Brian DEW

Tennis Seniors SA
Life Membership - 2009

Brian's contribution to SA Tennis Vets (now Tennis Seniors SA) has been exceptional both as a gifted tennis player and a leader in administration.

Brian joined the SA Tennis Vets in 1985 and has played regularly in most of their night competitions and tournaments as well as all of the Berri Teams carnivals except one. Brian also played in most of the Australian Veterans Championships since 1986.

In 1986 Brian was elected to the committee of SA Tennis Veterans Association – he served 10 years. During that time, he was Vice President for 3 years and President for 5 years. Brian also became Chairman of the Consortium Committee that was responsible for the establishment of the current tennis and hockey complex at South Park now the SA Tennis Seniors Headquarters.

Brian was chairman of the organising committee for the Australian Tennis Vet Championships conducted in Adelaide in 1994, These championships under his leadership are still widely acclaimed as the most successful National Championships ever held. He was chairman of the organising committee for two ITF cups that were played in Adelaide, in 1991 and 2000. In 1995 at the Australian Vet Championships held in Canberra he was awarded the Australian Veteran of the Year for 1994.

In 2005 he was appointed to the temporary position of Administrator Advisor to the National Executive for 6 months. His duties were to provide comprehensive advice on matters of finance, membership, our historical records, promotional strategies, sponsorships, and all aspects of planning for the future. He developed a 5-year plan for the National body. At the 2006 AGM he was nominated as Vice President of the National Executive, a position he still holds.

In 2007 Brian was appointed as Chairman of the Organising Committee by the Tennis Seniors SA Committee, to conduct the 2009 Australian Championships in Adelaide. The 2009 Championships were successful due to Brian's leadership, coordinating the Champs Committee, working many

hours overseeing every facet of the tournament. The tournament ran very smoothly. At the Presentation Dinner, he was awarded the Australian Administrator of the Year for 2008.

Helen, Brian's wife, has travelled with Brian to many Seniors Tennis events, and they have played together in several Australian Seniors Championships, and Berri Team Tournaments.

Brian's achievements in his leadup life before TSSA time indicated that his success in Seniors Tennis should be no surprise.

Brian began tennis in 1951 when he first picked up a racquet at the age of 9 years. After some initial coaching he joined the Broadview Tennis Club 3 years later and began playing competitively. His talent for tennis was obvious, and in 1960/61 he represented the SA Hardcourt League in matches against Victoria and ACT. Brian won the Broadview Singles Championship 17 times, and the Northern Districts Championship on eight occasions. In 1973 and 1974 he won the SA Hardcourt singles, doubles and mixed doubles Championships.

Brian's tennis early involvement in tennis administration was also impressive. He was a committee member at Broadview for 20 years and was President for seven of those years, with his contributions being recognised through the awarding of Broadview Tennis Club Life Membership in 1974. Brian also served on the committee of the Northern Districts Tennis Association and was treasurer for four years. In the mid-1990s Brian was elected to the Board of Tennis SA and later became Vice President.

The Insurance industry provided Brian with a long and successful professional career. Brian was State Manager Commercial Insurance with SGIC for some of these years.

Helen and Brian have toured extensively around Australia by caravan since Brian's retirement in 2004. They have used this opportunity to play in many of the Seniors Tournaments held in various regions of Australia.

Brian deserves to be very proud of his major contribution to Tennis over many years. Tennis Seniors SA acknowledges your efforts gratefully, and thanks you.