

Brian ARNOLD

Tennis Seniors SA

Life Membership – 2005

Brian ARNOLD was awarded Life Membership of Tennis Seniors SA for his excellent contribution to TSSA in a range of different administrative services.

He joined the Veterans Tennis Association SA (VTASA) on 17th November 1988, after playing at PAC (Prince Alfred College) as a fill-in for three matches and being told he had to join VTASA. Thus, began his long association as a player for over twenty years. He has been and is still involved in several roles.



In 1991 Brian was encouraged by Doug WARD, Grounds Coordinator for the ITF Von Cramm Cup to assist him. This led to further involvement for the 1994 Australasian Championships, as well as the ITF Crawford and Alice Marble Cups. His work involved “behind the scenes” tasks, including putting up signs, supplying each venue with ice etc. He was the Grounds Coordinator for the 2000 Australian Championships.

In 1994, Brian, with Bob CAMERON, assisted Robin ARCHER with co-ordinating the weekly Men’s B Grade Competition. A second venue became necessary and Brian took over from Robin when he was forced to retire as he had a heart attack whilst on court at Payneham.

Brian became Recorder for all Night Competitions, and progressively developed a computer system for recording that also enabled unfinancial members to be identified and followed up.

In 1994 Brian joined the Committee and remained a committee member until 2002/03. He was Tennis Grounds Coordinator for most of those years with the assistance of Norm COVENTRY and Eddie DRUMMOND. He also carried out odd jobs as Mr Fixit.

Brian’s playing career ended in 2009 and he passed the Men’s B Grade co-ordinating role to Norbett JAHNKE. He continued as the Recorder and was later joined by Ernest STEVENSON for all competitions in Winter and Summer. He also works out the Programmes and Ladders for all Competitions.

In 2000 Brian became Co-editor with Janet WANG of SAVET the quarterly Seniors Tennis news magazine, following the serious accident of Nancy SCHULTZ. This involves organising the articles for the Newsletter into pages, placing sponsorship motifs and photos, and liaising with the printer. He has continued in this role, even though no longer a playing member.



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After retiring from CSIRO in 1999, Brian took up a second career as a tennis official, initially as a Court Supervisor at junior tournaments locally. Later he became a qualified Referee and also a Line Umpire, even calling a point against himself in a Thursday night match where nobody else on court knew that a served ball striking an opponent before bouncing is against the receiver. He officiated as a Line Umpire at twelve Australian Opens, as well as many local junior and other tournaments. His involvement as a Tennis Official was beneficial in him attending all Grand Slams, even if only as a spectator at Wimbledon, Roland Garros and Flushing Meadows. The annual SA Tennis Seniors Championships and the 2009 Australian Championships were refereed by him, with his last tournament as a Court Supervisor being the 2018 State Championships of Tennis Seniors SA.

Thank you, Brian from Tennis Seniors SA, for your effectiveness and competency in conducting the many roles you have performed!

Sources:

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