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Welcome to our 3rd TSSA bulletin for 2021!

This bulletin leads in with a focus on the recently held **Berri Teams Carnival** and is our third bulletin under our new **tennis 30⁺** banner!

CAPTURING the MEMORY – 2021 Berri Teams Carnival



The **DESK** – Volunteers Bob BARNES and Gerry GREENWAY assisting Peter TANNER, Tournament Director and Norbert JAHNKE, TSSA City.

In response to a request for TSSA 'City' personnel to assist in manning the DESK in 2021, Norbert JAHNKE and Marie STEVENS volunteered to come up from Adelaide and attend the carnival and assist Peter TANNER. John SCHLUTER and Ian DELBRIDGE from TSSA undertook to identify other volunteers who were willing to assist that resulted in Bob BARNES and Gerry GREENWAY volunteering. A great result and very much appreciated by our hard-working team of Riverland volunteers, many of whom were spread out across the Riverland undertaking numerous tasks.

This year we also initiated something a bit different in undertaking to '**capture the memory**'. We identified a Team Captain from each grouping involved in the carnival who might be willing to write some reflections from their own, and their team's perspective, regarding their competition group. We were not overly prescriptive and recognised that contributions would be quite diverse.

We advised our contributors that material may/could include anecdotal and/or historical perspectives, or more contemporary insights, and sought for some photos to be provided with names included being a must!

What is clear is that we do come from varied backgrounds but share a common bond in coming together to play tennis and have fun in the Riverland! There were first timers and some teams that have been coming to the Riverland for many years, including some teams that have come for all 33 years that the carnival has been held!

Enjoy the following **reflections & photos** of the 2021 Berri Teams Carnival!

Max FORAN & Frank SPIEL

MURRAY BRIDGE & DISTRICTS SENIORS TENNIS ASSOCIATION - Lorraine GRAETZ

Three female teams and one male team travelled to the Riverland in 2021.

BRIDGE BIMBOS entered in the 65+ division which consisted of six teams from as far away as Canberra, Ballarat, Northern Areas and Adelaide, while there was also a team from the Riverland.

After playing all teams they finished the round in second position. This meant they met the top team, Mix and Match, again in the final. Thoughtful and strategic placement of the team members meant that Bimbos had a convincing win 4-0 to become the 65+ Champions!

Bridge Bimbos (L-R): Kathy PFEIFFER, Elsie GROBLER, Jeanne WEINMANN Rosie DAISH Lorraine VICKERS, and Helen REDDEN.



In the 50+ age group five local ladies formed a team called **H BOMBERS** who played in a group of eight teams, which were split into two groups of four.

Winning two from the first three matches put them at the top of their group and had them play against the top two from the other grouping.

Losing a close two-all match by two games, and then winning easily in the next match, the Bombers then played the undefeated Hills. These girls swept through the match with four wins although the last set went to a 9-7 tie break.

H Bombers (L-R): Back Row - Julie WEINERT, Anne HEIN, Sharon WATSON; & Front Row - Barb WILLIAMS, and Heather RICHARDS (Capt.).

BRIDGE BELLES entered in the 70+ division where there were six teams.

Bridge Belles (L-R): Jill WOOLFORD, Lorraine GRAETZ, Yvonne PRZIBILLA, Bernie PALTRIDGE (*a 'ring in' from Mt Gambier*), and Delrae THOMAS.

In the first match they faced old rivals Northern Areas, now playing as, Golden Girl! Belles were excited to win this match 3 -1. The next match was a loss 0-3 to "On the Ball" that brought them back to reality!

Sunday morning Belles faced "Miss Hits" and won one tie break set. In the afternoon Belles met Broken Strings. Belles won the first two sets, lost the third and won the final set in a tie break.

Monday morning Belles met the undefeated Mayberries. Belles were beaten by a much stronger team although they took one set to a tie break. The finals match saw Belles who finished fourth play Miss Hits (who finished third). Once again Belles were defeated 3-1, to remain in fourth spot.

The men's team **BRIDGE BLITZERS** played in the 70+ division with eight teams and were in section D. On Saturday they lost to Fleurieu Fellers 3-1 but defeated Net Prophets 3-1. Then Sunday morning they lost to All Stars and remained in Section D when the two groups were sorted. In the afternoon they defeated True Blue 4-0.



On Monday they again beat Net Prophets 3-1 and then 3 States 3-1 to finish top of Section D.

Bridge Blitzers (L-R): Jack REDDIN, Owen MORRELL, Theo WEINMANN, Bob FINN (*from Fleurieu*), and Bruce ELIJAH (*from Portland*).

Other males from Murray Bridge Seniors who joined other teams included Ray ROSSITER and John OWENS.

LADIES OPEN A - Marie Stevens

The Open A Ladies division consisted of eight teams, four from SA and four from Victoria, with three of those being new teams and the other one long-time supporters, "Mid Court Crisis". The three new Victorian teams included some state and Australian players. "Berri Good Friends" one of the SA teams included new tennis senior Claire PICKERING (32) plus Vivian MACKELLER who travelled from WA to play. "Not My Fault" also had two new players -Sandra VALANCE and Bec HUGHES. Other top SA players included Natalia IRVINE, Michelle LEYDON, Jill SCOTT and Ania KRITZINGER. We were in for some excellent tennis!

The division was divided into two groups of four with two SA teams and two Vic teams in each section, playing a Round Robin - total of three matches. Then the top two from each section went into another group- with the remaining four teams making up the bottom half, with another two Round Robins to be played. Unfortunately, the three new Vic teams had to be gone by 2pm on Monday so that they could travel home. A Captain's meeting was held offering several alternatives to the Monday 2pm deadline, so that a final result could be reached. It was unanimously agreed to not play a previously played match but have the original scores added in to the second Round Robin and as a result the two remaining matches from each Round Robin were played. This resulted in each team playing five matches, enabling the Vic girls to get away easily well before 2pm.

On Monday morning three of the top teams could potentially win the event. The points



were that close. After that final match "Ready to Rage" (SA) were declared the winners, closely followed by "Vic Girls Scotty".

Ready to Rage: Wendy BUTLER, Michelle LEYDON, Lynn WELLS, Donna FREEMAN & Natalia IRVINE

“Vic Girls Lo” were the winners of the second Round Robin, closely followed by “Berri Good Friends” from SA. The SA ladies were delighted to have the Vic teams play. The tennis was an excellent standard even if some of the results suggested otherwise. All matches were played in fine spirit and in a very friendly atmosphere. Some of the Vic girls have rebooked for next year which is great. An excellent weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to the organising committee for all their hard work!

Vic Girls Ho: (L-R) Wendy HARRISON, Lois PLOWMAN, Barb WESTEN, Annette SHEPPHARD, Maya FERGUSON.



Mid Court Crisis:
Fairlie LAMONT, Kaye PRICE, Chris LUHRS, Lyn ROBERTSON, and Sue WALTER



Sets in The City: Gill SCOTT, Louise CHEATLE, Karen AHRENS, Jane KARL, and Linda CARTER



3 New Vic Girls Teams:

Vic Girls Everett (white tops -back row), Vic Girls Scotty (left hand side), and Vic Girls Ho (right hand side)



Natalia IRVINE & Michelle LEYDEN in action – Ready to Rage



Sandra & Rebecca - an after 25-year catch up in the Berri pub!

LADIES OPEN B - Kathy PARKER

There were 6 teams in total, with four from Adelaide, and the perpetually youthful Southern Portables from Lucindale, and Bendigo Go Girls from Victoria.

To add a bit of a challenge there was a team of young'uns, Just for Hit and Giggles, from Henley competing for the first time.

As a generous welcoming gesture my team Top Shots lost to them...twice!

Match results were topsy-turvy with lower ranked teams defeating higher ranked teams, making the final round "live" to decide rankings for the playoffs.

Despite the closeness of the competition, rivalries were left on the court, and we all enjoyed friendly chit-chat off the court. Most matches were keenly contested, including the final, which was won by the Bendigo Go Girls, defeating the evergreen Firebirds.



Bendigo Go Girls:

(alphabetically) Debbie BANNAN, Ros BRADBURY, Linda DOHNT, Jenny GROSE, Sheryn LONG, and Sue McPHERSON

The match for third place was won by Just for Hit and Giggles against Top Shots. Unfortunately, Southern Portables had to go back home to the Southeast, so the play-off for fifth place between them and Wild Berries did not take

place. The (unofficial) prize for most tiebreakers lost was won by Top Shots who celebrated this great achievement over a glass or two of wine at their wonderfully comfortable villa in Renmark.

The new organising committee for this great event did a good job, especially considering it was their first time. I'm not sure that they had any say in the weather, but three days of beautiful sunshine certainly helps both players and spectators enjoy themselves

MENS OPEN A - Greg PARKER

After the two-year break from the last fun weekend of sightseeing, revelry and oh yeah....tennis.... the 'Parks and Wildlife' troop prepared for the Berri Carnival. Hopeful that the rest of the senior's tennis fraternity that knew how good this weekend is, would also be keen to field teams – I got commitment from seven strapping lads, including one at the tender age of 31! How did that get allowed?!

We knew our previous favourite 'wilderness' accommodation at Overland Corner was not available so I had to find somewhere new for the rare species in my team. Equally at home in the water or on land I found a luxury houseboat on the river – the attraction not putt-putting up and down the river, but permanently moored next to the Woolshed Brewery!!! (near Paringa).

Well two of our committed members withdrew before the trip due to "work commitments" so we were down to four and a half with young Jimmy having to drive back to Adelaide for a Saturday night party!

The competition was excellent, six teams and a good hit each match – for us, unlike previous years when we seemed to have the luck run our way, we lost a couple of close matches on our way to finishing fourth. Teams from Geelong, Bendigo, Adelaide, and the SA country slugged it out with generally very even matches.



The Fireballs and the Martinis (two teams that love drinking clearly!) made the final played at Berri (on the show court!) and believe it or not drew on sets and games!! Joint winners or no one won?!?

In fact, **Fireballs** and the **Martinis** were **Joint Winners!**



MARTINIS: (L-R) Adrian JOHNSTON, Braden CLARKE, Dean ASHTON, Gary PITS, and Pete DAVIS

FIREBALLS: *needed to get back to Adelaide* – team Members in alphabetical order were Steven CLARKE, Simon GRIGG, Grant HICKMAN, Steven SANDO, and Daniel VENNING

The Open Men would like to thank the local organisers and Tennis Seniors SA for running a great event once again in a post COVID environment. The hospitality was fantastic, and the courts were of the most consistently good standard for years.

Gotta love the Riverland!!

35-44+ WOMEN - Kerrie ROBERTSON

After a two-year hiatus, the Cinderella's stepped back onto the court for their second appearance at the Berri Teams Event.

The Cinderella's (we don't always get to the ball) comprise of players from the Riverland, Barossa, Clare Valley and South-East (and a Victorian who couldn't make it this year).

'Playing' in the 35-45 age group, for the Cinderella's the main aim of the weekend is catch up with friends and have a few laughs. There are no expectations on performance – only one of the team members has ever played in a weekly Saturday competition, a few play midweek ladies and or twilight social and a couple don't play at all.

The Cinderellas: Caroline CORBIN, Kerrie ROBERTSON, Kerryn VAN DYK and Tammie MENZEL (absent Belinda MAY-WOIIDT and Bernadette DOCKING).



Starting off the weekend at the beautifully presented Renmark Tintra courts, it was a tough first round for the very rusty Cinderella's who took on the Henley Beach South team of Just for Hits and Giggles. The city bunch were barely troubled, winning all sets.

Just for Hits & Giggles: Lynette ROBINSON, Claire WRIGHT, Liz CAMPBELL, Mel SCOTT, and Ella HAMMOND.



Defrosting slightly, the afternoon was played at Berri where we were up against the Hippy Hitters. The Berri bounce managed to get the better of most, although Berna and Caroline (Nanna) managed to combine and win a set for the Cinderella's, creating much excitement amongst the team.

Hippy Hitters: Sonja JERICHO, Sue CADDY, Mary HEUZENROEDER, Kerrie-Anne HUGHES, and Katie BANNEAR.



A night out on the town in Renmark followed with some team-mates celebrating more than others, giving it their best shot(s) and playing on with the leopard print-loving Barossa Blend who proved how well they perform both on and off the court.

Most bounced-back well from their Saturday night and headed to Loxton where a couple of members faced their former team, the Wild Recruits. It was here the Cinderella's won their second set for the tournament with Tammie and Kerrie combining to win in a tiebreaker against Julie and Caren.

Wild Recruits: Marg JERICHO, Jannette FULHAM, Julie DAY, Kim ARMISTEAD, and Caren MARTIN.



Back at Berri for the afternoon's play, we took on the formidable Barossa Blend. There were no surprises but plenty of laughs as the Cinderella's failed to win a set.

Barossa Blend: Natalie HOOPER, Jo AHRENS, Jodie DAHLITZ, Lisa MANNING, Chris SNOWDEN, and Belinda PETERSEN.



Monday morning's match at Baramera was never going to be easy, facing up to reigning premiers, Simply Smashing. The result went as expected with both sides cementing their minor round standings.

All eyes were on the games on surrounding courts with the final placings hanging on the results of the other two matchups, Barossa Blend v Hits and Giggles, and Hippy Hitters v Wild Recruits. The first went the way of the Barossa girls with the second resulting in a draw.

It was here the Cinderella's, like their namesake had to call it an early night, as unfortunately due to a family emergency and work commitments, did not have enough players to continue on the final afternoon's play.

Thanks to the local tennis clubs for providing excellent facilities, Tennis Seniors SA, and the local organising committee for such a well-run tournament.

While the Cinderella's may not always get to the ball, they'll make every effort to keep turning up each year to the Berri Teams Event.



Simply Smashing:
Nadia KRUGER, Sarah HASLETT,
Georgia TZANAVARAS and Trish
RABBITT.



Larissa BRIGHT and Sarah HASLETT



Jo HUMPHREY, Trish RABBITT, Kristy REID,
and Georgia TZANAVARAS

35-44+ WOMEN



Caren MARTIN from the Wild Recruits resplendent in her purple velvet jacket.

Jodie DAHLITZ from Barossa Blend celebrating their win.



Kim ARMISTEAD from the Wild Recruits (centre) with Sue CADDY (left) and Mary HEUZENROEDER from the Hippy Hitters.

40-45+ MEN - Ian DELBRIDGE

This year's was my 25th year playing in what has become one of the most popular events on the Tennis Seniors calendar. Players come from all over Australia to compete. And keep coming back. Berri is a wonderful Riverland town. Great layout, great accommodation. My little GEM house has already been booked for next year and hopefully for many years to come!

Friday night was the usual meal at the pub and an opportunity to catch up with many players from all over and discussing the coming days event. 9am Saturday normally (non-COVID years) is the 'Welcome get together for Teams' at the Berri courts, following which teams/players disperse to their various match centres at either Berri, Renmark, Loxton &/or Barmera. The Mallee Fowl Restaurant seems to be a regular spot for the Saturday night meal and entertainment. Choices of Indian, Thai, Chinese, Pizza or just back to the pub for Sunday night.

Over 25 years some things have changed of course. Players get older and teams can change but the friendly atmosphere is always there with the continual banter amongst everyone at the end of each day over a beer or two never changes.

My team the Thunderbirds made their first appearance in 1995. City Cats & River Rats were two of the stronger teams I recall over the first few years. Competition was tough but played in great spirits. My original team was Bruce WINTHER, Roger DAVEY, Dennis HAUPT, and myself. Bruce left us after four years and three wins to move to



Queensland.

Brian DEW then joined us as City Cats were disbanding. We continued with our share of wins now and again but when Trevor REEVES joined us in about 2005, we all grew an extra leg. As time has gone on and our average age was 65+ we gave the Open event a miss and left it to the youngsters to fight it out.

Thunderbirds: Roger DAVEY (still), John PICK (4th year), Graham CHILMAN (worthy fill in for Trevor), Kevin BENSON (5th year) and me. (Dennis as mascot).

Berri weather as always was terrific. Clear and chilly in the mornings but warming up as the days went on. Overall team numbers were very solid, 89 teams which was only a few down from previous years. Last year's COVID causing a bit of a hiccup.

We had a great three FULL days of tennis. All teams providing a very competitive level of tennis. Thunderbirds did manage another win on the Monday afternoon but well done to the Modbury Tennis Club boys Tuesday Knights in the final. The sets will show 4-0 but we were in a dog fight all match with scores of 9-8, 9-6, 9-6, 9-8. Modbury were great to play.

To Peter Tanner (again) and the crew on the DESK thank you so much for all your efforts in making it such a well-run event!

Thanks to all. It was a great weekend.



The Mallee Fowl is a unique dining experience that our youngest player 'Claire' sought to get her mouth around, whilst Dennis chose to sit beneath the seat!

50 - 55+ WOMEN - Jo CASEY

As a team of newbies, the Hills Angels travelled to Berri with no grand illusions or expectations. We had heard that it was a very friendly, social event, with lots of great tennis played all weekend. It was certainly that and much, much more!

In our division we had two pools of four teams, which then split halfway through the weekend. We loved some of the very creative team names – not only in ours but in other divisions too.



Hills Angels: (L-R) Ann-Marie YEATES, Jen ROBINSON, Jo CASEY, Jackie MANLY, Libby TIMMINS

The **Maliboozers** impressed us with their organisation – not only did they come well prepared with champagne and gourmet snacks, but they also had their very own chauffer Billy in tow, who was at their beck and call, serving them courtside. His charm, wit and discretion were noted by many! Unfortunately for us, no amount of money or other offerings were enough to lure him away from his posse of beautiful babes.

Of course, anyone who has been to Berri in the past would be familiar with the infamous Heather from the H-Bombs team. Her antics and loud distinctive voice are appreciated by all. Classic quotes from Heather - (Serves a double fault): "Oh what, sorry, you weren't ready?" (Long rally played): "Can someone please call triple zero, I need an ambulance."



All players in all the teams in our division were just delightful – even though we'd never met most of them, it was like we'd been old friends for a long time, catching up for a decent hit, lots of banter and plenty of laughs.

We were thrilled to be a part of this wonderful weekend. Many thanks to the organisers and volunteers who made it such a fantastic event.

It's safe to say – WE'LL BE BACK!!

Yep – we won as first timers!



50 - 55+ MEN - Peter FRENCH

Another great weekend of tennis, mate-ship, and the renewing of old, sorry the pun, acquaintances with likeminded people.

The Men's 50+ competition was played in great spirit, incredibly competitive and at venues that would be the envy of most metropolitan tennis centres.

The win to Gulag17 was well deserved and the runners up, Barossa Old Boys played exceptionally well to finish a close second. Gulag17 were always the team to beat and were well led by captain Nick SCOTT and their spiritual leader Darryl BALD.



GULAG 17:

Darryl BALD, Andrew CAIN, Nick SCOTT, David WILLIAMS, Dean LANYON, and Andrew GREGORY

The bringing together of 50+ plus male tennis players from all over South Australia, Victoria, Canberra and from other states is the highlight for many and it is with gratitude that all players commend the efforts of the organising committee in facilitating such a wonderful event.



MALLE BULLS:

David MACDONALD, Peter FRENCH, David PRUCKNER, Mick LUKE, Murray FITZCLARANCE, Adrian FIELKE, David WATSON, and Brian NIELSEN



NORTHERN REDS:

Andrew NOVAK, Spencer BUDARICK, Dennis (Willy) POLOMKA, Greg SCHMAAL, and Malcolm PARISH



READE PARK PLUS:

Gordon HOADE, Ian RANDELL, Bill LOGAN, Jean VENRENSBURG, and Jeromy CARTER

There is no doubt that all our interstate guests are keen to return to do it all again in 2022.

The players in this age group of the competition are unanimous in their support of the Berri Lawn Tennis Club in their continued efforts to improve the playing standards of the Berri courts and bring them up the very high standards set by the other three Riverland venues. To the ground staff and volunteers at all Riverland tennis clubs, a huge thank you for providing such wonderful facilities.

60 - 65+ WOMEN - "Donna" Sue Pannell

What a fantastic three days; good weather, well-manicured lawn courts, smoothly organised event, lots of friendly people, fun opposition, and let's not forget the tennis! Our team NARACOORTE entered in the 60+ women's section despite half the team being 70+ and we bravely embarked with the minimum of four players. After each team member having played around 150 games over the entire competition a unanimous decision of five players for 2022 was made! Needless to say, our night entertainment was rather tame due to a lack of energy and the need to conserve as much as possible to face up to the challenges of the following day.

The 60+ women's group of eight teams were quite evenly matched with the difference in games scored between us (Naracoorte) and our opposition often being a small margin. We managed two sets all with a five games win followed by two sets all and a one game loss to the local Riverland team (Wacquets), with whom we posed for a commemorative photograph!



Naracoorte vs Wacquets (L-R): Back row: Anne BURTON(W), Ann NOACK(W), Carita BROWN(W), Marlene BULL(N), Sue PANNELL(N), Jill HARRIS(W), Gayle DAVIES(N) Front row: Jessie SYMENS(W), Ann GILL(N)

Against Bumpkins we were 10 games short and went down three sets to one. On the Ball likewise had a close three sets to one win over us, but the match went down to the wire and our deficit was only three games. The final two matches against Adelaide teams proved much more convincing wins to Naracoorte.

Congratulations to overall winners Bumpkins.



Bumpkins (L-R): Julianne O'DEA, Sandra KAESLER, Heather BORMANN, Karen PILKINGTON, Ros PERRY, and Kay COX.

During the weekend we caught up with long lost friends, relations, competitors from years past and made new acquaintances that no doubt we will encounter again.

A brilliant three days. Well done, Riverland!



Judy WALKER, Jackdaws, eyes on the ball as she executes an overhead smash.



Gayle DAVIES, Naracoorte, lining up for a net volley.

60 - 65+ MEN - Pat MOLONEY

Our team a **Mixed Bunch** comprised of right- and left-handed players, players from two states and ages ranging from 62 to 77 i.e., a real mixed bunch!

Mixed Bunch: (Back row L-R) Tim HARRIS, John GREENUP, Graeme ROSSITER, and (Front Row L-R) Pat MOLONEY, Graham SMITH, Mike HORSMAN



Our group comprised of seven teams, the winner being first past the post. The teams were:

Barra Rats --- comprised of players from Ballarat and Ararat.

Nomads --- comprised of players roaming around Adelaide from different clubs.

Wanderers --- similar to Nomads except they wandered.

Misfits --- named many years ago with different players who didn't fit together.

Strath Blokes +1 ---- players from Strathalbyn plus one outsider.

Interstaters ---- from Geelong and Shepparton.

When our team started playing at Berri a number of years ago, we were called Interstaters due to having players from four states. When we missed a year, we lost our name to the current Interstaters. In hindsight we should have patented the name!

We played at Barmera, Berri, and Renmark. Renmark were the best courts and Berri, unfortunately, the worst. Competition was good and friendly with no arguments. Only problem was bad bounces at Berri which provided a good excuse for losing.

We lost our first match to Strath Blokes by a couple of games. We were leading in the sets we lost and blew our chance for an early win.

Lost our second match to Interstaters who were too good.

Lost our third match to Nomads who were also too good.

By this stage we were not looking too good. However, we won our last three matches including against Wanderers who came second, and we ended up coming fifth. Truly little separated positions two to six. Overall a good and relatively even group.



Graham SMITH & Graeme ROSSITER



Tim HARRIS and John GREENUP

65 – 70+ MEN - Mike JAENSCH

What a difference five years make! Despite subtle lobbying for inclusion in the 70+ group – because four of their six players are over 70 and the team's average age is 72 – the **Clearview Crocs** landed into the 65+ section and the collective might of those young blokes.

Any hope of the Crocs repeating their 2018 triumph in Division 2 of the Really Old Farts 70+ section had pretty well evaporated by beer o'clock on the Saturday and were totally vaporised by the time the curtain came down on the Monday.

So, we headed home without winning a solitary match, but with a wonderful collection of memories of some hard-fought sets, great camaraderie with team-mates and opponents, and lots of laughs and howls of anguish ricocheting across the net.

These sentiments are shared by all six teams, as you'll read in a moment.

First, however, we congratulate the group winners, the Baseliners, who overpowered Men with Balls (love that name!) 4-0 in the final, following up their 3-1 victory over the same team in Round 5.



Baseliners – Paul SCHULTZ



Men with Balls - Don PERRY & John MERRITT

In the play-off for third and fourth place, Wang Warriors defeated Hooper's Heroes 3-1, and the mythical wooden spoon was claimed by the Crocs after a 3-1 loss to the Gully Reds.



Wang Warriors - Geoff ALLEN



**Hoopers
Heroes** - Phil
WILLIAMS



Clearview – Bruce DENNY

Here are some recollections by the other 65+ captains:

Graeme GREEN, **Baseliners**

It was great to catch up with 'old friends' and make new acquaintances. There was a heck of a lot of good-natured banter between players (and team-mates)! The carnival was enjoyed because of the very good weather and the improved condition of some courts, although it was hilarious watching some of the action on the slower, lower bouncing courts (and listening to the associated grumbles).

This year, our team was able to introduce a new player, Paul SCHULTZ, who fitted in really well and was able to survive the three days, which is more than can be said for two of our team, who almost lasted two days! We look forward to coming back next year to defend our title, possibly with a team of eight!

Russell GRIGG, **Men with Balls**

As always at the Riverland weekend, our players thoroughly enjoyed the way the tennis was played, the fun had and the banter.

Since heading home, most of us are still moving very slowly, even more slowly than we did on court, but we are all doing it again next year; accommodation booked, discussions on eating places already happening.

Noel BOYD, Wang Warriors

Our team really enjoyed the tournament, arriving on the Wednesday evening so we could be totally prepared by immersing ourselves in all the Riverland has to offer by visiting a number of wineries and, of course, the infamous Overland Corner Hotel.

A few bottles even survived the weekend, so these made it all the way back to Wangaratta.

Hope to be there again next year and renew friendships.



Noel BOYD, Peter ABLAZEJ, Mick KEOGH, Russel O'BRIEN, and Geoff ALLEN

Phil WILLIAMS, Hooper's Heroes

It was a weekend thoroughly enjoyed by us, even though our performances varied. We always enjoy our contests with the Clearview Crocs, Gully Reds, Wang Warriors, Baseliners and Men with Balls. The fellowship following our 3/4 playoff and loss to Wangaratta was appreciated.

Bernie MCCALLUM was our outstanding player of the weekend. Our Hooper's Heroes team has participated in the Riverland for 30 consecutive years except for the COVID cancellation of 2020 and comprises players from the city (Reade Park and Brighton) and the country (Barmera and Murray Bridge).

Dennis COOK, Gully Reds

It was good to get back to 'normal' at Berri and see the players, not just from other teams, as our team is spread across the state and was great to get together again.

The competition was friendly as usual, and my personal satisfaction is that I am still able to play in a group 10 years my junior.

65 – 70+ WOMEN - Sue FOX

This year we had six teams participating in our division. It was an interesting and diverse mixture with two from the City, two from the Riverland, one from Murray Bridge and one all the way from Canberra!

At the conclusion of the minor rounds, it was Midweek Friends (Riverland) and Mixed Fashions (Canberra) who played off for the wooden spoon.

Riverettes (Riverland) maintained their third position over New Crocks from the City.

The final between Mix N Match who were top of the table at the conclusion of the minor rounds and Bridge Bimbos saw a convincing 4-0 win to the girls from Murray Bridge, who were nicknamed the “Cadbury Girls” because of their vibrant purple uniforms. A great effort by these girls!



Bridge Bimbos (L-R): Helen REDDEN, Lorraine VICKERS, Kathy PFEIFFER, Jeanne WEINMANN, Elsie GROBLER, and Rosie DAISH.

What a great three days of tennis, companionship, and laughter!

70+ MEN - Orrin NEWBY

In the first Berri Teams Carnival 33 years ago, Ian BIDMEADE pulled together a few of his tennis mates to participate. Brian TUCKFIELD, Tats SAKAI and I, Orrin NEWBY, were the team.

I was made default captain and called the team "The Dingos". In 1988 The Dingos went on to win the competition against Brian DEW's team.

The team's name was not important, but no one liked it. So, as I got to know the men, a new name suggested itself. Ian was a lawyer writing law, Brian was studying to become a clinical psychologist, Tats was translating Japanese in his tent and Orrin was teaching. Our new name for the second year was "The Bookworms".

Now, 33 years later, I'm on a team called "Left Field", captained by Tony MURPHY and Ken LOWNDS. For over 10 years, Left Field has competed successfully, winning their age category on a majority of occasions. This year injuries and ageing challenged the team. Our spirit remained but we lost several matches by a few games.

As for myself, I hope tennis will continue as a major activity and focus for the rest of my life.



Left Field (L-R): Rob ADAM, Ian MADDERN, Ken LOWNDS, Wayne ROSE, Tats SAKAI and Orrin NEWBY.

70+ MEN – Winners



VALLEY VILLIANS:

(alphabetically) Ron CAMERON, Rob HANN, Jeff LAUBSCH, Don MASTERS, and Alan SPRY

ANECDOTE!

I was talking to Ken Lownds – who is in “my” Left Field team – and he told me some amusing things about a newcomer to our team, Ian MADDERN. Ian is a Seniors’ member. Ken and Ian shared a room at the Berri Golf & Country Club. One evening Ken was sitting in the resort’s room and he noticed water flooding out from under the bathroom door into the main room. Apparently, Ian was showering with his foot over the drain. The bathroom is quite large, so the water travelled about four or five metres with Ian completely unaware of the situation. Ken also mentioned that Ian was keen on taking toiletries etc provided to each room. However, he packed Ken’s toothpaste in the process. He also put on a jacket for the day saying, “I haven’t worn this for a while”. However, it was Ken’s jacket. They had a lot of fun!

65+ Mix 'n Match & 70+ On the Ball WOMEN - Sue HAND

Berri 2021 - At Last!!!

As another Berri comes around team members are brought together once again. In the case of our 65+ "Mix 'n Match" and 70+ "On the Ball" Women's teams it is a production of meetings beforehand including team dress (most important), practice, what we are having for nibbles with drinks and paying entry fees. Team bonding for the last ??? years especially important. We started with seven in each team but On the Ball ended with six players due to a family injury. We have had two teams in our group for many years with some members staying in the Caravan Park and others in the Berri Hotel.

Friday night it all comes together in Room xxx .and tactics are discussed over a few warm-up drinks. A couple of gentlemen who have partners in the teams are also present and order the pizzas for the night.

On the Ball played at Loxton on the first morning. The wind was coming from the South Pole. Mix 'n Match played at Berri also battling the wind. Both teams started with a win and went to Renmark in the afternoon. Once again, wins for both teams. Saturday night a crowd went to the Mallee Fowl Restaurant and a bus was provided for us.

Sunday morning both teams were at the Berri courts. The young ones had a win but the On the Ball went down by two games.

Sunday afternoon, both teams were at Barmera – great courts and the weather was improving.

Mix 'n Match, another win (looking good) and On the Ball also in the winners' circle.

On Sunday night, more team bonding as we went to an Indian Restaurant. Great food and service here and a great time was had by all -possibly helped by a few extra members of Tennis Seniors SA. They were most welcome.

On Monday, instead of playing nine-game sets, they were reduced to six games It was the same for everybody, but I think popular opinion was that the finals should have been nine-game sets. First time that this has happened.

Monday morning, Mix 'n Match at Loxton and On the Ball at Berri. Both teams had good wins again which meant Mix 'n Match ended up top in their grade and On the Ball were second in theirs.

Monday afternoon (finals) Mix 'n Match at Renmark and On the Ball at Barmera. We went our separate ways hoping to come back winners. Alas Mix 'n Match went down after going there undefeated and On the Ball lost to Mayberries again – this time by six games.

Both teams met up at Berri with their sad stories; didn't take long to get over it and we went home with a bottle of Port each.

After the Presentations we had booked into the Berri Hotel Bistro for dinner. This was a great way to wind down after a few drinks in Room xxx again to go over what went wrong.

Overall, the weekend was a great success, well run by the Riverland with extra help on the desk from a couple of Tennis Seniors SA members. It is a good weekend to catch up with members from all around the state and also a few from interstate.

Congratulations to all teams that won and to those who came second.

After a great breakfast on Tuesday morning. it was back on the road again heading home and looking forward to 2022.



Back row: Jenny SHORT, Sue McKELVIE, Sandra BRYANT, Sue HAND (Capt. **On the Ball**), Gail WEINERT, Chris CAVE, Sandy STUART

Front row; Luigina MONTIN, Di REYNOLDS (Capt. **Mix 'n Match**), Julie WILSON, Joan SATTERLY, Heather BURFORD

Absent: Jan HOLDING (On the Ball team)

70+ WOMEN - Winners



MAYBERRIES

(alphabetically) Catherine CHAPMAN, Claire DE MACK, Pauline FIELDEN, Barbara MATHEWS, and Heather PFITZNER

2021 Berri Team Carnival – Winners & Runner-Ups

Men's results for 2021

Men Open Winners (DRAW) FIREBALLS & MARTINIS

Men 40—45+ Winners THUNDERBIRDS

Runners up TUESDAY KNIGHTS

Men 50-55+ Winners GULAG 17

Runners up BAROSSA OLD BOYS

Men 60+ Winners INTERSTATERS

Runners up WANDERERS

Men 65+ Winners BASELINERS

Runners up MEN WITH BALLS

Men 70+ Winners VALLEY VILLIANS

Runners up ALL STARTS

Women's results for 2021

Women Open A	Winners	<u>READY TO RAGE</u>
	Runners up	<u>VIC GIRLS SCOTTY</u>
Women Open B	Winners	<u>BENDIGO GO GIRLS</u>
	Runners up	<u>FIREBIRDS</u>
Women 35 - 44+	Winners	<u>BAROSSA BLEND</u>
	Runners up	<u>SIMPLY SMASHING</u>
Women 50 – 55+	Winners	<u>HILLS ANGELS</u>
	Runners up	<u>MALIBOOZE—FRENCH</u>
Women 60+	Winners	<u>BUMPKINS</u>
	Runners up	<u>DOUBLE SHOTS</u>
Women 65+	Winners	<u>BRIDGE BIMBOS</u>
	Runners up	<u>MIX N MATCH</u>
Women 70+	Winners	<u>MAY BERRIES</u>
	Runners up	ON THE BALL 2

Northern Areas Seniors Tennis Season 2020/2021 - Val BROOKS

The final event on the season 20/21 calendar was the Annual Berri Teams Tournament during the weekend of 16th to 18th May. Seven teams from the Northern Areas ventured to Berri to play tennis, enjoy the company of friends from other areas, to have fun and of course, play tennis. 89 teams participated from various parts of the state and interstate as well. That is approximately 500 players spread around the Riverland towns of Berri, Renmark, Loxton & Barmera for a weekend of tennis.

Our season started the last Sunday in October 2020 and continued each fortnight until the first weekend of May 2021, a total of 13 matches with one week being cancelled due to unsuitable weather. The last match is usually held in Pt Pirie on the hardcourts followed by the season wind up dinner at a local venue.

Our members travel from far and wide just to play tennis. Some are very dedicated travelling 2 – 3 hours to play on the Lawn Courts at Jamestown, from Nuriootpa in the Barossa, Moonta on Yorke Peninsula and up to Pt Augusta and all places in between. Occasionally a couple have come from Whyalla. Thanks must go to the Northern Areas Tennis Association for the preparation and upkeep of the courts.

Our Christmas Lunch, held on the last Sunday match prior to Christmas, was well attended with about 50 players and partners attending. The lunch was catered for by the Ladies of the group with a selection of Meats, Salad, Christmas Pudding, Custard or Fruit Salad.

The City V Northern Areas match, competing for the “Brian Pink Memorial Shield”, was held in Adelaide this year. This time the City, on their home ground, defeated N.A. Next year’s match will be hosted by the Northern Areas Group back in Jamestown. Prior to this year the Shield had been won by Northern Areas group 6 times compared to the City group 11 times.

During the season, an average of 26 players attended each fortnight with the best 2 occasions being 25th October and 21st March when 33 players attended. The membership was 35 with 3 Life Members.

During lunch on the final day Club Awards were presented to the highest scoring members for the season. The Men’s Award was won by Brian CARRAGHER from Pt Pirie with a total of 341 points, followed by Andrew NOACK from Clare with 299 points. The Ladies winners were both from Pt Pirie with Elaine FITZGERALD finishing with 344 points followed by Eunice SMITH with 322 points.

We look forward to seeing players and friends return when the 21/22 season commences later this year in October.

50th 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 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:

2021 Tennis - Tournaments/Carnivals & Events

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| Jan. 22 | Twilight Adelaide 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 Gold Coast Australian Seniors Championships - Gold Coast Seniors and Miami Tennis Clubs. |
| Oct. 2/3 | 2021 Adelaide October Tennis 30+ Event |
| Nov.14-16 | 2021 ITF S100 Adelaide - SA State Tennis Seniors' Champs. |
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2022 Tennis - Tournaments/Carnivals & Events

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| Jan. 9-14 | 2022 Swan Hill Australian Seniors Championships - Teams Carnival, Swan Hill, Victoria |
| Jan. 17/18 | 2022 Adelaide January Tennis 30+ Event |
| Apr. 3 | Annual TSSA Northern Areas vs 'City' Match – Jamestown SA |
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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.

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

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

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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 of us at:

kathypswan@gmail.com or Max at 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 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 and/or Max.