open totalled 13 exhilarating and hard-fought rounds of matches, plus a Finals Round!

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Competition			Mixed Doubles - 2021 Winter Season									
Premiership Points			after matches on 6th September 2021									
Rank	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Sets For	Sets Agn	Sets %	Gms for	Gms Agn	Gms %	Points
1	Side Liners	13	11	2	0	55	23	70.51	485	303	61.55	77
2	Mix & Match 1	13	10	2	1	53	25	67.95	471	363	56.47	74
3	Fab Five	13	7	6	0	43	35	55.13	410	407	50.18	57
4	Mix & Match 2	13	5	7	1	40	38	51.28	427	431	49.77	51
5	Four Play	13	5	8	0	31	47	39.74	368	440	45.54	41
6	Enigma	13	0	13	0	12	66	15.38	297	514	36.62	12

The Premiership Table at the conclusion of the minor rounds was as per the above table and again based upon feedback from participants in previous seasons our finals involved 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> vs 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Side Liners** defeated **Mix & Match 1** and have been regular winners over several seasons now, but this was definitely a hard-fought contest!

# 1 Side Liners



(L to R) Trevor WEINERT, Wendy DOOLETTE, Ros MITCHELL, Jeff INGLIS

Stalwart Mel Gilmour eventually listened to his body and rested at home but an able replacement in newcomer Jeff Inglis ensured the Side Liners team maintained its impressive winning record.

## **Side Liners**

Rob HANN (Capt.)  
Mel GILMOUR  
Trevor WIENERT  
Wendy DOOLETTE  
Ros MITCHELL  
Jeff INGLIS

Side Liners' sidelined captain Rob Hann (right) chose to look on from the warmth of the clubhouse as his team triumphed again.



**Mix & Match 1** and their namesake **Mix & Match 2** are quite a success story as they worked hard together to get teams onto the courts for the Winter Season and ensure that there were an even number of teams in the competition providing the opportunity to play each week, rather than having byes.

## 2 Mix & Match 1

The team really appreciated Bev's role as Team Captain and she was excellent in sourcing players as injuries decimated the side, including Bev whom we thought was Teflon coated!

In the end the elder statesmen of the team, Len Carter, proved the most resilient and was the outstanding player in the finals!

John Schluter started with the team before heading off to all points north, and for the finals he came back from his country retreat in Balgowan!



*(L to R) John SCHLUTER, Alex PINDRAL, Linda French, Len CARTER*

### **Mix & Match 1**

Bev VIRGIN (Capt.)  
Alex PINDRAL  
Linda FRENCH  
Ros ROBERTSON  
Len CARTER  
John SCHLUTER  
Frank SPIEL  
Max FORAN

Alex injured herself early in the season, but made a quick recovery and Linda became a regular integral member of the team!

### 3 Mix & Match 2

Mix & Match 2 were a mixture of dedicated newbies that included Ann-Marie Yeates and Jo Casey from the Hills who are fast becoming supportive stalwarts of the club, and Rahman Elkhateeb who the ladies informed us meant something like God in Egyptian!

Norbert Jahnke and Jay Taylor, who are well known regulars at the club, happily joined up with the vibrant newbies.

Late-starter Rahman proved to be a valuable team member.

They are now committed to playing together for the foreseeable future having enjoyed their team's vibe so much!



#### **Mix & Match 2**

Ann-Marie YEATES

(Capt.)

Jo CASEY

Norbert JAHNKE

Jay TAYLOR

Rahman ELKHATEEB

*(L to R) Ann-Marie YEATES, Bev VIRGIN (Team Capt. Mix & Match 1), Rahman ELKHATEEB, Jo CASEY*



## 4 Fab Five

### **Fab Five**

Sandra BRYANT

(Capt.)

Sandy STUART

Chris CAVE

Ken O'DEA

Roger FREEMAN

Fab Five has consistently been one of the teams to beat in both Winter and Summer Mixed Doubles and the season just completed was no exception.

Off the court they all contribute to the friendly post-match gatherings and Sandra Bryant, Chris Cave and Sandy Stuart are renowned for the variety and quality of the goodies they bring to the table.

Roger Freeman again performed with distinction on the court and took out the Individual Player Award with a 73.33% winning record.

Ken O'Dea was Mr Consistent on court and also distinguished himself with his contributions on the Management Committee. Ken's engineering skills have proven to be a godsend around the courts and clubhouse. Don't be surprised to see around the centre some mechanical marvel he has produced on the 3-D printer in his shed!



*Too shy to pose for a pic for this season so we had to resurrect one from our archives! Chris CAVE, Ken O'DEA, Roger FREEMAN and Sandy STUART enjoy a snack and tipple while Sandra BRYANT makes sure there's been no shenanigans on the score sheet.*

## 5 Four-Play

### **Four-Play**

Ernest STEVENSON (Capt.)

Mark LUKINS

Di REYNOLDS

Mary JOHNSON

This crew has been playing together now for a number of seasons led by Ernest STEVENSON who is TSSA's Membership Officer and together with Brian ARNOLD ensures that all teams and players' stats are collected, analysed, and made available. They are also the ones that organise the draws for each TSSA season of weekly competitions.

Four Play are a very supportive and social crew and as the photo below indicates they are always aspiring to win the bottles of wine on offer to competition winners!

Mary Johnson is now the convenor of the TSSA Social & Catering subcommittee - a task made easier with the support of her very sociable teammates.



*(L to R) Ernest STEVENSON,  
Di REYNOLDS, Mary  
JOHNSON, Mark LUKINS*

## 6 Enigma

Congratulations to Enigma and a special thank you to Chris MANN who for a number of seasons now has welcomed newcomers and provided opportunities for those who want to come out Sunday mornings for a hit of tennis.

This crew literally were all carrying injuries - many of which were significant - yet they were always out on the court giving their all!

Special mention to Fabodali Alborz who fronted up for his team even under severe distress and is now undertaking a six-week recovery from his op! (We understand that he didn't think the injury was that bad at the time of playing!)

On Chat gave her all in the final match despite carrying a knee injury and severely cutting her finger just prior to the match.

Joanne Rudd brought her smile to every match and Phil Bates was always prepared to step up when needed. (It's been suggested he should be known as Phil In!)

### **Enigma**

Chris MANN (Capt.)

Fabodali ALBORZ

Joanne RUDD

On CHAT

Donna NEWBERRY

Phil BATES



*(L to R) Donna NEWBERRY,  
Joanne RUDD, Chris MANN, On  
CHAT, Phil BATES*



# INDIVIDUAL PLAYER RECOGNITION AWARDS

At the conclusion of our Winter Season of weekly competitions a Player Recognition Award is awarded in each competition based upon players' winning sets & games statistics.

Eligibility requirements dictate that an individual player must have played in a minimum of 2/3 of the matches, in a scheduled season to be considered.

Hence, as we had played 13 matches in total and  $2/3$  of 13 = 8.67, then with rounding down 8 becomes the number of matches a player needs to have played in to be considered.

Person Name	Matches Played	Sets%	Games%
Jackie Manly	1	100.00	80.77
Jenny Dickens	1	100.00	75.00
Sandy Hayes	1	100.00	72.41
Anne Marie Brown	1	100.00	70.00
Ros Robertson	3	88.89	65.66
Alex Pindral	4	83.33	63.87
Bev Virgin	7	80.95	61.50
Rosslyn Venn	2	75.00	55.56
Wendy Doolette	13	74.36	64.94
Roslyn Mitchell	12	72.22	63.43
Bronte Elston	4	66.67	57.02
Sandra Stuart	10	66.67	55.17
Linda French	6	61.11	53.37
Jo Casey	11	51.52	49.71
Sandra Bryant	12	48.48	47.53
Ann-Marie Yeates	10	46.67	49.54
Mary Johnson	11	40.62	43.46
Dianne Reynolds	11	38.71	44.00
Sue Andrewartha	1	33.33	48.65
Chris Cave	11	25.00	35.37
Jenny Short	2	20.00	32.69
Joanne Rudd	11	18.18	37.61
Bronte Elston	2	16.67	44.62
On Chat	6	16.67	36.76
Donna Newberry	9	3.70	29.17
Rosslyn Venn	2	0.00	25.86

Winner Female Mixed  
Doubles Open – Wendy  
DOOLETTE & Runner-up Ros  
MITCHELL



## INDIVIDUAL PLAYER RECOGNITION AWARDS (Cont.)

Person Name	Matches	Sets%	Games%
Tai Nguyen	1	100.00	75.00
Jeffrey Inglis	7	95.24	76.60
Roger Freeman	10	73.33	59.62
Rahman	6	72.22	54.63
ian delbridge	1	66.67	64.29
Max Foran	1	66.67	55.88
John Schluter	5	66.67	55.49
Trevor Weinert	13	64.10	56.22
Len Carter	11	60.61	51.91
Frank Spiel	8	54.17	51.62
Ken O'Dea	13	53.85	50.35
Robert Hann	5	50.00	53.57
Alfio D'Arsie	6	50.00	50.71
Jay Taylor	10	46.67	47.79
Mark Lukins	11	45.45	48.52
Luke O'Dea	3	44.44	46.00
Norbert Jahnke	8	33.33	43.85
Mel Gilmour	6	33.33	43.57
Ernest Stevenson	6	33.33	40.34
Chris Mann	13	23.08	40.14
Farbod Alborz	13	12.82	36.92

Winner Male Mixed Doubles Open –Roger FREEMAN (L) and Runner-up Trevor WEINERT



Part of the happy crowd at Winter 2021 Presentations



MC's Ian DELBRIDGE and Frank SPIEL

**POKER BOYS** are back!



*(L to R) Shane FLOWER, Nick SCOTT, Andrew CAIN, Jonathon MANN, James MEASDAY, James PARTINGTON*

After being decimated with injuries the previous summer season, Poker Boys gradually got some players back into form (plus a newbie Shane FLOWER) to take out the 2021 Winter Season.

Wombat's Mob were the early leaders till COVID lockdown hit mid-year. They clung on to top spot from Poker Boys until they came up against them in the second last match

of the year. Wombat's Mob were severely trounced and Poker Boys jumped up to top spot and stayed there.

Whoever finished top won the comp. Poker Boys team consisted of Nick SCOTT, James PARTINGTON, Shane FLOWER, James MEASDAY, Jonathon MANN, Andrew CAIN.

Person Name	Matches	Sets%	Games%
Trevor Reeves	2	100.00	76.79
James Partington	8	100.00	72.02
Ian Delbridge	6	94.12	67.25
Adrian Johnston	2	83.33	58.46
Paul Page	10	80.00	61.09
David Snoswell	10	78.57	62.12
James Measday	6	77.78	64.37
George Bouras	6	72.22	59.38
Shane Flowers	6	72.22	58.99
Jonathan Man	7	66.67	54.41
Vladimir Ejov	1	66.67	53.12
Matthew Major	1	66.67	52.78
Steven Paparella	1	66.67	52.38
Bill Walter	1	66.67	51.52
Nick Scott	7	65.00	55.94
Kevin Benson	7	52.38	51.09
John O'Brien	7	52.38	50.23
Gary Would	9	51.85	47.50
Philip Smith	2	50.00	48.33
Andrew Cain	2	50.00	45.16
Steven Paparella	9	48.15	50.34
Brian O'Connor	8	45.83	48.18
Shane Stokes	6	44.44	46.49
Matthew Rae	8	37.50	46.83
Paul Robertson	8	37.50	44.36
Jonathan Man	1	33.33	54.29
Bruce Watson	1	33.33	35.71
Graeme Goldsmith	11	27.27	40.74
Lynton Manuel	9	25.93	41.30
Anthony Klatt	7	23.81	41.59
Eric Benson	10	23.33	40.50
Ian Campbell	6	16.67	37.37
Morton Burt	2	16.67	35.94
Darryl Bald	5	13.33	38.12
Julian Morison	6	11.11	34.27
Craig Russell	3	0.00	30.00
Randall Shelton	1	0.00	27.59

The other three teams involved and their final placings included Celtic Kin 3<sup>rd</sup>, Eagles 4<sup>th</sup> & Hoo Ever 5<sup>th</sup>.

The consistency award was won by James PARTINGTON with an outstanding 100% performance.

Well-done James!



*James PARTINGTON – perfect record*

We have seven teams ready to go this coming Summer, which is great!

## **MEN's B1** (No report but Individual Player stats thanks to Ernest STEVENSON)

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<b>Sets%</b>	<b>Games%</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<b>Sets%</b>	<b>Games%</b>
Malcolm Gee	1	100.00	70.37	Shaun Allen	5	53.33	52.94
John Lewis	4	100.00	67.92	Steve Chesser	12	50.00	49.12
Joshua Coligan	8	91.67	72.25	Stephen Vink	10	46.67	46.07
Brenton Burman	9	85.19	62.40	Jonathan Man	3	44.44	54.22
Nick Leidig Jnr	8	83.33	64.29	Steven Evans	8	41.67	47.81
Nicholas Heard	6	83.33	63.86	Suichi Sakai	5	40.00	47.54
Mike Wilhelm	11	81.82	62.90	Jeff Hack	10	40.00	46.49
Gary Would	10	73.33	59.63	Keith Wilson	10	40.00	44.13
Alfio D'Arisie	11	72.73	61.25	Dat Le	8	37.50	44.09
Stewart Ferguson	7	71.43	59.20	Fred Taormina	9	37.50	43.58
Adam Chan	9	70.37	59.75	Luke James	1	33.33	45.16
Bevan Ferguson	9	70.37	59.20	James Measday	10	33.33	45.16
Mark Lukins	1	66.67	60.71	Alan Daws	1	33.33	44.44
Peter Cameron	8	66.67	57.21	Jamie Armfield	11	33.33	42.90
Len Henschke	1	66.67	56.52	Mark Duffy	1	33.33	39.29
Graham Turci	10	66.67	55.68	Robert Adam	7	33.33	38.18
Peter French	1	66.67	55.56	Seth Renton	10	30.00	44.17
Chris Bagley	6	66.67	55.33	Ben McRostie	11	27.27	40.61
Gregory Doube	6	66.67	53.76	Phillip Grear	4	25.00	41.59
Luke O'Dea	1	66.67	53.57	Graeme Clark	3	22.22	31.94
Craig Russell	11	63.64	55.84	Stephen Offord	11	20.00	38.41
Nick Arbon	9	62.96	55.86	Rahman Elkhateeb	8	19.05	38.54
Larry Cayayan	9	62.96	53.82	Chris Mann	10	18.52	35.96
Guido Guala	9	62.96	53.25	Craig McRostie	11	18.18	35.97
Brian Smith	11	60.61	54.79	Paul O'Dea	10	16.67	36.16
Graeme Goldsmith	10	60.00	57.42	Byron Hughes	8	12.50	37.04
Gerry Butler	4	58.33	57.45	Kym Millard	6	11.11	32.47
Mark Blyth	7	57.14	53.57	Ian Maddern	9	11.11	32.14
Hoa La Vinh	3	55.56	50.63	Jay Taylor	1	0.00	28.00
Ken O'Dea	11	54.55	50.81				

## **MEN's B2**

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<b>Sets%</b>	<b>Games%</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<b>Sets%</b>	<b>Games%</b>
Jeffrey Inglis	2	100.00	73.47	Norbert Jahnke	9	48.15	50.19
Steven Offord	1	100.00	72.00	Trevor Weinert	10	46.67	49.08
Matthew Cooper	6	94.44	73.79	Kevin Angus	13	43.59	46.94
Randall Shelton	5	86.67	63.70	Jan Svehlak	8	41.67	48.61
Bob James	11	75.00	61.27	Nick Joakim	8	41.67	45.28
Richard Osborne	7	75.00	58.55	Len Henschke	6	41.18	44.10
Malcolm Gee	11	69.70	55.18	Jeff Goodwin	9	40.74	44.17
Carmine De Ieso	6	66.67	58.55	Ehab Edward	11	39.39	44.48
Warren Doman	11	66.67	58.14	Varis Lidums	3	33.33	46.34
Jonathan Man	1	66.67	53.12	Constantine Nikolakopoulos	4	33.33	45.69
Mark Duffy	10	53.33	51.09	Jay Taylor	11	30.30	43.57
Mehdi Doroudi	7	52.38	53.20	Peter Foley	10	26.67	38.26
Michael Pocock	10	50.00	49.44	Ian Cottle	10	16.67	39.93
Farbod Alborz	10	50.00	49.13	Jamie Armfield	11	33.33	42.90



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## 50th Anniversary Celebrations and WE NEED YOU!

Our club was formally established on 12 December 1972 and the management committee wants to celebrate this important milestone – beginning with a major event on 12 December 2022.

Current and former members are invited to nominate themselves or fellow members to be part of a task group to organise the celebrations. Some will be shanghaied onto the group!

We also encourage members' suggestions for the types of activities the club could undertake to mark this memorable occasion.

Some celebration ideas already suggested include:

A book detailing our 50-year history.

Big celebratory tennis day 12 December 2022 – a Monday, or 11 December. Tennis clothes and equipment of the 1970s. Catered lunch, bar open all day. Special speakers such as John Fitzgerald, Alicia Molik, and, invited guests.

Commemorative women's tops and men's shirts, pre-ordered.

Club's own branded tennis balls for competition and for sale.

For those who need reminding here are some icons of 1972.



Please contact Kathy PARKER 0428 839091 to nominate for the task group or to put forward your celebration ideas.

## FOR YOUR DIARY



Tennis Seniors SA is affiliated with **Tennis Seniors Australia** (TSA) who annually collate the information from each state and territory regarding the senior tennis tournaments / carnivals each is conducting. The **2021 TSA Australian Tournament Calendar** can be found on our **LINKS** webpage and **Tournaments** sub web page.

On our LINKS webpage you will find the following listed:

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### 2021 Tennis - Tournaments/Carnivals & Events

Oct. 2/3 - 2021 'Living Choice' Adelaide Oct. Event

Nov. 14-16 - '2021 'Niagara' Adelaide - SA tennis **30+** State Championships

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### 2022 Tennis - Tournaments/Carnivals & Events

Jan. 9-14 - 2022 Swan Hill Australian Tennis Seniors Championships

Jan. 14/15 - 2022 Adelaide Jan. Tennis 30+ Event

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To play in one of our weekly Social Play Sessions or Friday Open Court – Twilight Session you just need to turn up at our South Park Tennis Seniors Centre (Park 20) and register your name with the Social Play/Open Court Coordinator. Pay a \$5 participation fee and they will then schedule you into doubles matches.

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings	8.45am to Noon
Friday morning	8.45am to 11am
Friday Twilight	5.15pm to 7.45pm
Sunday morning	9am to noon

Check out our Social Play sub webpage located under our TENNIS webpage for more details.

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From the outgoing Executive Editor: Max FORAN



Editor & journalist: Kathy PARKER



We are always interested in publishing anything that promotes tennis for the over 30s, so if you have anything that you want included, just email to:

Kathy at [kathypswan@gmail.com](mailto:kathypswan@gmail.com)

We would also be keen to hear from anyone with information and anecdotes about the early days of “veterans’ tennis” in South Australia as from 12 December 2022 we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary.

We love to Welcome New & Returning Members through preparing individual Profiles!

If you have any information regarding new and/or returning players, please pass onto Kathy.

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