

Pauline WARD

**Tennis Seniors SA
Life Membership - 2000**



Tennis Seniors SA takes pleasure in awarding Life Membership to Pauline WARD for her tireless and long-term commitment to both the SA Veterans Tennis Association and more recently Tennis Seniors SA.

Pauline joined the Veterans Association in 1981 and was immediately elected as Secretary. Her work in these early times was significant because the Veterans Tennis Association had just begun in 1971, and the membership numbers were beginning to grow. In her new role she worked with John MEHAFFEY, the inaugural President of the SA Veterans Tennis Association.

In 1981 Pauline and Stan HAWKINS ran the first weekly night team competitions which are still operating successfully and are enjoyed by members today. Initially these events consisted of men's teams only. In 1983 women's teams joined these competitions.

South Australia hosted the 1986 Australasian Championships, and Pauline held the responsible position of Tournament Secretary. 101 teams competed in this event, and the Championships were an outstanding success.

Pauline continued to support later Australian Carnival and Individual Championship events. She acted as the Public Relations convenor in the 1994 Australian Championships, and was responsible for Players Welfare and Transport in the 1997 ITF cups and was Secretary and responsible for Publicity for the 2001 ITF cups.

Pauline also assisted with the inauguration of and played in many Tristate and the City vs Country Matches. The Tristate was an annual event between South Australia, Victoria and NSW and was an iconic competition for Seniors Tennis in Australia. Pauline played from the first event in 1980 to 2011 when it sadly ceased.

She also supported the annual South Australian Seniors Tournament for many years and had some success by winning the Ladies Doubles (with Pauline FIELDEN and Joan YOUNG) and Mixed Doubles (with Tats SAKAI) in her age group.

In 1996 SA Veterans Tennis Association established a liaison with Marryatville High School, which was a designated Special Interest School for tennis. Pauline and Dean BILLING conducted coaching for students with the assistance of several other SA Veterans Tennis members.

Pauline has been involved with Seniors Tennis in South Australia from its early days until current times. She has worked with John MEHAFFEY and other people responsible for the formation of the SA Veterans Tennis Association. Pauline has played a significant role in the development and growth of Seniors Tennis in South Australia over these years and strongly deserves her Life Membership.

Sources:

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