

# Vetscore

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## President's Message

**H**i Members!  
 Congratulations to our New South Wales players who were successful in the Queensland Tennis Seniors Championships. We had 20 players who won titles, and many more were Finalists. They met with some inclement weather which dampened their spirits, but they managed to have all Singles events played out. This year there were over 350 entries! Congratulations to Gail Bates, the committee members and helpers for a successful and well run tournament, in spite of bad weather. (See the TSA website).

Our New South Wales Championships will be held at Pennant Hills Park, for a second time, on the October long weekend. We appreciate that it's very close to departure date for those going to Turkey, and we understand that some of our players will be already "on their way". We wish them well.

Accommodation info is on our website, and we encourage you all to use our recommended providers. We are anticipating good entries once again, and I encourage everyone to invite a friend to participate. Pennant Hills is readily accessible from both north and south approaches to Sydney. (Only 10 minutes from Hornsby and 45 from Liverpool!)

Our sponsors are once again Millennium3 Financial Services, who came on board last year, and have generously agreed to support us again! Thanks to Rob Castle for securing this one!

Two successfully-run Social days have been held at Marrickville Lawn Club (50 players), and Picton, 30. We appreciate the great work done by Margaret Biddle and Margaret Morschel in running these days. Let's keep this tradition of social days alive, with good attendance. Our members can help by spreading the word! Forster had sensational weather this year, with Bob and Doug running a super tournament once again! Prizes were their usual high standard and variety, thanks to the hard work of the committee and the generosity of Neil Elkington's Harvey Norman store in Taree. Berry "Legends" is on again, with guest this year former Squash World Champion, and Tennis

## Tournament & Social Round Robin Days 2008-2009

Dates	R/R or Tournament	Contact	Phone
Aug 15-17	Muswellbrook Park Seniors	Val Angel	0408 436 443
<b>Aug 24</b>	<b>Picton Social Day</b>	<b>Margaret Morschel</b>	<b>4681 9943</b>
Aug 29-31	Eurobodalla Seniors	Marie Barritt-Eyles	4471 5156
Sep 6-7	Mudgee Seniors and Juniors	Doug Hill	04 1254 0687
Sep 12-14	Inverell Seniors	John Williams	6722 4348
<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Picton Social Day</b>	<b>Margaret Morschel</b>	<b>4681 9943</b>
Sep 20-21	Lismore Seniors	John Stoddart	6621 3417
Sep 27-28	Gunnedah Tennis Club Seniors	Amanda White	6743 3510
<b>Oct 3-6</b>	<b>State Championships ITF Cat 2</b> <b>Eastwood Thornleigh District Courts, Pennant Hills</b>	<b>Max Ward</b>	<b>9614 1600</b>
Oct 8-11	Berry 'Legends' Tournament	Lyn Rankin	4421 4542
Oct 10-12	Manning River Seniors	Paul Extrem	0418 861 931
Oct 13-17	Merimbula Seniors	Michelle McCoy	6495 4177
Oct 18-19	Dubbo Paramount Seniors	Glenn Armstrong	6882 4603
<b>Oct 31-Nov 8</b>	<b>Mildura Coach Trip</b>	<b>Margaret Biddle</b>	<b>9750 9546</b>
<b>Nov 2-7</b>	<b>Mildura ITF Cat 4 + Tri-State</b>	<b>Susan Watts</b>	<b>03 5027 6226</b>
Nov 8-9	Hunter Tennis Resort - Raworth	Adolfo Garcia	4933 3750
Nov 14-16	Wyong RSL Seniors - Tuggerah	Matt Roberts	0402 236 560
<b>Nov 23</b>	<b>Springwood Challenge</b>	<b>Max Ward</b>	<b>9614 1600</b>
Nov 29-30	<b>Nominate by phoning Max as soon as possible</b> Bathurst Seniors	Ted Riches	0427 255 690
Nov 27-30	"City of Sydney Classic" - Berala	Robyn Deppi	9645 5093
<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>Teams' Practice, Charity Day &amp; AGM</b> "Grand Finale of the Year" - Contact Max to advise attendance	<b>Max Ward</b>	<b>9614 1600</b>
<b>2009</b>			
<b>Jan 11-16</b>	<b>Tennis Seniors' Teams Event</b>		
<b>Jan 18 - 23</b>	<b>Australian Championships Cat 1</b> <b>South Park, Greenhill Road Unley - (Adelaide)</b>	<b>(Enter on-line 92computing.com)</b> <b>J Wang</b>	<b>08 8376 9197</b>
Feb 6-8	Ulladulla Summer Games	Val Crook	4454 4160
Feb 14-15	Lithgow Seniors Tournament	Sue Metcalf	6350 3692
Feb 21-22	Port Macquarie Seniors	Greg Alchin	6584 9940
Feb 27 - Mar 1	Walcha Seniors Tournament	Betty Sweeney	6777 2120
Mar 7- 8	Howe Park Grasscourt, Singleton	Kate Staff	6572 2025
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Marrickville Lawn Social Day</b>	<b>Margaret Biddle</b>	<b>9750 9546</b>
Apr 4 - 5	Blayney Seniors	Rosemary Reid	6366 3399
Apr 10 - 13	Newcastle Fundraiser Tournament	Frank Kitcher	4954 5038

Seniors World Champion, Heather McKay, followed, as usual, by Merimbula, Dubbo and then the Mildura Coach trip, organised expertly by Marg Biddle. (see the article in this issue).

There is a report on page 3 regarding the Presidents' meeting which was held on June 15. Arthur and I attended, and were less than impressed with the attitude of Tennis Australia towards our Seniors.

Max and Doris Ward have returned once again from their annual "pilgrimage" to Canada where they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 26. Congratulations to them both.

Thanks to Arthur for processing the renewals and applications that arrived in those weeks, and for responding to all the enquiries. Well done, it is much appreciated.

Most of our members have renewed their membership for 2008-2009, but there are about 185 who are still to send it along. Please put it in your "reminders", and send it as soon as possible. We need your contributions to keep our 35+ Tennis Seniors running smoothly.

Here's hoping we get a big increase in our Championship numbers, I look forward to welcoming a record crowd.

35+Tennis Seniors are the Best!  
 Preso Noel

# Forster turns on the Sun!

**F**riday saw many of us battling both the wind and opponent in the Singles. There were some new faces in the younger age groups, which was great to see! One young guy is returning to tennis after 15 years away, having played "the circuit". Welcome, Ross, you really made an impact.

Players from interstate made the competition stronger, with several from Victoria, ACT and Queensland, gracing the courts in all events. A special mention here to Ray West (QLD) who practically needed to buy a trailer to take home his trophies! 4 wins from 4 events! Well done, Ray.

The 300+ entries had Tournament Director Bob Gorman "on the hop", and he was ably supported by his wife, Gail, the fantastic committee headed by President Doug Kessell and the band of

volunteers who seem to come from everywhere to make the weekend what it is! Not to mention the excellent sponsorship from Neil Elkington's Harvey Norman store, which enables the club to provide a mind boggling array of prizes to choose from!

The clubhouse and surroundings have been gradually improved, with an added paved section out the back for enjoyment of the barbecue and the sunshine! The gardens are well cared for, as there are "working bees" every Friday, attended by all and sundry. It all creates a great overall appearance and is a real treat to enjoy.

Some players who have been out with illness or injury returned to play, and we missed some who regularly attend. Welcome back to Mary Gordon and John Shepherd. Alan Walsh, Mike Pyne, Ian Davis, Dennis Bindon and Ian Fisher must

all be saving themselves for next year, and we wish them well in their quest for "tip top condition". Alan and Dennis are preparing to go to Turkey, so we wish them well as they get ready to represent the great "Downunder"!

There was the usual spectacle in the 35Mixed Doubles, between the "defending Champions" Yvonne Stanton and Craig Bullivant versus Karen Thompson and Brian Adams. Some sensational rallies were once again the order of the day! On Sunday all four came on court decked out in sparkling tiaras with Karen and Brian wearing especially designed outfits emblazoned with "GO US" on their tops. (See the pic.)

A special welcome to Juliann Jacobsen from Southern Districts, attending her first "real" Seniors' tournament, with Singles competition. She now knows that he has muscles in her backside which need a certain amount of care and attention! Juliann won the 35+ Singles on Friday, against some excellent opposition, especially from another newcomer, Carolyn Campbell. Well done, girls!

This tournament was selected for National ranking points this year. And don't forget the "City of Sydney Classic" tournament to be held shortly in Berala. Make sure you get your entries in for that one, too! There is sponsorship which, if we don't "turn up" in good numbers, we will be likely to lose next year! So get into training, drink that water, and get the muscles toned! "Thirty Five Plus" Seniors need YOU!

R Castle

## Mixed Teams' Tournament June 7 - 9

Saturday gave us a full day's excellent tennis, but not so Sunday and Monday! The rain came again! Some people went shopping and matches were cut back to 6 sets, for half a day's play, but at least we got out there!

There was some sensational tennis played, with a few saying that they never get such good, even tennis at any other tournament. The format is popular, and a 9.30 start is so-o-o civilised!

Each winning team was awarded a \$300 prize booty, and one team said they would all go out for dinner with the money!

**Winners were:**

**GOLD:** The Oil Stars: K McLaren, I McGregor, H Burge, S Osmond.

**BLUE:** Team Tuggerah: S Herbert, E Handbury, M Clayton, D Cassel, S Clapton.

**GREEN:** Unmatched: C Edwards, C Macri, D Valk, H Lenz, L Simpson, H Webb.

Next year, it is hoped we will have some added prize money, so that we can give a 2nd prize. Thanks to President Noel for "footing the bill" at the bar once again!

August 2008



## Committee Capers

From the Presidents' Meeting, held in Melbourne, June 15:

The Executive of TSA has decided on their plan of action for the following issues:

1. The National Championships shall not remain with a particular state for more than one year.
2. The National Championships will be held in January each year regardless of which state is hosting the event.
3. The Teams' Event will comprise teams of **three divisions**, if possible, and it seems from initial feedback, that there will be enough entries to allow this to happen in Adelaide, 2009.
4. No resolution has been reached with Tennis Australia as to the sponsorship arrangements with Tennis Seniors Australia. (Still no money from TA for our teams to represent us overseas. CEO Steve Wood is quoted as saying that he will not fund "well-to-do seniors having an overseas holiday.")
5. A memorandum of agreement (MOU) is to be worked out between TA and TSA, with the aim of developing a "national brand agreement" which will facilitate agreements with the respective state bodies. (i.e. TSNSW would have an agreement with Tennis NSW.)
6. TSA is to have a development officer in TA who will provide secretarial assistance and access to marketing/sponsorship expertise to each state.
7. In the next five years the Australian Championships are scheduled: 2009: SA, 2010: QLD, 2011: TAS, 2012: NSW, 2013: ACT
8. Bruce Osborne has presented a Ratings Review (to be ratified by each State) and National Selectors' Requirements.
9. Victoria is considering nominating to hold the ITF World Championships 2010 in Wodonga, and TSWA is extremely concerned about its costs in holding them in 2009. (The costs to the Host venue are borne totally by the Host committee, with no assistance from the ITF.)

To offset the payment made to NSW "Elite" (representative) players, a motion has been put forward to financially support an award for the "Best & Fairest" male and female competitor at some of the more popular, and successful country tournaments. This will necessitate an application by Clubs holding these tournaments, and they will have to concur with a set of criteria set by the committee. This grant will NOT be paid to the Club or to the Coach for their own purposes.

## *A Hearty Welcome to all these New Members:*

Mary Cox	4965 8040
Anita Ross	9980 8306
Hugh Ross	9980 8306
Carolyn Tett	6672 6987
Graham Manson	4920 1575
Peter Lu	9544 7909
Gordon Latimore	4997 5361
Ronald Goodman	4991 7010
Michael Doyle	6343 1494
Harold Lyme	6336 2299
Donna Maynard	6581 3940

Please contact Robyn Castle if you wish to receive a free "Tennis Ranch" T-shirt!

## *Sincere Condolences*

*to Ron O'Connor on  
the recent sad loss of  
his daughter,  
Cheryl, who passed  
away on July 24.*

*Cheryl left behind  
two daughters aged  
5 and 7.*

## Membership Renewals

Keep them coming! Even if you have lost your renewal form, send your cheque with a note to Max, and he will make sure you are registered to June 2009.

## Head to Adelaide and Shine!!! In January 2009!

**E**ntry forms for the Teams' Championship are included in this mailout, so please take note of the following:

1. **Players can enter** by simply nominating for selection in their age group or they can choose to enter as part of a team, suggesting other possible team members.
2. **The Selectors**, however, have the final say as to the final composition of the teams that are chosen to represent the state.
3. **Bookings** for accommodation are at a premium, as there are many other events in Adelaide at the same time, viz. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> (Teams) and Individuals Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check out the Tennis Seniors SA website for details. [www.tennisseniors.org.au/SA](http://www.tennisseniors.org.au/SA)

### Mildura History

"In approximately 1978/79, some Vets received an entry form for a tournament to be run in Mildura. Bruce Kentish, Brian Bermingham, Dick Wilson, Keith Munro and John Mahaffey from SA turned up but were the only ones, so they played with the locals over the weekend. On the Saturday night they all boarded a paddle steamer for a dinner cruise and a cyclone came up which forced the skipper to pull in to the bank and moor. Then all power failed and they were stuck until Dick Wilson, an Electrical Engineer, went to help down below and eventually restored power and they were able to get home. Then they discovered that all the washing they had left out had disappeared in the cyclone.

The Mildura tournament kept improving as NSW and Victorian Vets turned up in numbers and eventually an annual match was organised to be played at a different town on the Murray River each year after the Mildura tournament. These were played at Albury, Euchuca, Yarra-

4. **Payment** MUST accompany application. Team fees payable by Tennis Seniors NSW have risen to \$495 per team, so we need to set the amount to players at \$100 each.

5. There is a **"State Dinner"** on Monday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> and payment needs to be made with this application. We have kept it at \$40 per head, (the same as in Wodonga), and we encourage everyone to attend - it's traditionally a GREAT night!

6. **Captains** are nominated by the Selectors, and their duties entail: Welcoming the players to the team; arranging to meet before going to Adelaide (Cintra Park, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) and informing Max of their attendance; organising which players are likely to perform well together, (with particular attention to which court they prefer!); keeping results daily, and submitting a "Captain's Report" to the Secretary as soon as possible after completion of the tournament.



wonga and Swan Hill until Mildura made their courts available and the match has been played there ever since with SA joining in to make it a Tri-State event."

Negotiations had commenced in May 1967 with Mildura City Council for 25 courts, a Clubhouse and a flat, to be erected on the riverfront. This was 40 years after first being mooted and 24 years after the second attempt to be located on the present site! The 9<sup>th</sup> Street land owned by Mildura Tennis Club was sold to the Council for \$45,000 and together with government funds, the 25 courts were built as well as the clubhouse and the flat. The new courts were opened in March 1969 and proved to be of enormous value.

### SUBSIDY for ITF World Championship Representatives

Tennis Australia has withdrawn its financial support in 2008 to all our Senior players. We are presently enquiring as to their motivation for such a drastic step.

Letters have been sent to the CEO, by various players, parts of which are quoted in the article on Page 10.

Tennis Seniors NSW is still giving \$500 to each member who has supported our State Championships and our National teams.

HOWEVER, players who cannot play in the State Championships or the Australian Teams' event as a result of other very important commitments are quite entitled to WRITE to the committee and request special consideration for the subsidy. All such applications will be considered on their merit.

We believe that this issue is especially pertinent to our NSW World ITF Seniors' representatives who are playing in Turkey, considering the lack of support from Tennis Australia.



Peg with the congratulatory card she received from her daughter.

# Mildura Coach Trip

## ANNUAL COACH TRIP - SYDNEY/MILDURA

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
2008

TOUR CO-ORDINATED BY MARGARET BIDDLE

In conjunction with the Annual Tournament for Seniors run by Mildura Lawn Tennis Club and the Annual Tri-State Challenge: NSW/VIC/SA

- COMPLETE PACKAGE PRICE: \$760 twin/share basis min. 35 passengers
- First class Touring Coach from Crowther's Coach Company, Caringbah. The Driver remains with us the complete week. The trip includes:  
8 nights / 9 days - 6 nights Mildura Bed & breakfast - 2 nights Wagga D/B/B. All hot breakfasts served in dining rooms of first class motels.  
All transfers to and from courts and functions.

Whilst some players who attend the Mildura week choose to drive and arrange their own accommodation, the Coach trip endeavours to cater for those who want to attend as individuals, or with friends, and would rather not undertake such a long drive. It is an ideal complete package for new members.

Boasting 32 grass courts in a beautiful parkland setting, near the banks of the Murray River, the tournament is conducted by the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club from a licensed two-storey Clubhouse overlooking the courts. It caters for all standards, with a strong Tournament and separate daily round-robins.

- MILDURA TOURNAMENT - 4 days incl. welcoming Twilight Round Robin Saturday 1st November. (Bookings essential). Tournament Sunday to Tuesday (Melbourne Cup day).
- TRI-STATE TEAMS comprising 16 gents & 16 ladies from each State, plus 4 players who are over 65 (which makes up 20 in total). NSW teams are selected from players in Mildura and the event is played on Wednesday and Thursday against South Australia and Victoria. Daily Round Robins are organised for players not selected in the Tri-State. The Dinner Dance is on Wednesday night. This year Victoria is hosting the tournament and organising the Dinner on the paddle vessel "Mundoo", cruising the Murray, which was such a success last year.



There are some organised social activities, and on the weekend we arrive there is also a Jazz Festival in Mildura.

Don't delay, full details can be obtained by phoning the Tour Coordinator, Margaret Biddle: Home: (02) 9750 9546, Mobile 0408 225 986, or email [margaret.biddle@bigpond.com](mailto:margaret.biddle@bigpond.com)

## ITF Tennis Seniors' World Championships

### 2008

#### **Seniors AND Super Seniors Antalya, Turkey**

October 12-18 Teams

October 19 - 26 Individuals

### 2009

#### **Seniors: Majorca, Spain (Clay)**

April 27 - May 2 Teams

May 3 - May 10 Individuals

#### **Super Seniors: Perth, WA**

Nov 2 - 7 Teams

Nov 8 - 15 Individuals

*34 Men and 25 Women have been selected to represent Australia, (see February issue for list).*

*Of the 69 men and women, 20 from New South Wales will make the trip to play their best against the rest of the world. Some of them will defend titles won in 2007. We wish them well.*

See the TSA website for a "preview"  
[www.tenniseniors.org.au](http://www.tenniseniors.org.au)

# Tennis Seniors Queensland State Championships

A “wrap-up” by R Castle

**A**lmost 30 players from New Zealand graced the courts on Friday, getting the tournament ‘up and running’ at the two beautiful major tennis centres at Pizze Park, Miami, Gold Coast Seniors and Miami Grass Tennis Clubs. Interstate players and Japanese guests plus a host of Queenslanders made up the record number of 350+ entrants.

Ahhh, Queensland! Beautiful one day, . . . and you know what comes next!

They may have to change their slogan, as the Queensland Tennis Seniors State Championships were washed out for 2 days at Miami. This was Gail’s worst nightmare come true! There was play on Sunday afternoon on outside courts at Emerald Lakes, the Highway, Queens Park and Burleigh Heads, so the lucky ones got to play half a day! Sunday night saw some players battling it out in Singles Semi Finals on very ‘soggy’ grass at Miami, which gave the “mud runners” a slight advantage.

There were one or two “surprises” – with Tony Harkin victorious over both Ian McDonald and Ian King, to make the 70 Men’s Final against Peter Froelich, and Wendy Gilchrist, who is making a comeback to Seniors, taking out the 55/60 Women’s. Wendy won a very tight match in wet conditions



over Helen Worland 6-7, 7-6 (10-7) in the Semi, and was untroubled in the Final against Carol-Anne Robinson.

The younger Men’s age groups were less surprising, with the top seeds victorious in M35 Jamie White, M40 Chris O’Mara and M45 Glenn Hamilton. M50 winner was Peter Hampton (NZ) over Australian representative, Bruce Osborne (VIC). This was a great victory to the New Zealander, who had defeated number two seed, Mike Ford to make the final. M55 went to a “dark horse” from Queensland, John Burness, who had to defeat the number 2 and 3 seeds to reach the final, and then overpowered the top seed from New Zealand, Gary Oliver 4-6, 6-0, (10-4), to take the title.

M60s was a hard-fought win to Phil Higgs over NZ’s David Hawkes, 6-3 6-4 in a match that went for a couple of hours. Dennis Bindon prevailed over Bruce Burns to take out the 65s. Max Byrne’s trip from Tassie was not in vain as he was able to claim the 75s title from Nev Langford in a convincing manner, 6-0 6-3.

The W35/40 was won by NSW newcomer Carolyn Campbell with convincing wins over Narelle Follington in the semi and Julie Dybendahl in the Final. W45s was a straight sets win by Brenda Foster over Victorian, Wanda Clothier. W50 was a victory to Helen Webb over her long-time friend Ros Hand, who is left wondering how to win a few games. Judy Hancy made an excellent return from a knee injury, (December, Christchurch), taking out the W65/70 against a competitive field which included the tenacious Bev Evans from New Zealand, in the final 6-1, 6-7 (10-2).

Combined Doubles events were decided on Friday, but due to the inclement weather, many other doubles events were washed out. All the ‘5’s on Saturday and a few other events at Miami on Sunday, disappointingly could not be played. The Mixed were completed on Monday, after the Singles Finals, much to the relief of the organisers! Some excellent tennis was witnessed, especially in the 40’s and 45’s where Brenda Foster and Bruce Osborne swept all before them and Peter Hampton with Felicity Oxnevad had Hugh O’Brien and Helen Webb wondering what to do next in their playoff! (See the results in full on the TSA website:

[www.tenniseniors.org](http://www.tenniseniors.org))

## Believe it - or not, check these pics!



1. *Did you hear about “Debbie Does Dallas”? Well here we have “Dallas Does Keith.”*
2. *Bob McWhinnie has his tongue “just right” for that winning backhand in Wodonga.*
3. *Elwyn McCabe in his Scottish best, dressed up for his son Leo’s wedding, at Curzon Hall in May.*



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## West Tamworth May 31 – June 1

Bruce Murden reports that the tournament went well, with some excellent pairs competing in all age groups. What was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality!

	Winners	Runners-Up
<b>Saturday am: Ladies "A" grade Individual R/R</b>	Maureen Bartels	Judy Cousins
<b>Men's "A"</b>	Glenn Armstrong	Barry Wilson
<b>Saturday am: Ladies "B" grade Individual R/R</b>	Diane Power	Sue Ayres
<b>Men's "B"</b>	Val Angel	Jill Baker
	Noel Fraser	Mark Fisher
<b>Saturday pm: Doubles</b>		
Women's 35-49	K Lenz L Simpson	J Cousins C Salisbury
Men's 35-49	W Dickinson G Armstrong	B Wilson P McGregor
Women's 50-64	D Steep L Bryant	C Norvill J Holder
Women's 50-64	M Foster H Macduff	G Chiplin S Chillingworth
Men's C110/120	N Fraser J Ball	J Foster R deRuiter
<b>Sunday am: Combined Doubles</b>		
Men's 70/90	G Armstrong W Dickinson	J Cameron P McGregor
Women's 70/90	K Lenz L Simpson	J Cousins N Follington
Men's 110/120	N Fraser N Thomas	J Foster R deRuiter
Women's 100/120	D Steep L Bryant	H Burge D Power
<b>Sunday pm: Combined Mixed</b>		
70/90	G Armstrong K Lenz	N Follington W Dickinson
100/110	M Hunter M Foster	B Guest S Ayres

**Footnote:** Bruce has received a disappointing diagnosis with respect to his shoulder problem. It seems he needs another operation which will have him out of tennis for a long time.

We wish you well in your recovery, Bruce!

August 2008





## Robyn's Moat

**P**ortschach, Austria was the scene of this year's Wilson Friendship Cup, for women over 75 years of age. Each person can play in it just ONCE only, and they have to be nominated by their home country. Peg Hoysted (NSW) and Shirley Whitaker (VIC) were lucky enough this year to gain selection, and were treated to first class luxury in the Werzer Hotel, overlooking Wothersee Lake.

They played for the European team against the USA, in which Peg won both her Singles and Doubles.

After all matches were played, the European team and USA were tied on sets and games, which meant a 10-point Tie Breaker had to be played. It was a real "nail biter"! Peg and Shirley were chosen to play the No 1 USA pair. They led 9-2, when the Americans staged a come-back to 6-9. Peg and Shirley prevailed, winning for the European team 10-6. What an exciting finish!

Together they won the European 75+ Doubles 6-2, 6-0 and then Peg featured in the Singles Semi-final where she went down 6-4, 4-6 and 10-7 in the Tie breaker. Unfortunately, Peg broke down the next day when leading 6-0, 1-0 with tendonitis of the Achilles. What a blow! (Just goes to prove that Singles is a dreadful game, doesn't it, Peg?)

## Farewell to our dear friend, Derek

**I**t was discovered 11 months ago, that Derek Arthurs had bowel cancer. Even though he had several operations, and some successful treatment, it spread to his liver, which was terminal. Derek wanted to play tennis as long as he could, and he managed to keep playing at an amazing level, even up to a month before he died. In Mildura last year, he and Peter Keller won their Doubles event, against strong competition. Peter admitted that he went to Mildura just because "Derek asked me to" – he thought he'd make the most of it. He is so glad he did! Hundreds of mourners packed the funeral parlour and paid their last respects to a man who had won their hearts. The Irish humour was well and truly evident in Derek. His friend Frank, sent a very touching message which was read by Rob Hughes. It was sprinkled with humour, too.

Our hearts go out to Angie and her 3 children, Kerry, Mike and Wayne, who will sadly miss Derek. We will miss him, too, and if that's any small comfort to the family, we must pass it on. Give Angie a call or send an email, she may need contact with friends in the coming months. R Castle

*From the prayer booklet, (read by Bob Howes):*

*You can shed tears that they have gone,  
Or you can smile that they have lived*

*You can close your eyes and pray they'll come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all they've left you*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see them,  
Or your heart can be full with the love you've shared*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy tomorrow because of yesterday*

*You can remember them and only that they've gone  
Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn  
your back*

*Or you can do what they would want, smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*



Peg and Shirley on court after their BIG win.

## 200 Club will be ON AGAIN!

In 2007, TSNSW raised \$2,500 (a combination of money from the 200 Club and our Charity Day raffles in December), which we donated to the "Red Kite" Foundation for Families of Children with Cancer. A big "thank you" to all our generous contributors! Tickets are on sale once again, for this year's club. \$10 a ticket.

This is our major fund-raiser each year, kindly coordinated by Julie Pratt. Be in it, to win it! See Jules or Robyn C to buy your ticket.

Thanks to Val Angel who will be selling them as well.

Grandparents'  
Honour Roll

Excitement for "first-time" grandmother, Denise Martin, on June 4, when a healthy 9lb 4oz grandson came into her life! Michael Charles Martin, son of Grant and Jacki arrived safely, and has been sleeping ever since! (At least that's what Denise has found – she has yet to see him with his eyes open!) And more good news is on the way: her other son and his wife are expecting in October. (Watch this space.)



Robyn Barrett advises that William James Hoult has arrived safely! Six weeks early and not in Australia, but all is well. He was born on 20th June in Singapore to Jennifer and Matt, weighing 1.98 kg. He spent a little while in the Special Care Unit but was soon in the Nursery, and released from hospital within a week! He had already regained his birthweight! A trip for a besotted Grandma to Singapore went ahead in early July!



Narelle Winter and Allan Cocks are pleased to announce a couple of new arrivals! Narelle's daughter Michelle and husband Bradley produced their first child in June, a boy named Samuel. (A third grandchild for Narelle.) Allan's youngest daughter Sarah, gave birth in July to his 11<sup>th</sup> grandchild, an adorable little girl, Eli. Congratulations to both of you and enjoy those new bubs.



Barry Ling, aged over 75 before he became a granddad, has now got TWO grandchildren! Another granddaughter, Congratulations, Barry.

**Cheerio Corner**  
**To members and friends:**

Remember the first three letters of the word "stroke" S-T-R; so if someone close to you *suffers a fall without warning*, make them "smile," "talk" and "raise both arms". If they have trouble with ANY of these tasks, ring 000 immediately. You could save their life.

Farewell and Enjoy your New Home!

Alan Bailey and Mavis have MOVED - to Launceston, into a beautiful residence near where Max and Val Byrne are situated in the summer months. They haven't seen much of each other yet, but they are looking forward to some great friendship and Max will have a great hitting partner!

The Baileys have grandchildren nearby which was a great attraction to the place and they think it's great! They can see much more of the family, and they don't have to travel. Well done, now that's a "Sea Change" if ever there was one! We hope you really enjoy your new life with the family, and look forward to seeing you in Hobart, in 2010!

We were pleased to see that Frank Pitt is still involved in tennis at Forster, even though he cannot play, through a back injury. Frank turns 86 in September, and we wish him well in his recovery. Frank had a "chauffeur-driven" ride to Sydney on Monday. Hope those "quacks" in Sydney could help you, Frank!!

A cheery "hello" to Jo Wade, wife of Dallas, who was at Forster. It was good to see you looking so well Jo!

Joyce and Barry Hancock came along to say "hello" at Forster, having moved to Queensland several years ago. You are both looking well - must be the great climate up there in sunny Queensland! Joyce says they still love to receive their copy of Vetscore to keep in touch! Best wishes to you both.

Another escapee to sunny Queensland is Denis O'Neill from Forster - best wishes, Denis. We'll miss your happy face. Keep enjoying the Hinterland lifestyle!

Some people just cannot help themselves, can they? Tennis is not enough exercise for Stephanie Asprey, who went jogging, and had a fall, breaking tarsals in her foot! Best wishes to you Steph, we hope you recover in time for a "big build-up" for Adelaide!

**Resignations**

We regrettably have a few of these from year to year, and a few new faces to take their place.

John Blake is not renewing his membership, through ill health (or is it lack of your usual excellent fitness, John?) We shall never forget the fantastic form you showed in Newcastle '05, (4 set winner) to carry the team home in the 65+ Teams' Final against the BIG guns! Please don't forget us!

Bob Waller is not renewing either - probably because I never get around to printing his jokes! Sorry Bob! Please keep in touch with a Vetscore subscription! I will eventually get around to printing the jokes! RC

From Barry (Grandfather) Ling:  
What have Saddam Hussein and Little Miss Muffet got in common?  
*They both had "Curds in their way".*



## Congratulations Max and Doris!



Fifty Years of  
wedded bliss!

## Best Wishes

*To the following players  
who have been either ill or  
injured and OUT of  
tennis:*

Alan Carroll, a special wish to you and Lois, to let you know that Tennis Seniors are thinking of you.

Bruce Burns (foot injury)

Ian Fisher, (knee)

Max Ward, (legs etc)

John Shepherd (ill)

Di Harradine (knee)

Sheila Hunter (knee)

Enid Ryan (ill)

Marge Luck (back)

Garry Potter (knee) - plus one or two other parts from time to time!

Noel Fraser, (knee, legs arms, head, shoulders, elbow, in fact anything that could go wrong - has gone wrong, isn't that right, Mr President?

Not to mention a dear friend and ex-NSW and overseas representative Lee Taylor in QLD, who has been trying everything to beat a crippling elbow injury in an effort to be fit for Turkey! Good luck!

## Cessnock Results July 5 - 6

### SATURDAY

40 WD  
45 WD  
45-50 WD  
50 WD  
45-50 MD  
60-70 MD (1)  
60-70 MD (2)  
60-70 MD (3)  
70 CXD  
95 CXD (1)  
95 CXD (2)  
115 CXD

M Wayte L Funnell  
S Ayres W Izzard  
H Burge L Dale  
I Crowley M Davis  
P King T DeLeeuw  
J Rudd M Hook  
R Warner G Potter  
L Jarrett H Blanch  
G Woodward L Blackshaw  
J Andrews R Marrant  
L Carey K Carey  
B Kauter L Handbury

B Hayes R Uptin  
V Angel S Johnson  
V Mulhearn M Warner  
B Clough P Knipe  
A Blake E Handbury  
C Holman K McLaren  
G Manson C Hoade  
B Wallace J Holt  
M Hook C Gentle  
L Dale J Organ  
T Gentle J McKibbin  
B Wallace S Rattray  
D Munday C Munday  
D Daniel L Funnell  
D Matthews J Bonser

125 CXD  
140 CXD

G Potter M Wayte  
L Jarrett M James

### SUNDAY

70 WD  
100 CWD  
100 CWD (1)  
100CWD (2)  
70-90 CMD  
115-130 CMD 1  
115-130 CMD 2  
140 CMD  
35 XD (1)  
35 XD (2)  
45 XD (1)  
45 XD (2)

B Hayes R Uptin  
J Simons J Cousins  
L Dale C Allen  
E Brooker J Goodsell  
D Williams P Fletcher  
C Holman N Barber  
D Wade R. Goodman  
R DeCosta J Rudd  
G Woodward L Blackshaw  
L Dale J Organ  
R Gough C Gough  
D Daniel M Foster

S Ayres W Izzard  
L Simpson M Ellersen  
M James S Kirkham  
B Clough P Knipe  
A Blake E Handbury  
J Organ R Marrant  
C Tyrell C Lorimer  
K McLaren L Jarrett  
K McLaren V Kuba  
H Burge C Andrews  
B Kauter L Handbury  
G Musgrove J Horne

## Alison's Night

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June Tennis Seniors ACT honoured Alison Ide for her outstanding service to Tennis Seniors ACT and Tennis Seniors Australia at a gala dinner held at University House.

The evening was a great success. 114 people attended and many apologies and best wishes were received. There were players from NSW and VIC including Denis Colette, the President of Tennis Seniors Australia and Ray Fitzgerald, the President of Tennis Seniors Vic. This good attendance showed how much respect people have for Alison for all the valuable work she has done for tennis over the years.

Speeches were given by Bob Thornton, the first president of Tennis Seniors ACT and by Anne Haycock, the longest serving president of Tennis Seniors ACT. Bob provided some humorous anecdotes on Alison and Anne

detailed Alison's tennis contributions and achievements. These speeches confirmed Alison's remarkable love of tennis.

A small plaque was presented to Alison by the Acting President, Pat Moloney, after which Alison responded by thanking everyone for coming and making it an enjoyable evening for her. She expressed her appreciation for all the support she was receiving and assured everyone her lung cancer was not a result of 'closet smoking' just an unfortunate occurrence.

The evening was a fitting celebration of Alison's service to tennis and enjoyed by all who attended. All tennis seniors wish Alison the best in her recuperation.

Pat Moloney



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### For your diary:

Berry "Legends" tournament will be ON again! The legend this year is none other than our former Tennis Senior World Champion, Heather McKay. Oct 8 - 11. Heather will feature at the Dinner on Thursday Oct 9th, at the Berry Hotel.



Don't forget to plan for the Mildura Coach trip!

The coach will be departing Sydney on Friday October 31. The tournament will be followed by the Tri-State on Wed/Thurs. For an information package Phone Margaret Biddle as soon as possible. Ph. 9750 9546 or 0408 225 986



The Social Days at Picton, are on again, run by Margaret and Geoff Morschel. The next one will be August 24, followed by Sept 21. Just enter by phoning before 9pm Thursday night.

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An entry form for team selection for Adelaide is with this newsletter. Please complete and send back as soon as possible. Due by Friday, September 26.

