

Vale Rom Gawrys

I met Rom at the Mount Gambier Tennis Club where he had become a legend, playing for 40 years as an A1 player, winning man titles along the way, including Club Champion in 1964.

Rom was honoured with Life Membership of the Gambier Tennis Club as well as the Association. He also spent a lot of time coaching juniors, not only teaching them to become good players, but also teaching them good etiquette, something that is lacking in some of our current stream of junior players.

A group from City Veterans came down to Naracoorte in April 1990 to gauge the amount of interest down here in forming South East division. Rom was among the many to make the trip and give help and encouragement to forming our own Veteran group. The meeting was successful and the group is still thriving. Rom continued his involvement with the group as a loyal and very popular member, right up until ill health prevented him from taking any further part. It was a sad day when due to ill health Rom was unable to continue his involvement. His first set back occurred while still taking part in a tennis match at Glencoe, but that was to be the end of his long and illustrious career.

Rom's name will be added to the Perpetual Shield for Veteran Tennis Players on display at the Active8 Centre on Penola Road.

I would like to conclude by saying thank you Rom for the many happy memories you have left us with, after a very eventful life which included many ups and downs

We hope you can now rest in peace. God Bless.

Bruce White
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