

# Dennis HAUPT

## Tennis Seniors SA Life Membership - 2017



Dennis HAUPT has been a major contributor to the success and growth of Tennis Seniors SA for many years. His consistent efforts have benefited Tennis Seniors SA significantly, and his contribution is acknowledged tonight with thanks from the committee, which takes pleasure in awarding life membership to Dennis.

Dennis joined the South Australian Veterans Tennis in August 1991. He joined the committee in 2002 when he took up the executive role of Vice President. He still holds this position.

During this time, he has been one of the Tennis Seniors SA representatives to deal with Consortium issues - This includes resolving issues brought about by the different interests and views of the Consortium members, Tennis Seniors SA, Pulteney Grammar School and Adelaide Hockey. As most would know, this process has seriously tested the sense of humour of all parties on occasions, and Dennis has always put the interests of Tennis Seniors SA strongly during Consortium meetings and in meetings with the Adelaide City Council.

Dennis has been prominent in Senior player selection, being a SA Senior selector for at least 20 years, and a National Senior selector for at least 15 years. His selection considerations have always been pretty accurate and fair.

Tournament administration has also taken up a significant amount of Dennis's time. He has consistently helped with the organisation of the Seniors Tennis SA Championships held each November. Furthermore, he has been a member of committees organising the Australia Seniors Tennis Carnivals and National Championships in Adelaide since 1994. Notably he was instrumental in recruiting Ron RUSSO as Chairman of the 2017 Carnival held in Adelaide in January 2017. As members would know, Ron's abilities as chairman are well recognized, with this Carnival being awarded the best event of 2017 by Tennis SA, and Ron himself receiving significant awards from

both Tennis SA and the Adelaide City Council. Clearly Dennis's proposal with committee approval to recruit Ron was a major success for Tennis Seniors SA. Excellent choice Dennis!

While Dennis's administrative contributions are extensive, his "hands on" efforts in the maintenance and improvement of South Park facilities have been enormous. Louis KEMENYVARY was also involved in some of this work.

Achievements include:

- Laying pavers along courts 4-6 and along the club house and assembled a garden for the 2009 Australian Championships in Adelaide.
- erecting sail shades.
- installing vanity basin in ladies' bathroom.
- untiring "behind the scene" work at Tournaments and Australian Championships.

In fact, it is likely that Dennis (along with Louis) are responsible in some way for any improvements or repairs that you see around South Park.

We apologise if we have omitted acknowledging some of Dennis's contributions tonight. Any omissions are because at times Dennis has a work style worthy of the elite ASIO class. At times, the committee does not know what Dennis is doing, nor when he is doing it, and even whether he is in the country. So further thanks Dennis for all the other unknown stuff you have done for Tennis Seniors SA.

Despite the time and effort that Dennis has spent over more than 20 years on "hands on" jobs and administration, he has still played a lot of Seniors Tennis. He has played in the Australian Championships for about 25 years, participated in many Berri Carnivals and Mildura Tri-State Events, and in earlier times played in the Tennis Seniors SA weekly competitions. He has played with ability, particularly in younger years.

We also acknowledge Dennis's wife Pam for her contributions which have included helping with state and team tournaments for many years.

To repeat, Tennis Seniors SA members acknowledge and thank you Dennis, for your extensive and considerable contributions to Tennis Seniors SA. We hope you continue to enjoy your membership of Tennis Seniors SA, now as a life member.

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Sources:

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