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All roads lead to the

33rd Berri Teams Carnival 15-17 May 2021



Welcome to our 2nd TSSA bulletin for 2021 and second under our new title tennis 30⁺!

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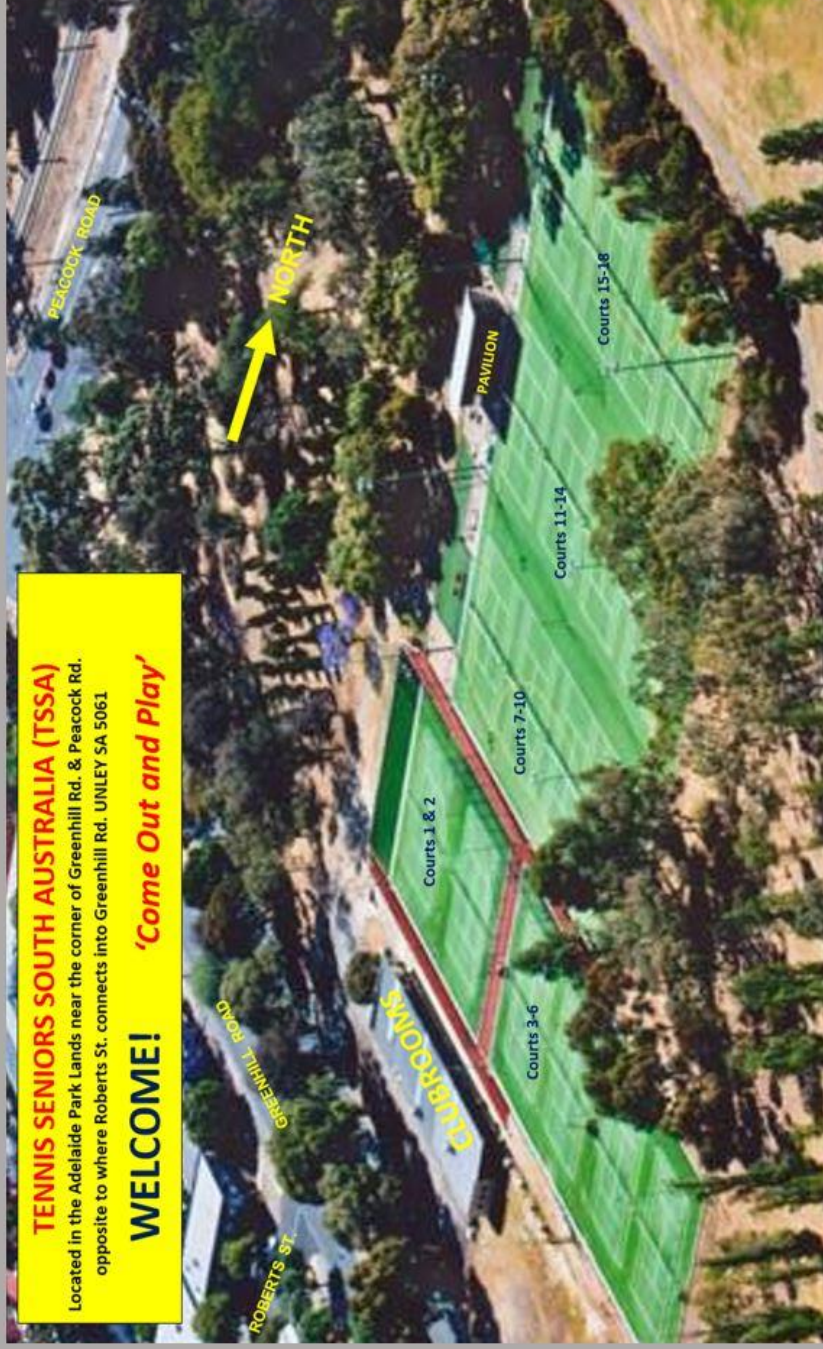
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'Come Out and Play'



South Aussie tennis players 30+ ready to serve it up to their interstate counterparts!

Hordes of interstaters are heading to the sunny Riverland for this weekend's famed Berri Teams Carnival and the South Aussies will be out in force to match them for serious tennis and oodles of fun.

Some of the 48 women's teams and 41 men's teams to step out on the excellent grass courts at Berri, Loxton, Barmera, and Renmark include;

The Bellariners from Geelong. Watch for their crazy moves if the score is 2-2, **Mid Court Crisis** – a Victorian team captained by a Tassie girl, **Fairlie Lamond**, **A Mixed Bunch** from the ACT but featuring Riverland stalwart **Mike Horsman**, **Bendigo Go Girls** – the favourites to take out the dance-off at the **Berri Hotel**, **Three States** in the 70+ men's captained by Northern's **Allan Chapman** (87), **Sets in the City** - a great play on words; Who will be your Big, **Karen Ahrens?** & **Clearview Crocs** include journos **Mike** and **Julian** who now hack away on court.

Our next **tennis 30+** bulletin will feature a comprehensive wrap of the carnival including stories and photos from a range of participants.



Thank you to the Riverland Team & TSSA crew!

Getting the 2021 carnival up and going has been a real team approach!

The Riverland organising group has included those pictured to the right, and also Jesse SYMENS, Mike HORSMAN, Helen RICHTER, Sue PANNELL, Anne CHASE, Kaye TANNER, and Justin BANNEAR.

Thank you to all the Riverland clubs for getting their courts ready and putting in place arrangements to comply with COVID directions.

A special thank you TSSA 'City' personnel Norbert JAHNKE and Marie STEVENS who have volunteered to come up from Adelaide and attend the carnival in 2021 and assist Peter TANNER on the DESK. John SCHLUTER has been identifying other volunteers who are willing to assist and we welcome Gerry GREENWAY to the DESK!

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Take the opportunity if you are attending the carnival to make yourself known to these individuals.

Thank you to our legion of volunteers as a successful event does not occur by chance.

ROGER SANDERSON was the very deserving winner in the *Most Outstanding 35+ Tennis Senior Category 2020/21* at the Tennis SA Awards held on 1 May 2021. Roger is pictured holding his award together with his wife Cindy.

Roger was nominated by TSSA in recognition of his outstanding work over the past 12 months.

We all know that the past 12 months have been difficult with having to manage COVID and Roger's work in his varied roles as TSSA Treasurer, Consortium (TSSA, Adelaide Hockey Club & Pulteney Grammar) Facilities Manager and more recently as a newly appointed member of the Tennis SA Board has been characterised by a focus and a drive in encouraging, promoting, and advancing the continued playing of Tennis by senior players irrespective of standard, throughout South Australia.

Roger has a background in finance, but what is very observable is his passion in ensuring that our playing facilities are not just maintained, but also improved through accessing funding and organising working bees.

Roger is very much a hands-on person and spends countless voluntary hours undertaking work in the background. Whilst Roger describes himself as a so-so tennis player what he does display is a desire and willingness to actively assist in promoting, encouraging, and conducting Social Play Sessions and Events in South Australia for senior players of Tennis.

Roger was Tournament Director for our inaugural 2020 October Tennis Weekend Event and actively assisted with conducting our inaugural January Tennis Event.

Roger is the go-to man for Frank SPIEL who has been establishing the new TSSA website using the ClubSpark platform and in undertaking QA checks of the various policies and key documents that have been developed for and by TSSA over the past 12 months.

Over the past 12 months Roger has worked tirelessly and assiduously in maintaining and enhancing the reputation of Tennis through actions and deeds!



The next several pages contain:

Profiles

of New & Returning Members

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Welcome!

Jo CASEY

Age? 51

Occupation ? Teacher

Jo is one of the latest additions to the TSSA gang, being introduced to the association through the recently held October 2020 and January 2021 inaugural social Events.

Jo comes from the Hills, along with her good mate Ann-Marie YEATES, whose profile is also included in this bulletin as a new member.

During Summer Jo & Ann-Marie are bitter rivals, playing for different clubs. There are plenty of jibes, sledging and hand gestures being an integral part of the game. In Winter though, they are the best of friends, now playing in TSSA's Winter Season's Monday Night Mixed Open Competition as teammates in Mix & Match 2. Ann-Marie volunteered to be Team Captain and together they are a force to be reckoned with!

Jo grew up on a farm near Mt Gambier, a traditionally strong tennis area, and played for a club called Glencoe in the Mount Gambier and Districts Tennis Association from about 8 years of age. Jo also played tennis in Port Pirie while living there in the 90s. She has passed on her love of the game, with 2 of her 3 children playing competition tennis too.

She is currently part of the Littlehampton Tennis Club and runs a very successful night competition up there. She is also the President of the Hills Tennis Association, one of the largest independently run Associations in the state.

Jo describes herself as a "pretty average" player, who enjoys banter and good humour both on and off the court, and of course the obligatory beverage wherever possible.



Chris CLARKE

Age? 42

Occupation? Site & Building Inspector

Any leisure/community activities other than tennis?

Used to play in a band as a guitarist/Vocalist before emigrating from the UK. Always like to have a project on the go – currently building my second electric guitar when time permits.

How did you get started in tennis?

Played a little at school and with friends. Dabbled a little at various points in my life but nothing serious. Now it's about being active and doing something that I wished I'd done more of when I was younger.

At what age and for which team did you play your first competitive match?

Haven't had the pleasure yet!

Which competitions do you play at Tennis Seniors?

None – Social only at present.

Do you play in other competitions and for other clubs? No

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories? Watch this space!

Are other family members involved in tennis? Not at the moment, but I bought my 6-year-old boy a racquet. Fingers crossed!

How long will you continue to play tennis and why? As long as I'm able. I am enjoying playing and think I can get better. It is great exercise and enables me to meet new people.

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

At the moment they all amaze me! I enjoyed watching this year's Australian Open, and of course the mental strength and capability of Djokovic is awe-inspiring.

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

In short – convenience! I was looking for an easy-going avenue into tennis and stumbled across the website. It's not far from where I work and perfect for dropping in on a Friday. The fact that people of different ages and abilities can all meet up for a hit with no egos or expectations to get in the way is great, and just what I was looking for. The chance to get more involved as a new member of the Adelaide fraternity is just awesome and be able to do the same for others.



Michael DONALDSON

Age? 87

Occupation ? Retired

If retired, what was your main trade/profession/line of work while gainfully employed?

TV Production at the BBC in London - then at age 39 I had somewhat of a lifestyle change - I took up farming and holiday rental properties in France!

How did you get started in tennis?

As a teenager I played socially in Sydney's western suburbs but the club scene there was fiercely competitive, and they didn't need me. I resumed playing in my mid-50s in France.

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories?

I've never played in formal competitions but joined in local village tennis in France. On one occasion we played another village, and my opponent was a man of short stature (1.1-metre) who beat me comprehensively by slicing and dicing me like a piece of raw beef. Afterwards my team-mates said I was very brave to tackle this man who'd just won the little persons' world championship at Roland Garros!

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

As long as my body allows, maybe another 10 years.

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

I'm showing my loyalty to my adopted country by saying Yannick Noah. He won the French Open and left a big mark on the game. He has moved on from tennis and is achieving great things in other areas.

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

My brother was researching a house purchase for me and spoke with Brian Morgan who told him about TSSA.



Marcelo GUERRA

Age? 36

Occupation?

Horticulture Technician - Mushroom Farm

Any leisure/community activities other than tennis?

Member of a Christian Church – Parkside Baptist.

How did you get started in tennis?

Played when younger.

At what age and for which team did you play your first competitive match?

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For which clubs have you played?

In Brazil, where I was born.

Which competitions do you play at Tennis Seniors?

Played in the January Carnival and have filled in for Thursday doubles comp.

Are other family members involved in tennis?

Not in Australia, apart from my son who is just starting out.

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

As long as I can

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

Gustavo 'Guga' Kuerten from Brazil. (Won French Open three times).

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

Just to play socially and keep fit.



Hugh JOHNSON

Age? 61

Occupation ?

Retired – worked in civil engineering and construction.

Any leisure/community activities other than tennis?

Golf, boating, cycling, woodwork, camping, and travel.

How did you get started in tennis?

Started competitive tennis at Adelaide Uni – 1990ish, played some mixed Saturday afternoon hardcourt, but mostly Saturday morning men's lawn.

For which clubs have you played?

Played briefly for Reade Park but mostly Xavier. I play only Thursday morning Seniors now.

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories?

Only successes were a few pennants for Division 6.

Are other family members involved in tennis?

My wife used to play but not now. None of my three kids showed much interest.

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

I enjoy the Thursday morning competition due to the extremely friendly disposition of fellow players. Games are competitive but always played in good spirit. I also greatly admire the fitness and skills of the older members. It is inspiring to see 80-year-old (and even older) players maintaining their activity and fitness through tennis. I hope to still be playing at that age.

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

I was a great admirer of John McEnroe in his day and have a lot of respect for players such as Federer and the Williams sisters, and any player who doesn't 'grunt' on each shot!

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

I was introduced to Seniors' tennis through Dave MacDonald who I've been friends with since we both attended Blackwood High School!



Nick 'Nico' JOAKIM

Age? 73

Occupation ?

Managing Director. I've been running my own businesses since 1972.

Any leisure/community activities other than tennis?

I play over 50s soccer. I love Aussie Rules and played at a high level. In fact, I love all sports.

I was the lead singer of the Mau Maus back in the days of venues like the Princeton Club and 54321.

I collect art and love the theatre, opera, and travel.

How did you get started in tennis?

We had a tennis court at home, and I learned by watching the top pros on TV during the 1960s.

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories?

Played in numerous competitions in Melbourne and enjoyed team success. As an individual my best result was at the big annual tournament in Warrnambool when I was runner-up to a young whippersnapper.

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

Until I'm 6ft under!

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

It's hard for me to go past Rod Laver, John Newcombe, and Tony Roche. All great players and gentlemen as well.

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

I have a regular hit with my nephew, and we turned up at South Park Centre one day, met Michael Pocock and Ivan Tanner and they suggested we come out and join in the Thursday competition. Now I hope to play in some of the other TSSA comps.



Bob MORCOM

Age? 70

Occupation? Teacher (Relief work)

If retired, what was your main trade/profession/line of work while gainfully employed?

Retired from full time teaching.

Any leisure/community activities other than tennis?

Anything outdoors Sea Kayaking, Bike riding, Hiking

How did you get started in tennis?

Played Hardcourt up to 19 years old and now returning to the game.

At what age and for which team did you play your first competitive match?

Greenacres tennis club 12 years old

For which clubs have you played?

Greenacres the only one

Which competitions do you play at Tennis Seniors?

Thursday night only

Do you play in other competitions and for other clubs?

No

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories?

Northern Districts U19 handicap Doubles Champions 1969

The black bitumen courts sticking the "Dunlop Volleys" to the surface on a 40-degree day.

Are other family members involved in tennis?

No

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

As long as I can, fitness and the social aspect of doubles suits me

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

Federer, simply great temperament

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

Children bought me a tennis racquet for Father's Day, they are always challenging me to keep fit



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Age? 50

Occupation ? System Engineer

Any leisure/community activities other than tennis?

I enjoy karate, walking, camping, and family time with my wife and 12-year-old son.

How did you get started in tennis?

For fitness I joined Collingrove TC in 2016 where I firstly played social and then in senior teams. Prior to that it was just an occasional hit every now and then.

For which clubs have you played?

Played at Collingrove for three years but they now don't have many senior teams, so I switched to Greenacres where I currently play doubles and my son is in the same team.

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories?

I was lucky to play in two premierships at Collingrove. I really value team success, helping your team get over the line is very satisfying.

Are other family members involved in tennis?

My son plays but my wife doesn't – as yet.

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

As long as my body allows. There is always room for improvement.

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

Rafa, Djokovic, and Roger - they never give up. On and off court they set a great example.

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

I was just looking for an extra practice hit, and Norbert Jahnke made me very welcome on Thursdays. The standard is very good, and I learn a lot from my older team-mates.



Geoffrey PRIDEAUX

(Photo in next edition)

Age? 67

Occupation ? Semi-retired physiotherapist

Any leisure/community activities other than tennis?

Playing ukulele, learning Spanish.

How did you get started in tennis?

At my mother's insistence.

At what age and for which team did you play your first competitive match?

11 for Denman.

For which clubs have you played?

Denman, Sturt, Reade Park, Stirling East, Colonel Light West, Stirling, Port Elliot, Echuca, Port Noarlunga, Kensington.

Which competitions do you play at Tennis Seniors?

Nil at the moment.

Do you play in other competitions and for other clubs?

Played for Port Elliot last season in Div1, Great Southern TA.

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories?

Div1 premierships in Hills Association with both Stirling and Stirling East. Member of Hills side to win A grade country carnival championship.

Are other family members involved in tennis?

My sister in Sydney still plays A-grade.

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

As long as the body holds out. I have a shoulder problem currently.

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

Roger Federer.

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

I was just interested in the Thursday morning hit.

Seth 'Rhino' RENTON

Age? 44

Occupation? Accountant

Any leisure/community activities other than tennis?

Running

How did you get started in tennis?

Through boredom and wanting to be Stefan Edberg!

At what age and for which team did you play your first competitive match?

12 years old. Georgetown Tennis Club

For which clubs have you played?

No other clubs.

Which competitions do you play at Tennis Seniors?

Thursday nights, B1 or B2.

Do you play in other competitions and for other clubs?

Social Tennis on Mondays at Blackwood Tennis Club.

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories?

Our team won the winter season last year, but we did not get recognised. I think COVID distracted the organisers. Lol.

Are other family members involved in tennis?

Hoping to get my daughter into tennis soon.

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

As long as the body permits because I really enjoy it.

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

Stefan Edberg, I am not sure why, but I loved him as a kid.

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

Luke O'Dea needed a team fill in and I tried tennis out on the synthetic grass for the first time and enjoyed it.



Ann-Marie YEATES

Age? 52

Occupation? Debt Management Officer Centrelink

Any leisure/community activities other than

tennis? Watching movies, reading, music, stargazing, building Lego space models

How did you get started in tennis?

I grew up in the country so tennis in the summer was pretty much a compulsory activity.

At what age and for which team did you play your first competitive match?

Commenced in my early teens. Played for Cooke Plains.

For which clubs have you played?

Cooke Plains, Dover Square, Happy Valley, Verdun, Onkaparinga, Littlehampton.

Which competitions do you play at Tennis Seniors?

Monday Night Mixed Doubles.

Do you play in other competitions and for other clubs?

Summer with Onkaparinga and Winter with Littlehampton.

Can you tell us of any tennis achievements/awards/memories?

Nothing worthy of mention! Unless you count Onkaparinga Div. 1 Doubles Most Consistent for 2012/13!

Are other family members involved in tennis?

My son Zac & daughter Sophie. Sophie and I make a pretty formidable mother-daughter doubles team!

How long will you continue to play tennis and why?

As long as I am able. It's the only sport I play!

Can you tell us your most admired current or past tennis player(s)?

Current – can't go pass FED Express and our own Ash.

Past – Sampras, Edberg, Wilander, Borg, Leconte, Arantxa Sanchez, Martina Hingis.

What/who influenced you to become a member of Tennis Seniors SA?

My friend asked me to play in a weekend tournament late last year and again for mixed doubles. Will also be in a team for Berri for the first time and really looking forward to it!



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 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' Champs. |
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2022 Tennis - Tournaments/Carnivals & Events

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| Jan. 9-14 | 2022 Australian Seniors Championships - Teams Carnival, Swan Hill, Victoria |
| Jan. 17/18 | 2022 January Tennis 30+ Event |
| Apr. 3 | Annual TSSA 'City' vs Northern Areas Match |
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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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An invitation is attached for any members who may be visiting Canberra and who would like to attend.



Invitation to 50th Anniversary Dinner

Tennis Seniors ACT was born on 6 May 1970 in the old tennis pavilion at Manuka. These 50 years have been busy and, generally rewarding. Members have had to work hard at times but it has resulted in success and enjoyment. There have also been heartbreak and sadness. The dinner is a moment to reflect and recall.

22 May 2021, 7 for 7.30pm

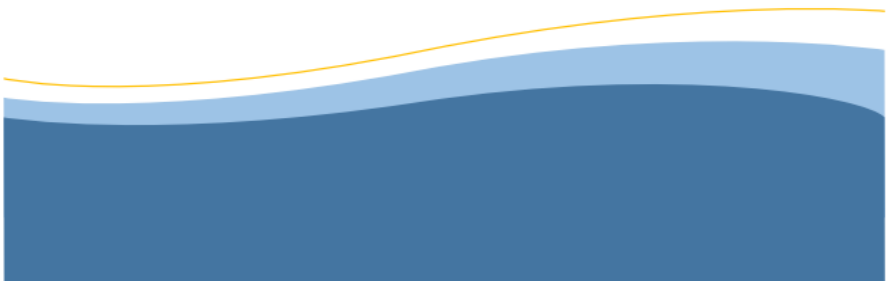
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TSA RANKING LISTS

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

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

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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:

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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.

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