

# Sue HAND

## Tennis Seniors SA Life Membership - 2017

The committee is pleased to award Sue Life Membership of Tennis Seniors SA for her efforts over more than twenty years.

Sue HAND has made strong contributions to Tennis Seniors SA with her leadership in women's tennis and her never-ending energy in conducting fund raising and social activities.

Sue was a keen and capable tennis player in her younger years, playing for Modbury, Hope Valley and Broadview tennis clubs before joining Seniors Tennis.

Initially, Sue resisted becoming a Tennis Senior, saying she was not old enough to join Veterans Tennis as it was then.

She overcame her resistance in 1993, and became a Veterans Tennis member, thereby starting her long and beneficial association with Seniors Tennis – certainly, her membership has been beneficial for Seniors Tennis, and we are confident that Tennis Seniors has provided Sue with many rewarding times.

Sue began organising social activities for Seniors Tennis around 1997 and her early initiatives led to many social nights, including Xmas in Julys, Xmas in the Park, progressive dinners, and Square Dance nights. In addition, Sue has organized fundraising events over many years, including film nights at the Capri Cinema, and Quiz nights, as well as selling Entertainment Books to members. These social events have strengthened the Tennis Seniors SA community and her fund-raising activities have given our club welcome financial support over the years.

In 1999, she became a member of the social committee for the Australian Championships held in Adelaide in January 2000 and helped to organise the social activities for these Championships.

Sue was elected to the general committee of Tennis Seniors SA in 2006, and she has continued her committee role uninterrupted, expanding her social activity and catering work.

For the 2009 and recent 2017 Australian Championships in Adelaide Sue led the organisation of the Championship social activities, including the Opening Ceremonies and the Dinner Dances. The Dinner Dance event for the recent 2017 Championships was widely viewed as perhaps the best ever and Sue can be proud of the success of that event in particular. Catering was another component of Sue's responsibilities as lead organiser of social activities for the 2009 and 2017 Championships. This involved organising and running the canteen for the two weeks of each of the Championships, and providing morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and nightly BBQs for several hundred players, administrators, and tournament supporters. A hard-working group of volunteers have also contributed to the success of the catering during these Australian Championship events.



Overall, the outstanding success of the social events and catering for three Australian Championships is due in large part to Sue's unending hard work, her leadership and considerable organisation skills. Her friends have also contributed to the success by providing willing competent help.

Sue's catering efforts have not been limited to the Australian Championships. She provided catering for the 2015 Masters Games over three days. She has also organised and provided catering for a number of local Tennis Seniors events, including Regional meetings, Tennis Seniors SA committee meetings, City vs Northern regions competitions and supper following AGM meetings. Sue's catering efforts have resulted in many delicious food servings that have been appreciated by all that have tasted them.

Sue's social contributions and committee responsibilities have taken up an enormous amount of her time. However, she has also found time to play Seniors Tennis. She was born into an elite tennis group - the precocious and much-loved 'left-handers tribe' and has enjoyed annoying those afflicted by right handedness for many years. Sue has been one of Tennis Seniors SA's most consistent participants. She has played in the local weekly night competitions for over twenty-two years, including the Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles competitions. She has also played in the Australian Teams Carnival since 1997, and in the Tri State Mildura since 2001. She has also played regularly in the City vs Northern and City vs Country events, and the Berri Carnival for many years.

As well as playing herself, Sue has shown leadership, encouraging other women to play many Seniors Tennis Teams events.

In summary, it is clear that Sue has made outstanding contributions to Seniors Tennis, in terms of hard work, excellent organisation and strong leadership. Tennis Seniors SA acknowledges and thanks you for your major contributions. You are very worthy of this award.