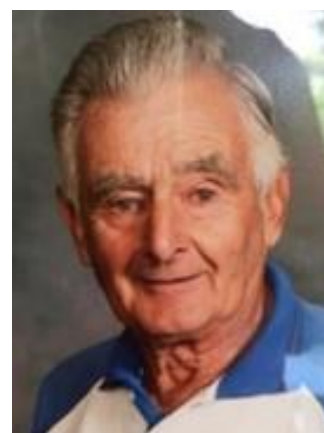


# Frederick Charles 'Twink' SPARKS

## Northern Areas Seniors Tennis Life Membership - 2004

Twink was the inaugural president of the Northern Areas Seniors Tennis Group that was formed in October 1988 at the Jamestown Lawn Tennis Club and at the time of writing this profile for inclusion on the TSSA web site in 2020, 32 years later, he is still president!



Twink first played for the Canowie Belt Tennis Club, then for the Town Tennis Club for over 50 years where he became renowned for his involvement in tennis, being a regular attendee at working bees and delegate to the Lawn Tennis Club.

Since the inception of the annual Berri Teams Tournament in 1988 Twink has been a regular participant.

In 2004 Twink was presented with Life Membership of the Northern Areas Seniors Tennis Group.

Over the years Twink has been continually active in the sheep trading industry. He travelled to New Zealand four times on Seniors Tennis Trips with several other South Australian Seniors on tours conducted by the late Ian JONES of Christchurch.

For several years Twink served as a Local Government Councillor on the Northern Areas Council.

In 2016 Twink celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party, together with family and friends in the Jamestown Lawn Tennis Clubrooms and following speeches and cutting of a birthday cake made in the shape of a tennis court, life members Deb MCCARTHY and Anne REDDEN on behalf of the Jamestown Lawn Tennis Club came forward and presented Twink with life membership of the club!



Twink still plays regular competition tennis on weekends enjoying the tennis and the social activities involved.

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