

# Alan 'Alby' MARSCHALL

## Riverland Tennis Seniors Association

### Life Membership – 2004



Alan joined the Berri Tennis club in 1973 and over his many years of service held the positions of President, Secretary & Captain as well as being involved with grounds development & courts curator. He was instrumental in the planting, & upkeep, of the trees along the hill. This has become known as "Alby's Hill" – a fitting memorial for a person so dedicated to the environment & tennis. For all this involvement Alan was made a Life Member of the club in 1985.

He was heavily involved in the development of junior tennis, not only for Berri but the whole Riverland. His willingness to act as mentor & provide transport over so many years was very much appreciated by juniors & their parents. He greatly enjoyed the Country Carnival week in Adelaide with the Junior Boys Teams, particularly when the shield came back to the Riverland in "the beast" – that famous orange XB Fairmont!

His enthusiasm for this level of tennis is perpetuated in the shield Alan donated for competition between Riverland & Mildura junior teams.

Life Membership of the Junior Tennis Association was conferred on Alan in 1995.

Alan was also involved in the Mid-Week Ladies Tennis Competition as an administrator & the Winter Tennis Competition as a player & administrator. He was made a Life Member of the latter in 1998.

Throughout all this time he was actively involved in the administration of the Riverland Lawn Tennis Association, mainly as Secretary. He was made a Life Member in 1993.

In 1988 Alby became Secretary/Treasurer of the Riverland Veteran's Tennis and continued in this role until his death in January 2008.

The May weekend was "his baby" & we will endeavour to carry on in the fine tradition that he has left for us. Alby was made a Life Member of our Club in 2004.

Alan will be remembered for his kindness, his reliability, his conscientious approach to all tasks, his loyalty and, of course, his great cooking skills.

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Sources:

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***The Tennis Seniors SA Association mourns the loss of Alan MARSCHALL.***

***Over the past 20 years we came in contact with Alby through the Berri Carnival, and also regularly interacted with him in his roles as Secretary/Treasurer of the Riverland Tennis Seniors Association.***

***He was a great person to deal with, who followed up everything that was asked of him.***

***He will be greatly missed.***

Janet WANG, TSSA Secretary 2008

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Sources:

2008 – former TSSA website < <http://www.tenniseniors.org.au/sa/Profiles/AlanMarschall.htm> >