

# tennis 30<sup>+</sup>

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TENNIS SENIORS ASSOCIATION of SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. - TSSA

**Welcome to our bulletin, tennis 30<sup>+</sup>, a changed title that signals an exciting new era for mature SA tennis players.**

With 30-year-olds now eligible to play in Seniors' Competitions we will see more young faces around the club and they will bring their youthful and infectious enthusiasm out on the courts.

Please make sure you give a warm welcome to all the new youngsters, such as **Hilary Pocock** (pictured below), who represent the long-term future of Tennis Seniors SA.



*From the Editor: KATHY PARKER*



## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW LOOK BULLETIN**

We trust you'll enjoy our re-named TSSA bulletin, **tennis 30<sup>+</sup>**, a title signalling that our club now embraces all mature South Australian tennis players.

Yes, SA-VET is no more.

In keeping with the name change of the national association and the extension of the seniors' qualifying age to 30 we have opted to call our publication **tennis 30<sup>+</sup>**.

The new editorial panel is Kathy Parker and Max Foran.

This change coincides with Brian Arnold's retirement as editor after many years of putting everything together. Thanks for a great job over the years, Brian.

We are always interested in publishing anything that promotes tennis for the over 30s, so if you have anything that you want us to include, just email either me at [kathypswan@gmail.com](mailto:kathypswan@gmail.com) or Max at [maxieforan@gmail.com](mailto:maxieforan@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 next year we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

# Age change means exciting times ahead for Seniors' Tennis.

The **TSSA Committee** approved the change to our TSSA Constitution on 16 February 2021 to reflect the lowering - by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), Tennis Australia (TA), and Tennis South Australia (Tennis SA) - for entry into seniors' tennis from age 35 to 30.

TSSA currently enjoys a strong membership base, but there are always many of us who are at or approaching the “nearly done” stage of our tennis-playing activities so we need a constant infusion of new blood.

By providing the opportunity for 30-year-olds to become not only playing members but to also contribute to administrative roles, this change is aimed at helping to ensure the long-term viability of our proud association.

And 30 is certainly not too old to start playing tennis. Individuals of nearly any ability can begin playing tennis (even competitively) at virtually any age and of course at TSSA we have facilities and playing programs to suit all-comers.

If necessary, we will tailor our competition and social programs to suit our younger members. Please welcome any new faces with open arms and a friendly smile!

Watch out for newbies **Hilary Pocock**, pictured below with her father and club president, Michael, and **Suroush Douhdi**, shown with his dad, Mehdi.



**“We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”**

*George Bernard Shaw*

## ***Warming Winter Tennis for Teams and Individuals***

*Nominations are now open for teams and individuals to be on court from 3 May 2021 to experience the appeal of warming winter tennis under the bright lights at our 18-court South Park Centre.*

***Monday nights*** cater for four-person Men's A-Grade Doubles and Open Mixed Doubles teams. We are seeking nominations for Women's A-Grade Doubles teams to establish a new competition. We have spare courts and will structure competitions for any teams or individuals wanting to pit their skills against like-minded players.

***Wednesday nights*** is for four-person Men's B-Grade Doubles teams and while this session is immensely popular there is always room for new teams and individuals.

*Players on both nights report at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.*

***Nomination forms*** can be found at;

<https://play.tennis.com.au/TennisSeniorsSA/Contact> and must be returned by Friday 23 April 2021.

It won't be our fault if you don't take advantage of this opportunity and return a completed form ASAP. Let us know you'd love to play. The ball is in your court.

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

## WE NEED YOU!

Our club was formally established on 12 December 1972 and the management committee wants to celebrate this important milestone throughout next year – culminating in a major event on 12 December 2022.

Members are invited to nominate themselves or fellow members to be part of a task group to organise the celebrations. 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 or Max Foran 0409 096017 by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 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 collate the information from each state and territory regarding the tournaments/carnivals they are conducting and then annually publish a tournaments calendar. A link to 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

- Jan. 22 - [Twilight Tennis 30+ Event - Wrap up & Snapshots.](#)
- Mar. 28 - [Annual TSSA 'City' vs Northern Areas Match - Wrap up & Photos.](#)
- May 15-17 - [33rd Berri Teams Carnival](#)
- Sept. 19-24 - [2021 Australian Seniors Individual Championships](#) - Gold Coast Seniors and Miami Tennis Clubs.
- Oct. 2/3 - [2021 October Tennis 30+ Event](#)
- Nov.14-16 - [2021 - ITF S100 – Adelaide - SA State Tennis Seniors' Championship](#)

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## 2022 Tennis - Tournaments/Carnivals & Events

- Jan. 9-14 – [2022 Australian Seniors Championships - Teams Carnival](#), Swan Hill, Victoria
- Jan. 17/18 - [2022 January Tennis 30+ Event](#)

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## 2022 Social Play & Open Court Twilight Sessions

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 Twilight 5.15pm to 7.45pm SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- Sunday morning 9am to noon

Check out our [Social Play](#) sub webpage located under **TENNIS** webpage for more details.

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# TSSA Chairperson's Report

Many thanks to those who helped with our inaugural **January 2021 Twilight Tennis 30+** Event. There was a good crowd and by using all our courts we were able to cater for a range of players, from families who just wanted a hit to those who were more competitive. We also raised just over \$800 for the club.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March we held the annual match against Northern Areas.

Thanks to John Schluter and Karen Ahrens for organising the teams, and Mary Johnson for the catering.

You may have noticed some recent activity in the ceiling! Don't be alarmed it was Roger Sanderson rigging up the alarms (sorry about pathetic tautology). Thanks Roger! We now have security cameras inside and out.

Roger has also installed another defibrillator over by the northern toilets, donated by Booze Bros social club. Quite a few people attended the education session held by St Johns in March.

Anyone out there who has a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate or would like to do the course then let the committee or your coordinator know as we may call on your valuable expertise at some stage to get us out of a spot in running the bar.

Lastly, the Berri Teams Carnival is coming up and that is a great weekend on May 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> –need teams of four or five allowing for collateral damage. Entries close 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



Michael POCOCK

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# 2020-21 Summer Season

## WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

held at South Park Tennis Seniors Centre (Park 20)

We continued this season to manage COVID-19, a disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus whose source remains a hotly contested international, national, and state debate!

Our weekly competitions commenced on October 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 and fortunately, despite many sport competitions/tournaments in other states enduring various interruptions and cancellations, we successfully played our scheduled rounds.

Our players continued adopting and adapting to the new 'playing etiquettes' and it was interesting to note how conversant we became with the new terminology and various ones being touted, including required behaviours and practices that included:

- COVID-19
- COVID Plans
- COVIDSafe
- COVID Marshal
- QR Code
- 'self-isolate'
- '14-day self-quarantine'
- 'flattening the curve'
- 'good hygiene'
- 'social / physical distancing' (1.5metres)
- Density (one person per 4 square metres) and social distancing
- Post-match touching of racquets and elbow touches
- Fist pumps
- 'Roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions'
- 'Stop the Spread'
- community transmission
- community spread
- Elbow coughing
- reproduction number

## Div. 1 & 2 Mixed Doubles

We had eleven teams in total competing, with 5 in Division 1 and 6 in Division 2. A simple mathematics calculation indicates that we had a minimum of 40 players on courts for each scheduled round, but we can assure you that the actual numbers who played was far higher as at times injuries and family commitments took their toll!

The great news was that all 17 rounds of our scheduled matches were held and our season concluded with finals played on on a superb autumn evening Monday 29th March 2021 with most players remaining behind for presentations and sharing supper/drinks.

In Division 1:

1<sup>st</sup> played 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Serves You Right vs Tennis Tragic**

3<sup>rd</sup> played 4<sup>th</sup>

**BIIKS vs The Drivers.**

The winners were **Serves You Right** and **BIIKS**

Overall, the DIV 1. Mixed Doubles Premiership winners for the 2020/21 TSSA Summer Season was **Serves You Right** that included team members: (L. to R.) Brian 'Dez' O'CONNOR, Ingrid FLAHERTY, Linda CARTER (Capt.), Karen AHRENS, & Hugh JOHNSON.



In Division 2:

1<sup>st</sup> played 2<sup>nd</sup> **Side Liners vs Fab Five**

3<sup>rd</sup> played 4<sup>th</sup> **Shot Mates vs Four Play**

5<sup>th</sup> played 6<sup>th</sup> **Enigma vs Foot Loose**

The winners were **Side Liners, Four Play & Foot Loose**

Overall, the DIV 2. Mixed Doubles Premiership winners for the 2020/21 TSSA Summer Season was **Side Liners** that included team members: (L. to R.) Mel GILMOUR, Wendy DOOLETTE, Roslyn MITCHELL, & Trevor WEINERT. Absent: Rob HANN (Capt.) & Nick WISEMAN.



The best performance/result for DIV. 1 Males was Brian O'CONNOR (86.96% for sets, 62.14% for games) and for females was Ingrid FLAHERTY (91.67% for sets, 69.62% for games)



The best performance/result for DIV. 2 Males was Roger FREEMAN (94.44% for sets, 69.36% for games) and for females was Wendy DOOLETTE (81.48% for sets, 66.41% for games).

Report prepared by:  
Max FORAN & Frank SPIEL

## **Divisions B1 & B2 Men's Doubles**

Well, what a year 2020 – 2021 summer season was!

Our Thursday night competitions commenced on October 15<sup>th</sup> and we played through to the summer holiday recess that commenced 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

18 teams registered and played hence all 18 courts were utilised.

Both B1 and B2 competitions were equally represented and thus no team had a bye.

This was an increase of two teams from the previous summer season 2019-20.

The majority of tennis players complied with the COVID-19 rules and there was universal compliance with the checking in procedures.

After the Christmas break, summer tennis resumed on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with a 'Up Front Team Payment' for the remainder of the summer season.

Each Team was required to pay \$360 upfront (4 Players X 9 weeks = \$360), either directly into the TSSA bank account or in cash.

The response was excellent, with only one team unhappy to do so.

This meant that any team member could collect the score sheets and tennis balls and proceed directly to their designated court.

A list of designated courts for each team was left on the COVID check-in table.

Feedback was great, as teams could commence their 'warm up hit' much earlier, no waiting for the last player to pay, and there was less mingling of players in the club room.

Our finals were held on 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

Some short speeches were made.

Thanks to Ernst Stevenson for collating and entering the results into the system.

Thanks to Jay Taylor who sacrificed his 3<sup>rd</sup> set on occasions to man the bar.

Thanks to Michael Pocock for assisting in locking up and on occasions running the show.

Thanks to all the players for their participation.

Each team enjoyed a small pizza which has been a long-standing tradition of the finals night.

**B1 Finals** involved a play off between “**Rabid Racquets**” and “**Whackers**”

The Gold was taken by “**Whackers**” defeating “**Rabid Racquets**” five sets to one.

**WHACKERS**

Darryl Borlase, Edward Taylor, Brenton Owens, and Joll Piper



**RABID RACQUETS**

Josh Coligan, B Burma, Mike Wilhelm, and John Lewis



B1 Finals involved a play off between “Line Callers” and “Base Liners”

This match was a draw.

After some beers and wines, it was decided that **Line Callers** were the winners as they had lead for the majority of the season.

### Line Callers

Jamie Armfield,  
Byron Hughes, Seth  
Renton, and Luke  
O’Dea



### Base Liners

James Megiday,  
Johathan Mann, Dat  
Le, Ben McRostie,  
and Ian Madden



Report prepared by:  
Norbert JAHNKE

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Punters; Pete Davis, Adrian Johnson, David Hill and Tim Donnelly



Consistency Winner; Adrian Johnson

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# South East Seniors' News

South East Seniors' players have enjoyed a busy Summer of tennis with good attendances at all our regular events.

While we continue to value the stalwarts, who have kept the club going for many years, we look forward to an injection off exciting new blood now that the qualifying age for senior competitions has been lowered to 30.

Watch for some new faces in the next bulletin. In the meantime, these are some shots of regulars who continue to excel.



Bob Brown, Jill Kamphuis,  
Trish Douglas, Bill Chapman



Gayle Davies and Helen Rathjen



Peter Brennan, Trish  
Douglas, Christine Cramm,  
& Gary Peterson

# Murray Bridge & District Senior Tennis Happenings

As usual we held our December event as a twilight occurrence and we were more than happy with the roll up of 23 players, 11 men and 12 women. As this was our Christmas get-together players were asked to wear their Christmas finery. Although no men got into the spirit several ladies did. Our acting President on the night, Gerry Korzeba, couldn't decide between the efforts of Lorraine Graetz and Kathy Pfeiffer so these two ladies shared the chocolates. About two hours into our play the pizzas were delivered so tennis stopped and everyone enjoyed the meal before heading home.

In January we also held another twilight event in the hope of beating the heat. This night was also popular with six women and eight men in attendance. Considering many members were away on holidays we were happy with this number. Once again pizzas were ordered for our meal.

Many members were disappointed that the annual trip to Lucindale to challenge the South East Seniors was firstly changed to Mt Gambier and then cancelled, with late notice. Consequently committee decided that we would hold our own event at our own lawn courts. The attendance was again pleasing with 18 players, 12 women and six men.

In the next edition of *tennis 30+* we will give a report on our 14th March gathering – Invitation Day – an all-day event when members were asked to bring along a friend to enjoy great tennis and a supplied luncheon.



Seniors in action on the famed Murray Bridge lawn courts

*Lorraine Graetz*

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## **WARM WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Michael Donaldson, Malcolm Hugo, Nick Joakim, Hugh Johnson, Dat Le, Ben McRostie, Bob Morcom, Geoff Prideaux, Seth Renton, Ivan Tanner, and Sam Ventrice - See their **PROFILES** in next edition!

## **STATE SHIRTS & JACKETS**

Contact **Karen Ahrens** on **8271 2912** or **0410 315 220**.

## **TSA RANKING LISTS**

Please be advised that TSA Ranking lists are available on the TSA website – [www.tenniseniors.org.au](http://www.tenniseniors.org.au)

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

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