

Sue MCKELVIE

Sue joined Tennis Seniors SA (TSSA) in 2001 and in the same year attended the National Championships that were held in Tasmania, where she met and became lifelong friends with Sue Hand.

Since 2001 Sue has attended every National Championships either as a player, or supporter, when no team was available in her age group.

Sue has been a regular player for various teams in the TSSA Weekly Competitions, both during winter and summer.

Sue initially played for a team in the 2001 Div. 1 Ladies Winter Competition and then for the following 3 years played for the 'Coro' team on Wednesday nights. Sue then joined the 'Hot Shots' team who competed in the Ladies Div. 1 Tuesday nights weekly competition, summer & winter seasons.

Sue regularly represented TSSA, playing in the annual Tri- State Tournament held in Mildura, from 2002 until it folded. She has also competed in the annual Berri Carnival since 2003 and has played in the annual Northern v City competition for many years.

From 2002 until 2010 Sue has played in every State Championship.

Besides being a regular player, Sue has made significant contributions as both a volunteer and member of the TSSA Committee.

Sue's web management skills were recognised and in 2004 she took over from Dean Billing as webmaster producing a new-look website and then in 2008, in response to Tennis Seniors Australia wanting all states to have their website looking and feeling the same, she had to re-design yet again!

From 2004 until 2019 Sue freely provided her web management knowledge and expertise to TSSA. In 2016 she set up the Tennis Seniors SA Group in Facebook and also set up a complete backup system for all the association's documentation in Microsoft One Drive.

Sue was first elected to the TSSA Committee in 2005 and served until 2010.

In 2009 the Australian Tennis Seniors Championships were held in South Australia, for which Sue developed a dedicated website and contributed to the various social activities conducted during this period. Sue initiated the production a slide presentation highlighting player in action during the championships and was a major contributor to the documentation that captured the highlights.

In 2012, Sue was a significant contributor on the committee which produced the history of 40 years of Tennis Seniors in SA, that culminated in the production of a book and slide show presentation at the 40th Anniversary Dinner.

From 2014 Sue attended all TSSA Committee meetings to ensure that the TSSA website and Tennis Seniors SA Group Facebook pages were being kept up to date.



In 2017 Sue set up a dedicated website for the Australian Tennis Seniors Championships that were held in Adelaide and once again, Sue was a major contributor to the successful running of social events that again included preparation of documentation and presentation of a slide show featuring the players who had competed during the week

Sue's approach to all the tasks she has undertaken at TSSA can be characterised as being quietly efficient, supportive and friendly. She has been a long serving member of the TSSA Social Committee and always helped out in the kitchen whenever there were functions held at the club.

The above details show some of Sue's valuable contribution to, and participation in, the successful running of our club. I am very proud and privileged to have met Sue in 2001 and to refer to her as a great friend and colleague!



Sources:

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