

Kathryn 'Kathy' PFEIFFER

Tennis Seniors SA Murray Bridge & Districts Life Membership – 2013

Kathy was formally presented with her Life Membership badge and certificate by Patron of the club John BRYAN on 2nd November 2013 at the Club's 20th Birthday celebration held at Murray Bridge Golf Club.

In 1993 Kathy attended a meeting that was held in Murray Bridge to discuss joining the Veterans Tennis Competition that resulted in the formation of the Murray Bridge and District Seniors Tennis Association.

Upon the formation of the Murray Bridge and District Seniors Tennis Association Kathy became the inaugural Treasurer, and by 2013 had attained an unbroken service total of 20 years. In 2020 when this profile was updated, she still serves as treasurer!

Throughout her time serving the club, Kathy has displayed a willingness to take on extra duties and responsibilities, as highlighted in being the secretary as well as the treasurer during the period 2003-05 and undertaking the role of the club's media officer for several years, writing numerous articles for inclusion in the Murray Valley Standard. Kathy also each year represented the association at the annual meeting of the State's tennis seniors' associations held at South Park Tennis Seniors Centre.

Naturally, Kathy's passion is playing tennis and is always a regular attendee at our monthly events and has represented our association/club on numerous occasions when we have participated in interclub challenges, especially against South East Seniors.

She has been a regular member of a Murray Bridge & Districts Seniors team who have participated at the annual Berri Seniors Carnival over many years (& has helped her team win their division on several occasions).



Life membership of the Murray Bridge & Districts Seniors Tennis Association was given to Kathy Pfeiffer at the twentieth anniversary celebration dinner by Club Patron, John Bryan, who presented Kathy with her badge, certificate and flowers.

Over the years Kathy has participated in several State Senior events and attended many Masters Games.

In updating Kathy's profile in 2020, Kathy was asked to provide some reflections upon how she got into playing tennis and the journey that led ultimately to becoming an inaugural member of the Murray Bridge and District Tennis Seniors Association in 1993, and after many years of a service being awarded Life Membership in 2013, and remaining an active member/player today (2020):

My maiden surname was WEGENER and I grew up in the small town of Palmer (near Mannum.)

"Malcolm GROTH who was a tennis player from Angas Valley, had a chat to my sister Helen and myself, enquiring if we were interested in playing tennis as they were short of a few players. I remember at age 15 years standing on a tennis court at Angas Valley with no idea where to stand or what to do - apart from trying to hit a ball and that day I wore pink shorts and a white shirt.

My sister Helen and I then joined the Milendella-Palmer Luther League Club, playing teams from Mannum, Ponde, Angas Valley, Tungkillo and Palmer. Home courts were at Palmer.

When I married, I lived on a farm at Bow Hill and played for Perponda - that Mallee Association played small clubs along the highway to Loxton from Karoonda. I also played for Glenburnie, South East (with my sister Helen) for 2 years.

Returning to Murray Bridge I joined the Murray Bridge Lawn Tennis Association on their new courts down Sturt Reserve, playing Pennants and later joining the Doubles Competition.

Did also play 2 years in for Brinkley Club.

Have competed in Masters Games Alice Springs, Country Masters Murray Bridge, Port Pirie, Naracoorte and Clare. where I have made some great friendships.

The awarding of Life Membership in November 2013 was a proud moment to be sure!

Looking forward to the years ahead, with good health and more tennis!

Sources:

Lorraine GRAETZ, June 2020

Kathy PFEIFFER (nee WEGENER) – July 2020