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PREFACE

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Coffee Has Beanz



The 'Coffee Has Beanz' is a group of senior players who discuss worldly issues over coffee after a morning's tennis. The playing group for this adventure consisted of (pictured left to right at the Queens Club) John Stark, Rick Genge, Pat Moloney, Colin Holgate, John Scott (ex Canberra) and Craig Withell. All made their way to England at different times via different countries. For their story, see page 4.



Why would someone go to a beautiful palace for a tennis tournament - see the Walkers' story on page 5.

Tennis ACT Awards

Graham Smith (below with his award), May Howard and Sue Cowie received various awards for their services to tennis at the Tennis ACT awards night in September. More detail in the President's Report on page 2.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Pat Moloney

With all this fine weather we are having winter is well and truly behind us. This is ideal weather for team practice for the 2014 Teams Carnival in Hobart. ACT will have eight teams travelling to Hobart, a big improvement to our numbers over the last few years. Details of the teams can be found on page 3.

I am also happy to report that the ACT will be hosting the 2015 Australian Teams Carnival and Individual Championships. There had been some concern that the Australian Championships would return to Hobart for 2015 but this has now been officially rejected. So it's all action 'go' for 2015. John Stark who was originally our Tournament Chairman for 2013 has again accepted the role for 2015. So he could be knocking on your door for help. Various committees need to be set up for the many tasks required. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services would be greatly appreciated.

With this onset of better weather the major tournament season is now underway. A number of our players have travelled to and successfully competed at the tournaments to date. Results and reports of all the tournaments are detailed in the 'Seniors Tennis Tournaments' section of Vetset (page 7).

The 2013 ACT Resident Championships are to be held on 14 and 15 December at the North Woden Tennis Club. The Championship also include Senior events which over the last few years has attracted some good interest. I would encourage players to enter and show support for the senior events. Entries can be made online through the ACT Tennis website or contact Gail Jones for more details.

As this goes to press the Australian teams for the World Seniors Championships to be played in Florida in April 2014 are being selected. Three players from the ACT have nominated, Ros Balodis, Narelle Raftery and Colin Holgate. All have good chances of being selected and we wish them good luck.

Unfortunately for 2013/14 there is no Monday twilight doubles competition due to the closure of Lyneham for its reconstruction. However our monthly round robin mixed tournaments are continuing on Sunday mornings at either

Weston Creek or Belconnen West. Attendance has been varied and it is hoped the warmer days will bring out more players for a pleasant mornings tennis followed by refreshments and prize giving.

At our September AGM our 2012/13 Seniors Committee members again nominated for 2013/14 and were elected. I thank them for again standing. I would also like to welcome Warren Muller to our committee. Warren has served on various committees in the past and so is an experienced committee person.

Over the last few months a number of our members have achieved awards. Heather McKay was named as being ACT Womens Athlete of the Century as well as being voted sixth in the top 100 Australian sportswomen of all time. At the Tennis ACT 2013 Awards Graham Smith was awarded Most Outstanding 35+ Senior of the Year, May Howard was awarded Adult Club Player of the Year and Sue Cowie was the Volunteer of the Year of the Year. TSACT congratulates them all.

Finally I would like to remind members of our Christmas Dinner on 6 December (see this page for more information) and I hope to see you all there. I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and keep practicing for improvement in 2014.

Happy tennising.

2013 Super Seniors World Championships

The 2013 ITF Super Seniors World Teams Championships were held from 9-13 September in Austria and the Czech Republic. Canberra did not have any players in the Australian teams.

The highest finishing Australian team was a second in the Doris Hart Cup (ladies 80+). The men had a third in the Bitsy Grant Cup (75+) and the Gardner Mulloy Cup (80+) while two other teams managed a fourth – Kitty Godfree Cup (ladies 65+) and the Jack Crawford Cup (mens 70+). The Australian ladies finished 5th in the



Christmas Dinner

7.00 for 7.30pm

Friday 6 December

UNIVERSITY HOUSE

Balmain Cres, Acton

**Pre-dinner drinks will be
available from 7.00pm**

Lucky door prizes

**Hot banquet with added
dishes, Xmas pudding, tea and
coffee and petit fours**

\$50 per person

**Presentation of
the Frank Thornton Player of
the Year
and**

George Henshilwood Award

**Get your tables together
(8-9 per table)**

Contact Julie Howe

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**Names to Julie by Monday
2 December**

Alice Marble Cup (60+) and the Althea Gibson Cup (70+) and 7th in the Queens Cup (75+). The Australian men had a 11th in the Von Cramm Cup (60+) and 13th in the Britannia Cup (75+).

USA teams dominated the Cups winning 6 of them – 4 out of 5 in the mens. Other winners were France, Great Britain, Canada and Spain.

The 2014 Teams Championships will be on the clay courts in Antalya, Turkey from 13-19 October for the team competition. Nominations for Australian teams will close on 14 March, 2014.

The 2014 Australian Teams Carnival will be in Hobart from 12-17 January followed by the Individual Australian Seniors Championships from 19-24 January.

The ACT has entered 8 teams (5 womens and 3 mens). The teams are listed at the end of this article. Colin Holgate and Linda Culcutt have been found places in NSW teams and Ross Finlay in a SA/Vic/ACT team.

Team members must wear State uniforms. If you need an ACT uniform ladies contact Leonie Ainsworth (6292 2360) and men Peter Breugelmanns (6258 4261) now.

Practice courts will be available on the Sunday prior to the teams event with each State being allocated a Club. The Opening Ceremony will be held later that day. Captains of the ACT teams will be advised once more detailed information is available.

The ACT team dinner will be held on the Monday night (13 January) at Riverfront Motel and Villas, 11 Strathaven Drive, Rosetta. This venue is about 15 minutes from Hobart city. The cost will be \$40 pp.

Simmons Allwright from Tennis Tasmania, who is responsible for most of the organisational aspects for the event in January gave the TSA Executive an update on the Teams Carnival in August. They were advised social calendars were in the throes of being organised and so far included :

- Opening Ceremony 12 January - further details will be forthcoming
- State dinners at various venues 13 January
- Tuesday night - various club occasions such as Tapas, BBQ/spit roast, as well as a Guest Speaker function hosted by a club at a Hobart waterfront venue
- Wednesday night - as above as well as a Cocktail Party hosted by a club at a Hobart waterfront venue
- Thursday night : as above as well as a ferry journey and dinner
- Friday night : Dinner Dance Presentation at City Hall

Additional events such as bbq, bingo night, quiz night etc are being considered by host venues.

TSA President Reg Trevaskis reports that the Executive are working consistently with Simmone and others at Tennis Tasmania on progressing arrangements, and that he and VP Enid Besant-Ryan will be visiting Tasmania on the 15-17 November to get a first hand update.

As we get further information, it will be passed on to team members.

The Australian Seniors Championships will follow the Teams Carnival from 19-24 January 2014 – now a 6 day tournament. This event is an ITF 1 category tournament, offering singles, doubles and mixed in 5 year age brackets.. Non – ITF sanctioned combined age doubles events are also included in the programme. For entry procedures, follow the guidelines on the TSA website www.tennisseniors.org.au. Entries close on Wednesday 1 January 2014.

WOMEN’S TEAMS

70+ Team 1	70+ Team 2
Heather McKay (C)	Anne Haycock (C)
Nancy Lane	Pauline Honeyman
Margaret Harrigan	Jan Aubrey
Jenny Howland	Mary Gormly
Daphne Kennedy	Barbara McCluskey

60-69	50-59 Team 1
Merle Coutts (C)	Ros Balodis (C)
Betty Smith	Rebecca Claremont
Marilyn Walter	Chris Fraser
Helen Greenup	Helen Holcombe
Julie Howe	Leonie Ainsworth
Gail Jones	

50-59 Team 2
Lynette Sebbens (C)
Beverly Roberts
Lyn Robbins
Karenn Layne
Sheila Daly
Kim Holgate

MEN’S TEAMS

70+	60-69 Team 1
David Coutts (C)	John Greenup (C)
David Sprott	Pat Moloney
David Burke	Neville Rodwell
Col Power	Greg Holcombe
Peter Breugelmanns	Alan Wilmhurst
Mick Doyle	

60-69 Team 2
Kerry Scarlett (C)
Graham Smith
Frank Marris
Terry Walker
Anthony Connell
Wayne Daly

2013 Super Seniors World Individual Championships

The 2013 Super Seniors World Individual Championships were held in Austria from 15-22 September. There were 653 players from 35 countries including Neville Rodwell from Canberra.

Neville travelling with Julie Howe as manager played in one tournament in the lead up to the World Championships – that was once the airline found his bags with his tennis gear. Unfortunately a second tournament was cancelled. This gave Neville and Julie the opportunity to try the trains. They now know if you get on the wrong part of the train you can end up a long way from where you thought you were going. Neville had some wins and some close losses in the tournaments he did play including the World Championships. As Neville said, it was all good experience.

Getting back to the World Championships, Australia had a number of winners. Doug Corbett won two titles – the mens singles and doubles in the 85+. In doubles Carol Campling won the 65+, Peter Froelich the 75+ and Margaret Robinson and Max Byrnes in the 80+ mixed doubles. The consolation singles saw 4 winners – Max Bates (60+), Bruce Rehn (70+), Kevin Crump (75+) and Max Byrne (80+).

The 2014 Individual Championships will be on the clay courts in Antalya, Turkey 20-26 October.

IPIN Renewal

Players can now renew their IPIN for 2014 at a cost of US\$20. New players can also get their IPIN for 2014. Your IPIN will be valid for the full 2014 calendar year.

When you log on to your IPIN account you will receive a prompt/message explaining what to do to renew. All registered IPIN players will also receive an email from the ITF to advise them of the process to be followed. For new purchasers, go to www.itftennis.com/seniors.

There will be no free IPINs for 2014 - in 2012, if a player had played only one ITF event either singles or doubles, they received a free IPIN for 2013. According to the ITF, this was a "one off" and will not be offered again.

Ireland, Frinton-On-Sea and Robin by Pat Moloney

I was in Ireland for a little over two weeks, again staying with my friend Frank. He won't be able to make it to Hobart next year but expects to come to Canberra in 2015. I had a quick trip around to my relations, went to an Irish concert and played one tournament.

The tournament was an open tournament at the seaside town of Laytown/Bettystown. In past years in Ireland I gained experience playing in the rain. This year I played in the worst conditions ever. In the first round I struck very strong all directional gusty wind with occasional sleety rain. I was lucky to win but lost my next round to the top seed 7/5 6/4. Giving away over 30 years to hard hitting players is too hard. My experience kept me in the match but I couldn't blame the conditions this time as the weather had returned to something like normal.

From Ireland I went to England and met up with Colin and Kim Holgate and played the seniors Frinton-On-Sea tournament. It was good getting back to my age group. Frinton is a very old club

(1899) and was once a very prestigious open tournament, and now a popular seniors grasscourt (real) tournament. I reached the singles final but had to forfeit due to injury. Colin lost his singles in the semis and Colin and I lost in the semis of two doubles.

Frinton is an interesting seaside town with only one road leading into it which almost becomes a 'parking lot' on the summer weekends. The town does not have the commercial seaside attractions – that is left to the other close by seaside towns, but somehow it still attracts the people.

Next I stayed a couple of days with friends in Chester. Many years ago I worked in England and spent two years working on the construction of the Chester Inner Ring Road. Before I left I walked over the section of road I was involved with. It is still standing after over 40 years but showing a bit of age as is its builder.

From Chester I travelled to Nottingham (Robin Hood Country) and

played the seniors tournament there where I lost in the singles final. Nottingham had the best laid out grasscourts I have ever seen, but were the worst I have ever played on. They had not been watered and so were completely brown with the baselines hard and bare. They were basically hardcourts. One top player in a younger age group refused to play on them but was eventually talked back into playing.

Also at Nottingham at the same time on real hardcourts were the Wheelchair Championships. I watched a number of matches and was quite taken with the doubles matches. A good men's doubles match is very interesting and much more entertaining to watch than singles.

From Nottingham I met up with the 'Coffee Has Beanz'. Afterwards I came home through America where I spent a week with friends in Los Angeles.

All in all a very enjoyable trip except I ended up with a blood clot in the leg. However I expect this will pass and am thinking of my next trip. However Hobart first.

'Coffee Has Beanz' Go To England by the Holgates and Starks

The Holgate's left Canberra on the 5th July for their first visit to the United Kingdom, (just a little bit excited). Pat met them at Heathrow and kindly drove them to their first destination Frinton-On-Sea. It was a quaint little town and was their first experience in bed and breakfast accommodation. Col and Pat enjoyed the tournament while Kim enjoyed the coffee and strawberries and cream. Pat's report will tell you more

The Holgates returned to London on the train for an organised day tour of the sites (unfortunately they missed the bus). Thankfully they were ready for their whirlwind tour of northern England and Scotland. They visited the wonderful university town of Cambridge, and then made their way to York where they ambled along the Shambles looking at the architecture and specialty shops and spent a few hours at the York Minster. The York area is where Colin's family originated.

They travelled further north to Edinburgh where they visited Edinburgh castle, Holyroodhouse and a sensational Scottish Cabaret for some beer, haggis and singing. They returned through the

beautiful Lake District onto Liverpool, Chester and the flower trimmed villages of the Cotswolds.

After a day in London they caught the Eurostar to Paris. Paris was full of celebrations as the Tour de France was finishing. They only got a glimpse of the French culture and look forward to returning to see more.

They returned from Paris to meet with Rick who had arrived from Australia. The Stark's returned from their Scottish holiday as did the Withells from trekking the Scottish Highlands. Pat drove down from Nottingham and we all descended on Alan Wilmhurst and Linda Culcutt's house at Goudhurst in Kent. For the last few years Alan and Linda escape the English winter to come and play with us in the team's event in January. Their friendship means a lot to the group.

Alan and the "Coffee Has Beanz" group had been discussing the possibility of an England/Australia tennis test match for some years - finally.

The days leading up to our England/Australia grudge match at Queens

were intense. Practice was so fierce that Craig strained his heel and we became regulars at the local coffee shops where we discussed tactics. Queens was a fantastic day. Rick organised our playing shirts. The grass courts and setting was better than we had imagined. Alan and his friend David Drayson had organised for us to eat lunch on the terraces prior to commencing play. A devious plan as we were overawed and too full to play good tennis. (Coffee Has Beanz soundly beaten by the English Six). We will seek a rematch at a date and country to be determined.

After the Queen's experience we drove to Penzance in south-west Cornwall for a tournament. Penzance was a beautiful fishing village with cobbled stoned streets, stone terrace houses and old-world pubs filled with character. This tournament included doubles, mixed and handicapped events catering for players of all levels. We all played during the week even though most of us were placed in the same half of the draw. We still took home our share of the spoils. The town's folk were very friendly and on the finals day we were clapped on and off (cont on page 5)

A Wee Hit in the Rain by Terry and Carol Walker

During our recent holiday to Scotland, I played in a tennis tournament at Pitlochry in the Scottish highlands.

I had noticed, at the Colinton Lawn Tennis in Edinburgh, an advertisement for the 118th Tennis Championships of the Highlands to be played in the magnificent grounds of the Atholl Palace Hotel (www.athollpalace.com). The tournament advertised gents and ladies singles and doubles, open mixed, handicap and veteran events to be played on 4 courts over a week with prizemoney of 2000 pounds (~A\$4,000). I entered the men's over 60 singles and asked for a partner in the over 45 men's doubles.

Not knowing what to expect, we left Edinburgh and headed north over the Firth of Forth bridge towards Perth and Pitlochry and the beautiful Athol Palace – the epitome of Scottish Baronial splendour. The hotel was built in the 1850s as a hydropath resort. It has about 200 rooms set in magnificent grounds.

About 70 players competed – 6 from France, one from Poland and about 20 from England (London, Kent, Surrey and 15 from the Chesterfield tennis club in the English midlands) with the balance from various parts of Scotland.

After two singles matches I found myself in the final of the over 60s singles where I was trounced by a 62 year old Colin Armstrong, the Scottish number one in his age group. He is also no 20 in the UK.

In the over 45 doubles I had more luck and won the event with a young (45 plus) and talented fellow from Kent. We won the event in a canter. A forfeit, in fact, as one of our French opponents was injured during their semi final.



For my efforts I won 50 pounds (A\$100) and have my name engraved on a sizeable trophy.

Our observations were that most people attend for the ambience, social activities and with some tennis thrown in. Play started at 11am each morning, continued through the rain and finished at about 8pm. It was interesting to note that some players have been coming to the tournament for the last 20 to 30 years.

While the overall standard was average, the open singles was won by a young Scottish lad who had won the junior doubles at Wimbledon. Naturally, he also won the open doubles. His father told me that his son had played in the US University system, had attended the Nick Bollettieri tennis school in Florida, plays in some European events and is trying to break into the top 1000 and the ATP tour - all this while completing his Masters at Stirling University.

Apart from some tennis and great social activities, a highlight for us was the attendance of Judy Murray, mother of Andy. She conducted a three hour coaching session at the courts for the local school. About 50 kids were on the courts. She also socialised with the players (including those from the colonies) over Thursday night drinks, breakfast on Friday and at the ceilidh (concert) that night. What a confident and pleasant person. We said we would see her in Melbourne in January 2014.

While the tournament has a long and proud history (second oldest tournament in Scotland) with Mark Cox (former UK Davis Cup member) winning the singles in the 1970s, the tournament is in need of more participants and some investment in improving the courts.

The setting for the tournament was magnificent, the tennis fun, and the prize money attractive. Staying in the hotel was a great experience. The players and supporters made visitors extremely welcome. As the advertisement said "The Highlands..... a magical place to visit and play tennis." We had a great week.

Coffee Has Beanz (cont)

the court by spectators on the grassed terraces on the hill. It was a nice touch, something you don't normally see here.

The next leg of our tour brought us to Tunbridge Wells in Kent, a very beautiful part of England and only a short drive from Alan's house in Goudhurst. The Tunbridge Wells tournament is an ITF tournament for open players as well as vets players. By this stage of the tour there were quite a few walking wounded with Pat and Craig both having leg problems and Rick an arm problem. Rick unfortunately was unable to play due to this injury but Pat and Craig both battled through and played some great tennis.

Col made the semis of his singles age group but our most impressive results were in the doubles. Craig and Pat won the final of the 55 doubles, in addition, Pat and John Stark won the 60 doubles. Col and Craig made the final of the 45 doubles. Not a bad effort for two old codgers who are nearly 60.



Pat and John at presentation with Jean Smith, a long tem member of the club

We all had a great time and really enjoyed playing on the beautiful grass courts at Tunbridge Wells.

All in all the 'coffee has beanz' had a fantastic trip and are already planning the next one!

(editors note – it was reported there was an entry on the honour board in the Tunbridge Wells Tennis Club for a J B Stark in 1975 winning the singles, doubles and mixed doubles – is this our John Stark?)

Tennis Seniors ACT would like to welcome the following new players:

Rishi Bhushan,
Gary R Cameron
William Pacheco
Miro Pisa
Kamila Pisova

SUNDAY ROUND ROBINS by Colin Lyons

In ideal weather conditions at Weston Creek on 29 September, we had our monthly round robin tournament with just the one division. It was a bit lopsided as far as the sexes go with 9 men and only three women but that did not prevent some very good sets.

Joanne Adams displayed great form despite one shaky set and justified her rise up the WTP rankings to record a close win on 27 games from Pat Moloney on 26 games. Bill Scott unerring consistency brought him 25 games along with Nigel Bates also on 25 games.

We were only able to confirm on late Friday that the tournament would go

ahead so it would be appreciated if players could lodge their entries as early as possible to help in organisation.

Thanks to some late entries we were able to go ahead with our 27 October tournament in great weather conditions at Weston Creek. We had only the one division again with 12 players including some members who we had not seen for some time. Hopefully we will see them more frequently in the future.

We played 5 sets on the day so there was plenty of tennis for all. Greg Hunt claimed he had not held a racquet for some time, but I suspect he

dragged a racquet out while on holidays recently in northern NSW! He hit the ball very consistently to again take out the ATP winner's cheque on 26 games. The quality of the runners-up prize clearly attracted determined competition with three players all finishing on 23 games, viz Gary Buchanan, Lyn Robbins and Don Tucker.

We look forward to seeing a good roll-up on 24 November and again at the final tournament of the year on 8 December. The venues will be advised in due course.

Players should check the website to find the venue and ensure there is no change in the dates.

Vale Bernie Raftery

One of our early members, Bernie Raftery died on 10 September 2013, aged 77. He was farewelled by family and friends on Tuesday 17 September at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Wanniasa.

Our records show Bernie as first becoming a member of Canberra Tennis Veterans (now Tennis Seniors ACT - TSACT) in 1983. He won or was runner-up in a number of Veteran Resident doubles titles pairing with Mike Hussey, Peter Purdy and Ron Honeyman. He also played in a number of ACT teams in the Australian Teams Carnival when it was held in Canberra. The last time was a 55+ team in 1995.

Tennis played a large part in Bernie's life. He was an active player in the ACT tennis community and well known coach until he and his wife, Moyna, moved down the South Coast. They came back to Canberra about 6 years ago. There were a number of his former students and fellow tennis players at his funeral.

Bernie and Moyna had five children – Lee, Michael, Shane, Narelle and Chris.

He encouraged the children to play tennis at an early age. Lee spoke of the family going to numerous country tennis tournaments as was the trend in those days.

Lee continues to play tennis at the Pines with her husband Brian. We often see them around the Seniors' events, either playing or dancing and singing, generally at Easter and Christmas. The Raftery family certainly know how to enjoy themselves.

Narelle is a current member of TSACT representing both the ACT at the Australian Seniors Titles as well as Australia at the World Seniors Titles. She has won a number of Australian titles as well as reaching semi-finals at the World Titles. She had given the game away for a while but with Bernie's mentoring and support Narelle has again reached the high levels of which she is capable. It was only last year that Bernie and Moyna were at our Easter Tournament providing support.

The boys in the family all started to play tennis. Chris and Michael

reached high levels before going on to do other things. Sadly, Michael passed away four years ago. Shane lost interest in tennis at an early age.

The family remember Bernie as a loving husband (married 57 years to Moyna) and a loving father who was a good mentor and was always there for the family.

"Celebrate the life you're living every single minute. Give yourself to each new day, and take the joy that's in it."

Vale Neville Halligan OAM

Neville Halligan, undoubtedly one of the "icons" of Seniors tennis both in Australia and abroad, and a great friend to so many of us, passed away peacefully on the 18 September in Brisbane.

As recently as May this year, he was in the States playing in the USA National Hard Court Titles in Washington State (indoors) and Southern California (outdoors). He was runner-up in both States in the singles and won the doubles in Southern California. Mentally alert to the end, he was interested in the results of the Australians playing in the Super Senior World event being played in Austria and the Czech Republic.

Neville won 3 consecutive World singles titles – a feat not accomplished by any other Australian. He also won 2 World doubles titles.

He represented Australia 16 times between 1992 and 2011. He was awarded an OAM for his services to Seniors Tennis.

Condolences

Rosa Clements, the wife of one of our longer term members, Norm Clements, passed away on 18 October 2013 aged 75. We extend our deepest sympathy to Norm and his family.

Lyall McLeod, the husband of one of our former members Betty McLeod passed away on 26 October aged 82.

Lyall and Betty and their two children Colin and Marnie were well known amongst the Canberra tennis community. Lyall was a big man with a big heart. When Lyall and Betty retired several years ago they moved down to Ulladulla. Again our deepest sympathy is extended to Betty and her fam-

Senior Tennis Tournament Results

SA State Championships

Neville Rodwell drove across to Adelaide to play in these Championships held from 10-13 November. He made it worthwhile by winning the mens 65 singles. He won the final in close match against Roger Davey from South Australia, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Moruya

A large contingent of Canberra players supported this tournament which had been resurrected by Jodie and Scott Colbourne after an organiser could not be found for last year's tournament. Canberra players were well represented in the results.

Winners were:

Ladies singles - May Howard

Friday mixed doubles - Wayne and Sheila Daley (group 2), Rob Spry and Carol Druzca (Merimbula) (3), Anthony Connell and Linda Valente (5)

Saturday mens doubles - Anthony Connell and Bill Scott (2)

Saturday ladies doubles - May Howard and Leonie Southwell (1), Leonie Ainsworth and Carol Druzca (2), Pauline Downes and Sheila Daly (3), Daphne Kennedy and Judy Logan (Wagga) (5)

Sunday mens doubles - Cameron Steele and Graham Smith (1), John Chapman (Harden) and Colin Lyons (3)

Sunday ladies doubles - May Howard and Daphne Kennedy (1), Penny Moss and Jean Penny (2)

Sunday mixed doubles - Rob Spry and Carol Druzca (1), Graham Smith and Pauline Downes (2), Wayne and Sheila Daley (3)

Sunday Round Robin Tournament

9.15am for 9.30am
Sunday 24 November
and
Sunday 8 December

Venue to be advised,

Entry \$10.00

Entries to Colin Lyons (62136353(w),
0434 531 449 or

Colin.Lyons@innovation.gov.au, or
Mary Gormly (6281 3278)

NSW State Championships

Ros Balodis, Narelle Raftery, Colin Holgate, Pat Moloney and John Stark represented the ACT amongst the 246 entries for the Tennis Seniors NSW State Championships held at Pennant Hills over the October long weekend (4-7 October). For once the weather was perfect.

Ros was the only singles winner taking out the 55/60 ladies singles title. Narelle was runner-up in the 50 ladies singles and Colin made the semi-finals of the 55 mens singles.

Merimbula

The 32nd Merimbula Seniors Tennis Championships were held from 14-17 October. Players were welcomed on Sunday by the President of the Merimbula Tennis Club and by John Rheinberger, the Tournament Director. Overall numbers were again down - 125 players compared with 141 in 2012 and 182 in 2011. Players from the Canberra region dropped also to 36 compared with 45 in 2012 but still over a quarter of the entry. Similar numbers came from Victoria and the rest of NSW with 21 players from the South Coast.

All the events on Monday and Tuesday were at Merimbula with only one event being played at Bega on Wednesday and Thursday. The mens and ladies doubles were split into two days with the 35, 45, 55, 65 events on Tuesday and the 40, 50, 60, 70 events on Wednesday. The combined aged doubles events were on Thursday, hence giving players an extra days tennis if they wanted it. The final of each doubles event was played on the same day where there was more than one section.

There was a very successful trivia night held at the Club House on Tuesday night rather than the dinner/dance which had been struggling for the last few years.

The weather was generally good for the first three days, although there was a little shower on Monday afternoon. However on Thursday the elements really tested player's skill and patience with very strong winds making play very interesting. The winds were so strong they damaged caravans

and annexes in the nearby caravan park at Merimbula.

In the doubles there was a little more success. Winners were Narelle and Julie Golightly (Vic) in the 45 ladies doubles, Ros and Kaye Nealon (NSW) in the 55/60 ladies doubles and Colin and James Coulson in the 55 mens doubles. Ros and Kaye were also runners-up in 50 ladies doubles.

The mixed doubles brought more success. Narelle and Chris O'Mara (Qld) won the 35/40/45 mixed doubles and Ros and Colin won the 55 mixed doubles.

David Sprott and David Coutts were the most successful Canberra players winning two doubles events and runner-up in the third one. Heather McKay was the only other player to feature twice - winning one doubles and runner-up in another.

Although most of our players did not feature in the winners and runners-up lists, they were certainly enjoying themselves either playing or watching - as can be seen in various photos posted on our website (www.tenniseniors.org.au/act).

The full list of Canberra region winners and runners up is below.

Winners

Mens 65 doubles - David Coutts and David Sprott

Ladies 70 Doubles - Heather McKay and Judy Logan (Wagga)

Mens 70 doubles - David Coutts and David Sprott

Mixed 70 doubles - Daphne Kennedy and Arthur Olsen (Sydney)

Runners-up

Mens 65 doubles - John Greenup and Ian Worland (Orange)

Ladies 65 doubles - Heather McKay and Robyn Castle (Sydney)

Mens 40/50/60 doubles - Frank Marris and Terry Walker

Mixed 50/55 doubles - Anthony Connell and Linda Valente

Mixed 70 doubles - Nancy Lane and Ken Smith (Sydney)

Mens 140 combined doubles - David Coutts and David Sprott

TENNIS SENIORS ACT CALENDAR 2013-14

TOURNAMENTS AND PENNANTS

13-15 December 2013 ACT Resident Championships (including events for 35+ and 50+) - entries close on 2 December

12-24 January 2014 Australian Tennis Seniors Championships, Hobart

18-21 April 2014 ACT Open Seniors Tennis Tournament (ITF3) - entries close for IPIN events on 2 April and for non-IPIN events 9 April

Spring/Autumn Twilight Doubles Pennant, Lyneham - to be advised

Twilight: Contact Graham Smith (6161 5352)

Australian Seniors Championships: Contact Gail Jones (6254 4240)

ACT Open Seniors Tournament: Contact Pat Moloney (6262 3727)

SUNDAY ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments are scheduled for 9.30am on 24 November, 8 December 2013, 23 February, 23 March, 25 May, 22 June, 27 July, 24 August, 21 September, 26 October, 23 November and 14 December 2014

Dates and venue may change, so please check the website.

If you put your name down and find you cannot play on the day, please notify one of the organisers so that the other players are not inconvenienced.

Contact: Colin Lyons (6213 6353(w) or 0434 531 449)

DINNERS AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Christmas Dinner—Friday 6 December - see page 2

Members booking for the dinners should be aware that if they cancel after the closing date they may be required to pay the cost if the caterer charges Tennis Seniors ACT.

Contact: Julie Howe (6241 1578)

MIDWEEK TENNIS at the National Sports Club

Social tennis on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Contact: National Sports Club (6160 7800)

Country and Interstate Tournament Calendar 2013-14

Some of the dates for tournaments are yet to be confirmed. You will need to check the relevant State's website closer to the event.

2-6 Dec Tennis Seniors Victorian State Champs (ITF2), Dingley Tennis Club (clay courts)

6-8 Dec Nelson Bay Seniors

7-9 Feb Milton-Ulladulla Summer Games Seniors

15-16 Feb Newcastle Topspin Tennis

21-22 Feb Southern Districts, Lumeah

7-9 Mar Walcha Seniors R/Robin

7-10 Mar Oceania Claycourt Champs Kooyong - Regional Closed

8-9 Mar Grenfell Open Teams (tbc)

29-30 Mar Gosford Seniors

12-13 Apr Narooma Combined Doubles Round Robin

12-13 Apr Howe Park Grasscourt Singleton

25-27 Apr Gloucester Seniors

2-4 May Gold Coast Seniors (tbc)

2-4 May Inverell Seniors R/Robin

3-4 May Wagga Wagga

16-18 May Picton Seniors R/Robin

16-18 May T's Tennis Resort Port Macquarie R/Robin

17-19 May Berri Seniors Teams Carnival (SA)

24-25 May Cowra Open Teams (tbc)

26-27 May West Tamworth Seniors

6-9 Jun Victorian Seniors Claycourt Champs (ITF2)

7-9 Jun Newcastle Mixed Teams

21-22 Jun Lake Macquarie Seniors

28-29 Jun Cowra Seniors R/R (tbc)

4-7 Jul Tennis Seniors Qld State Champs (ITF2)

4-6 Jul Cessnock Seniors

12-13 Jul Manning River, Taree

26-27 Jul Werris Creek Seniors R/R

1-4 Aug Forster Seniors R/Robin

3-4 Aug Forbes Open Teams (tbc)

8-11 Aug Tennis Seniors Qld Clay court Champs (ITF4), Ipswich

15-17 Aug Muswellbrook Park

22-24 Aug Eurobodalla (Moruya)

12-14 Sep West Port Macquarie

13-14 Sep Grenfell Seniors (tbc)

20-21 Sep Gunnedah Seniors

19-22 Sep Tennis Seniors Qld Sunshine Coast (ITF3), Tewantin

3-6 Oct Tennis Seniors NSW State Championships (ITF2)

13-16 Oct Merimbula Seniors

20-21 Oct Dubbo Paramount Seniors

1-2 Nov Raworth, Hunter Tennis Resort

1-4 Nov Mildura Seniors

9-12 Nov Tennis Seniors SA State Championships (ITF3)

15-16 Nov Bathurst Carillion City Teams

5-7 Dec Nelson Bay Seniors

Grenfell

This report is drawn from Mick and Anne Doyle's report on the Grenfell Seniors Tennis Tournament held 14-15 September.

The entries were disappointing but we got going early on Saturday with one division of men's American round robin and two divisions of ladies. Even though the numbers were low it was good competitive tennis and one can't ask more than that.

Rain was expected Sunday but thankfully it stayed away and the doubles were played in clear blue skies..

Canberra winners and runners-up on Saturday were in ladies division two, winner Margie Sellwood, runner-up Valerie Gavin and in the mens, winner Graham Smith. On Sunday Graham Smith was a winner playing with Ian Worland (Orange) while Rochelle Hogan and Faye Decker (Forbes) were runner-up in ladies division two, In the mixed doubles Val Gavin and John Chapman (Harden) were runner-up in division 2.

In closing they thanked the band of helpers in the canteen, the sponsors and all the players, some coming from a long distance away, for coming and making the Tournament a success.