



John BUTTERWORTH

Tennis Seniors SA Life Membership – 2014

John Butterworth has committed himself to serving Tennis Seniors SA over many years. His work was always conducted with loyalty, energy, foresight, and leadership, and TSSA is pleased to award Life Membership to John for his valuable contribution.

John joined Tennis Seniors in 1990 and began his long-term administrative roles in 1993 by joining the social committee and chairing the grounds sub-committee. John became a TSSA committee member in 2003 and was President of TSSA for five years from 2008 to 2013. During his years as President John initiated the installation of solar panels on the club house roof, which has significantly reduced the power costs of the Tennis, Hockey, and Pulteney Grammar consortium over the subsequent years. John also played an important role in working with Brian Dew to conduct a highly successful 2009 Australian Tennis Seniors Championships in Adelaide. John also supported the regional SA Associations. He has coordinated the Annual Northern Areas vs City team tennis match for fifteen years, played in many of those events and instigated a permanent trophy for the Northern Areas vs City event. John also initiated the setup of the Fleurieu Seniors Tennis Club at Port Elliot. In addition to these initiatives, John managed the regular President duties, including ongoing administration of the Tennis, Hockey and Pulteney consortium and tending to our relationship with Tennis SA with his usual care and thoughtfulness.

John was an enthusiastic tennis player with a game that used a heavy spin strategy. Since the early 1990's John has supported and played in all the weekly team competition events that Tennis Seniors SA has established over the years, including Division 1, Division 2, mixed doubles and social tennis.

In May 2012 John initiated and was pivotal in establishing the first men's daytime mid-week competitions in Adelaide with two divisions playing on Wednesday and Thursday mornings all year round. Interestingly the top division later included a very talented women's team that beat most of the men's teams in the competition.

Since 1996 John has played in several Australian Tennis Seniors Championships and captained teams for his age group.

It is clear that John has been a major contributor to the development of Tennis Seniors SA. He has played his tennis to enjoy the game and give the best of his abilities. His administrative efforts have been conscientious, dedicated, determined and energetic, and he has always carried a sincere concern for the well-being of TSSA.

One of the difficulties in leading volunteer organisations such as TSSA is to achieve consensus decisions within a committee with quite diverse inputs. John achieved that – an achievement of a good President.

John: we hope you enjoy the increased spare time you are about to encounter. Thank you on behalf of TSSA for your wonderful efforts and achievements over the last five years as president and for your role as a Committee member since 2003.



Sources:

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