HELEN SCHREIER

"Volunteering in sport of Tennis"

Tennis Seniors SA Life Membership - 2004

Helen joined the Veterans Tennis Association of South Australia (TVASA) in 1986. She played tennis for many years in the weekly team events held in early years at Glandore Oval and Payneham and then continuing at South Park.

Helen was elected to the General Committee of TVASA in the early 1990's and has continued for the past eleven years. Helen led TVASA as President for one year.



Helen was Coordinator for the weekly Ladies competitions for ten years and organised both the Summer and Winter competitions. Her Coordinator role included attending coordinator meetings and organising and printing programs for the competitions.

In 1994 Helen was a Committee member for the Australian Veterans Tennis Championships held in Adelaide. 180 teams participated in these Championships. Helen's role was to organise the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the social programs for the two weeks of the Championships where 180 teams participated.

In 2000 the Australian Championships returned to SA where 152 teams participated over two weeks. Helen acted as Convenor of the important Championship functions. These included the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Social Events, and the celebratory Presentation Dinner.

Helen was also a member of the Organising Committee for the last two ITF events held in Adelaide.

Helen has played in fourteen Australian Championships and has played in Tri-state, City vs Northern Areas many times and thirteen fun times in Berri.

Helen has been one of the central people involved in producing the SA-VET magazine for many years. She has performed many roles including proof reading, packaging, and distributing this quarterly magazine to approximately 600 city & country members.

Last year Helen became the Membership Secretary for the Association, which involved processing our yearly membership via our database, as well as new memberships, accounts, and labels for mail outs for SA-VET magazine.

Following Helen's Life Membership Award Helen continued to contribute on the General Committee as Membership Secretary which involved processing yearly memberships and updating the membership database. Importantly Helen has relentlessly encouraged the few unfinancial members to "pay up" over her years as Membership Secretary. She has also continued with her role in producing and distributing the SA-Vet magazine.

Sadly, Helen was unable to continue playing tennis around 2015 because of knee problems.

Helen's contribution to Seniors Tennis in SA has been significant and long term, and she has earned her Life Membership.

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