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PREFACE

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Closing date for September Vetset
Monday 10 August 2015
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45th Easter Tournament

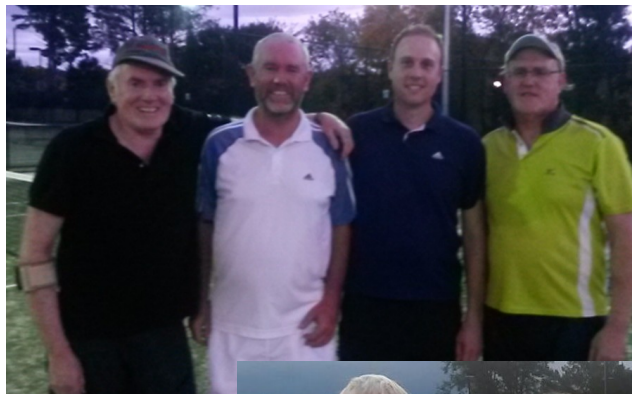
The 45th ACT Open Seniors Tennis Championship was successfully held over the Easter weekend with four days of good, albeit a little bit fresh, tennis playing weather. A couple of hours of play were lost on the Monday due to rain but otherwise all went well.

This year, after 13 years at Weston Creek, the Championships returned to Lyneham as a claycourt champion-

ships. Unfortunately only one block of the old clay courts was able to be converted to the new Italian Clay in time for Easter.

However the old existing clay block of courts provided a good contrast to the newly completed courts such that players were requesting to play on the new surface. It was evident players were extremely happy with the new clay surface. (cont on page 3)

Twilight Doubles Pennant Finals



Well the finals have been played with team Spain (left to right - Tom Howe, Mark Spain, David Ridley and John Chaloner) taking out the honours in Section 1 and



team O'Connell (left to right - Roy Volmari, Wayne Daley, Wayne O'Connell, and Cheryl Reid) taking the honours in section 2. For the full story see page 6.

Junior Senior World Titles

The 2015 World Young Seniors Teams and Individual Championships were held from 16-29 March at Antalya, Turkey. Young Seniors include the 35, 40 and 45 age groups.

In the teams event held in the first week, European teams went home with all of the Cups. Spain won the

M35 Italia Cup, Austria the M40 Trabert Cup and France the M45 Dubler Cup. In the ladies divisions, Germany won the W35 Lenglen Cup, Spain the W40 Young Cup and Great Britain triumphed in a very close encounter in the W45 Court Cup. (cont on page 2)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Pat Moloney

At the time of writing this report the weather has been perfect for playing tennis. The cold weather hasn't really hit us so we should be taking advantage of the fine weather to continue our enjoyment of tennis.

In the last three months our main competition has been the Easter Tournament, the completion of the popular Twilight competition and the monthly Sunday Round Robins. The results and reports for these competitions are detailed elsewhere in this edition of Vet-set. Over the past number of months it seems all we are doing is running tournaments. As soon as we wound down from the Australian Championships in January we had to rewind for our Easter Championships. However we are all getting valuable experience!

All members should have received a survey from TSA on the future of the Australian Championships. Some people have been expressing concern about the timing of the Championships in January. TSA has taken this onboard and the survey has been sent to all registered seniors in all states. I encourage everyone to complete the survey.

Work has commenced on the reconstruction of the remaining block of 6 clay courts at Lyneham. When finished

Lyneham can be justifiable proud of the courts. The previously completed block has been very well received and now having 12 good clay courts should go well with attracting tournament entries.

In June, TSACT will have four players competing in the World Seniors Championships in France. TSACT congratulates Narelle Raftery (W50 Maria Bueno Cup), Ros Balodis (W55 Maureen Connelly Cup), May Howard (W60 Alice Marble Cup), and Colin Holgate (M60 Von Cramm Cup) for having being selected as Australian representatives in those teams. We wish them all good luck.

Finally I would also like to remind members our AGM will be held on Wednesday 19 August at 6:00 pm at a venue to be decided. It is hoped the venue will be in the newly constructed offices at Lyneham. All positions are declared vacant so if anyone is interested in coming onto the committee further information can be obtained from Gail Jones or myself. Even if you don't want to be on the committee come along and get a first hand account of the year and ask questions of the committee.

Happy tennis.

Junior Senior World Titles (cont from page 1)

In the M35 Italia Cup, Australia finished in 8th spot, losing a very close match to the 5th seeded USA team 2-1. Australia played Bulgaria for 15th place in the M40 Trabert Cup, and again we had a fine start but lost 2-1, to finish 16th. In the M45 Dubler Cup, Australia beat Switzerland in the play off for 11th place.

In the ladies competition, Australia finished 12th in the W40 Young Cup. Our best result came in the W45 Court Cup, where we came in 5th - a wonderful result for what is essentially a "first time" team. Australia did not have a team in the W35.

In the Individual events held in the second week, Chris O'Mara from Queensland won two gold medals. In the Mens 45 Doubles Chris and his partner

Pieter Van Houten (Netherlands) won 16-14 in the super tie break third set. Chris won his other gold medal with Piret Ilves (Estonia) in the 45 Mixed Doubles. The wins gave Chris the distinction of winning two gold medals in his seventh world championships. Previously, he won the 40 Men's Doubles with Paul Kleverlaan in 2010.

Iggy Jovanovic reached the quarter final of the Men's 45 Singles. Chris and Paul Macknamara reached the semi-finals of the Mens 45 Consolation Singles while Alfonso Sammasimo reached the same stage in the Mens 40 Consolation Singles.

All matches were completed and the European players won most medals at these successful world championships.

Shepparton 2016

The 2016 Australian Seniors Teams Carnival and Individual Championships will be held in Shepparton from 10-22 January.

Nomination forms for the ACT teams will be sent out to members in July. So start encouraging other players in your age groups to think about playing in a team. Men will be in five year age groups while ladies will be in ten year age groups to try and have more than one section in each age group so teams are of similar standard. Accommodation is still available. Graham Smith has pre-booked some accommodation - see last paragraph in this article.

The main host venue will be the Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club boasting 22 top quality grass courts. It is adjacent to the recently developed Victoria Park Lake and alongside the Goulburn River and within walking distance of many motels, hotels, apartments, caravan parks and Shepparton's CBD.

The secondary venue for the Teams Carnival will be the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve, located within 10 minutes of the Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club. 40 grass courts will be set up on the sports ovals which have recently undergone major reconstruction.

If ACT players are looking for accommodation, contact Graham Smith on 6161 5352 or email bgsmith@grapevine.net.au. Graham has 2 twin rooms and 7 double (queen size beds) rooms left at

Paradise Lakes Motel
7685 Goulburn Valley Highway
Shepparton South (Kialla) 3631

Twin	\$129 per room per night
Double	\$109 per room per night

This a three and a half star Golden Chain motel with a guest laundry, free WiFi, free Astar, a swimming pool and a large BBQ area.

Otherwise information on accommodation can be found at www.discovershepparton.com.au.

**Membership Fees due
1 July.**

**The fee remains at \$20.
Membership Form page 12 or
on website**

Easter Tournament by Pat Moloney (cont from page 1)

The tournament attracted 130 entries, almost the same as last year, and included two international players, Isabelle Gemmel from Germany and Felix Mangunpratomo from Indonesia. Felix played last year and expects to be back next year as he enjoys it here. The field also comprised 24 past and present Australian team representatives.

Entries for Easter over the last few years have been adversely affected by having the Oceania, World Seniors and Young Seniors Championships around or close to the date. The Australian Championships being in Canberra in January also didn't help entries this year with players not wanting to return so soon. However next year these conflicting events will not have the same impact so the expectation is for greatly improved entry numbers particularly with the new claycourts.

The tournament is essentially now in two groups – the IPIN group and the non-IPIN group. The trend over the last few years is that our local players tend to play the non-IPIN events. The format of the non-IPIN events has the advantage of allowing the players to play particular events on particular days.

In the IPIN events ACT players performed well with winners being Narelle Raftery – 50 singles, doubles and mixed; Colin Holgate – 60 doubles and 55 mixed. Runner ups were John Stark - 65 singles; Rick Genge – 60 singles; Tim Harris – 55 doubles; May Howard – 55 mixed and 60 doubles with Leonie Ainsworth.

The new courts provided some long matches. In particular Andrew Rae won the M50 singles after taking nearly 9 hours for 3 matches. He even had a 3 hour mixed doubles match. There was great competition in the men's singles with four players winning their matches in straight sets and three players winning in 3 set battles.

Craig Withell, a winner of the Men's 60+ singles, is an ex Canberra player who moved to Sydney in the late eighties. It was an interesting final as Craig and Rick Genge are brothers-in-law. Craig's mother, wives and other family members attended to watch the final. Rick did well to get to the final as he has an eye problem which is proving difficult to rectify. Craig won a tough match against Colin Holgate in the semi-final as Colin served for the match at 5

-4 in the second set. Also Craig has played for Canberra in a couple of the Teams Carnivals so his heart still resides in Canberra.



Craig and Rick

Of the 11 non-IPIN events 8½ were won by ACT players who shared the spoils around. It was also good to see some of our newer seniors playing for the first time, Paul Gilles and Steven Vogt who won the combined 90/110 doubles.

It's good to see participation and success from ACT players. All the tournament results are listed at the end of this article.

ACT players did well in the raffle again this year. First prize of the tennis racquet went to Nancy Lane. Other prize winners were Leonie Southwell (tennis bag), Anne Haycock (Easter eggs), Julie Pratt (red wine) and July Logan (white wine). Our thanks go to those sponsors for their generosity in donating the prizes.

Unfortunately this year we didn't have the luxury of the 'Betty and Anne Banquet'. Betty and Anne have retired from the 'Banquet'. They were greatly missed. Also there is now no arranged dinner dance as players are reluctant to commit at the time of entry which is required for establishing numbers and notifying the club prior to Easter. However many players arranged 'get togethers' at the Tradies and Labor Clubs for a meal and an enjoyable evening.

Our thanks and gratitude are extended to all those people who assisted us prior to and during the Tournament. In particular Gail Jones who continues to do a great job as Tournament Secretary in accepting and recording entries and assisting in the management of the tournament. Also to Anne Haycock who volunteered to help and ended up putting in full days with chasing up players and directing them to their courts. Also to Graham Smith our barman and Peter Breugelmanns for obtaining money from players and part time barman.

Mark Crawley was our White Badge Referee (an ITF requirement). Mark has been our referee for a few years now and does a very good job in refereeing and administrating the tournament.

All in all another successful Easter weekend.

Results

IPIN events

Mens Singles

35+ - Justin Woodward (NSW) def Ben Hanson (NSW) 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-4

45+ - Mark Hodgson (Qld) defeated Andrew Kew (NSW) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1

50+ - Andrew Rae (Vic) def Malcolm Pearson (Vic) 5-7, 6-2, 7-6(1)

55+ - Roger Spraggon (NSW) defeated Ron Evans (Vic) 6-2, 6-1

60+ - Craig Withell (NSW) defeated Rick Genge (ACT) 6-1, 6-1

65+ - Max Bates (Qld) defeated John Stark (ACT) 6-3, 6-2

70+ - Ian Davis (NSW) defeated Phil Higgs (ACT) 6-3, 6-4

Womens Singles (all round robin)

40+ - Isabelle Gemmel (Ger), r/u Di Cassel (NSW)

50+ - Narelle Raftery (ACT), r/u Wanda Howes (Vic)

60+ - Sara Goddard (NSW), r/u May Howard (ACT) and Rosemary Davis (Vic) (on percentage of sets won)

65+ - Helen Worland (NSW), r/u Adrienne Avis (NSW)

Mens Doubles

35+ - Ben Hansen (NSW)/Justin Woodward (NSW), r/u Jason Clark (NSW)/David Rouse (NSW) (round robin)

50+ - Michael Vickery (Qld)/Greg Westwood (NSW), r/u Malcolm Pearson (Vic)/Martin Warwick (Vic) (r/r)

55+ - Michael Dunn (NSW)/Ron Evans (Vic), r/u Tim Harris (ACT)/Felix Surya Mangunpratoma (INA) (r/robin)

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Tributes

Five of our former members including one past president of TSACT and one of TACT have passed way in the last three months. The following tributes are drawn from various editions of Vet-set.

There is also a tribute to Queenslander, Neville Langford,

John William De Costa

14 November 1941 to 6 March 2015

John, one of our long term members passed away on 6 March aged 73.

John joined the ACT Division of the Veterans Lawn Tennis Club of Australia (now Tennis Seniors ACT) in 1982 and remained a member until 2001. He was a regular at the Easter Open Championships and the Senior Resident Championships.

His name also appears as a winner in a number of events over the years at the Merimbula Seniors Tournament. He didn't miss many of the Merimbula Tournaments through the 1980's and 1990's. Even after he stopped playing, John could be found watching the matches from the clubhouse balcony.

Raymond Gordon Williams AM

1 January 1920 to 10 March 2015

Ray, one of our long term members and past Presidents passed away on 10 March aged 95.

Ray first appeared on the membership list of the ACT Division of the Veterans Lawn Tennis Club of Australia (now Tennis Seniors ACT) in 1980 and remained a member until 1999. He joined the Committee in 1981, was Vice President from 1983-84, President from 1984-87 and Immediate Past President from 1987-1991.

Ray was responsible for obtaining the most valued Medibank Private sponsorship for the ACT Open Seniors Championships at Easter which was enjoyed for some years and for the ITF veteran Cups in 1997.

Ray also made his mark as a player. He played in his first Australian Seniors Championships in 1982 in Sydney in the Teams event in a 60's team with Ken Sharp, Ron Thompson, Ron Wilkinson and George Henshilwood..

He played in many more ACT teams tasting success four year's in a row in a 65's team - 1985 in Hobart, 1986 in

Adelaide, 1987 in Canberra and 1988 in Perth. Team members during this period included Charles Boag, George McGrath, Bill Sweeting, Harry Gibbs, Arthur Ide, John Petherbridge and Bob Hay. Ray's final teams match was in 1995 in Canberra when his 75's team with Bob Hay, Arthur Ide, Harry Gibbs and Peter Cannon finished second.

Ray represented Australia in the Britannia Cup (65+ mens) team at the ITF World Teams Titles in 1987.

Ray was also seen in the Easter Championships, Resident Championships, Thursday tournaments and down at Merimbula.

Trevor Stewart Domaschcz

23 Sept 1926 to 25 March 2015

Trevor passed away peacefully at Clare Holland House on 25 March aged 88.



Trevor first joined the Vets in 1983 after he retired. He remained a member until 2009 - 26 years.

He played a lot of tennis with the "Canberra Vets". Trevor played on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until around 2007. His name was displayed on the Venezuela Cup in 1997 and 2003. He also played regularly in veterans tournaments around Australia including Merimbula and the Gold Coast and also overseas in Japan and America where everyone thought the group were ex-armed service people.

Trevor played in his first Australian Teams Carnival when it was in Canberra in 1987. He was captain of the team. His team mates were Allan Bell, Keith Bennetts, Peter Kearns and Fernando Ribeiro with Keith Simms as reserve. He didn't play again in a team until the next Carnival in Canberra in 1995.

He then didn't miss a year until his final appearance in 2002, again in Canberra in a 75+ team with Ken Sharp, Franz Kornfeld, Jack Espie, Frank Rigby and Fernando Ribeiro

(who was in his first team in 1987). During this period he travelled to Perth, the Gold Coast, Newcastle, Albury/Wodonga, Adelaide and Hobart.

Trevor and his wife, Sue, also joined John Casey in three camping trips around northern Australia on which occasions he gave his movie camera a lot of work. The results were seen by Vets groups on his return.

Jack Darby Espie

1 May 1924 to 12 April 2015

Jack Espie passed away on 12 April aged 90. Jack was a member of TSACT from 1998 to 2007.

Jack played in the Australian Seniors Teams Carnival for 4 years. He first played in Hobart in 2001 in a 75+ team with Graham Bartlett, Trevor Domaschcz, Ferdi Ribeiro, Lindsay Goldsmith, Frank Rigby and Ken Sharp. He then played in a 75+ team in Canberra, a 70+ team in Perth and finally a 70+ team in 2004 on the Gold Coast with Chris Norwood, Brian McKay, Neil Hendy and two players from Victoria.

Jack was also often seen at the Thursday tournaments at Lyneham.

Neville Langford

Neville Langford passed away on 25 March 2015 in Brisbane. His family and his sister Bev were with him. Neville was 83.

For the past nine years Neville has battled melanoma.. Neville was told he only had a few months to live by his doctor just before the Australian Championships held in Canberra in January. Not giving way to this news, Neville played the Championships without saying much to anyone.

He was a national selection for 12 years and represented Australia 9 times. He was a member of the M65 team who won the Britannia cup in 2000 in South Africa with team mates Max Byrne and Ollie Smith. In his youth he played Linton Cup.

Neville made friends easily and had enduring friendships from many countries apart from his many friends in Australia. He was a fierce competitor who graciously accepted decisions and thought only the best of other people.

Tributes (cont)

Roy Frederick Smalley OAM

Roy passed away recently in Melbourne aged 90. He and his wife Ruth joined the 'Vets' in the 1970's and were still members at the time of Roy's death continuing to keep in touch through Vetset. Our sincere condolences go to Ruth and their children, Russell, Stuart and Glynis.



Roy's association with tennis both as a player and administrator began in 1935 as a teenager in Melbourne but his major contribution has been in Canberra since he and Ruth

moved to Canberra in 1962 with the Department of Defence.

Soon after coming to Canberra, Roy was elected President of the Braddon Tennis Club, a position he held for over 40 years. As well as President of the Club he assisted at all levels including such jobs as fixing nets and clearing the abundant autumn leaves.

Roy retired from the Commonwealth Public Service in 1985 by which time

he was President of the ACT Tennis Association (ACTTA), besides being a qualified referee and umpire.

Roy served the wider tennis community as Senior Vice President of ACTTA and then President from 1985 to 1993. Roy was recognised for his efforts when he was nominated as Association Patron and created a life member in 1993. He also served as a member of the McDonalds Junior Tennis Australia Board (ACT).

During his time as president Roy fought long and hard for the ACT to be recognised as a separate State with consequent voting rights on the Council of Tennis Australia. This has since been granted and Roy's efforts to attain this were acknowledged by Geoff Pollard, then President of Tennis Australia when he made a special presentation to Roy during the Australian Open. In his reply Roy emphasised the important work done by volunteers at all levels of tennis and hoped more would receive recognition for their efforts.

Roy has also been President of the Lawn Tennis Umpires Association of the ACT for many years. Not many umpires can claim to have participated in Davis Cup events like Roy could. ACT Veterans much appreci-

ate Roy's umpiring and refereeing efforts over many years at the Easter Tournament.

In 1988 Roy received a Bicentennial Commemorative Medallion. This was one of seven awarded by the ACTTA to players and administrators who had made a notable contribution to tennis in the ACT over many years.

Roy received his OAM in 1996 for his services to tennis over nearly 50 years.

He also became the honorary historian for ACT tennis eventually writing a book which covered its history. Roy and Ruth were regular attendees at the Senior dinners. He could also be found at Tomato Days, Mulled Wine Days and playing at Lyneham and Reid in his later years.

Roy and Ruth recently moved back to Melbourne to be with their family.

Chris Norwood summed it all up in his tribute to Roy at a Veterans dinner in 2004, when he said "Roy has made an outstanding contribution to tennis in the ACT as a player, administrator and umpire. He has dedicated much time and effort to assisting his fellow players and bettering the affairs of tennis in the ACT since he arrived in Canberra over 40 years ago".

Charity Day Tournament

This tournament run by the Ladies Branch was held on Thursday 14 May. It is held annually to raise funds for a nominated charity. This year it was Lifeline.

A perfect autumn day started with frost on the ground and then a beautiful sunny day with little wind. 76 players supported the tournament playing in either ladies, mens, unisex or mixed doubles at Belconnen and Melba Tennis Clubs. A sausage sizzle followed at Belconnen Tennis Club, with an array of salads provided by some of the players. The use of the courts were donated by the clubs and the balls donated by Tennis Seniors ACT (TSACT).

There was also a raffle with prizes donated by the Tradies Club (\$200 in vouchers), U and Co at Kaleen (\$100 in vouchers) Ainslie Football Club (\$60 in

vouchers). Prizes were also donated by Thelma Winroe, Janet Bruce, Gail Jones, Anne Haycock and TSACT.

The winner on the day was Lifeline who will receive a cheque for \$1600. This is the most money raised on a Charity day to date.

The winners of the tennis events were

Mixed Doubles (Belc) – Linda Volente /Neville Rodwell

Ladies Doubles (Melba) – Allyson Gell/Dot Woodbridge

Ladies/Mixed Doubles (Melba)– Rosemary Thwaites/Marilyn Raulstone

Unisex Doubles (Belc) – Helen Greenup/Helen Sage

Mixed Doubles (Melba) - Thelma Winroe/Anthony Johnson

Mens Doubles (Melba) – John Mapple/John Byrne

Ladies Doubles (Belc) – Marilyn Langman/Linda Gorrell

There were too many raffle winners to list.

The organisers Barbara McCluskey and Anne Haycock would like to thank all those who helped on the day and those clubs or people who made donations.

There should also be a big thank you to Barbara and Anne for their organisation, not only for this year but for many years gone by. They say again this is their last tournament but this time it looks as if they mean it.

**Tennis Seniors ACT
welcomes
the following new member:**

Penny Sharp

Twilight Doubles Pennant Finals

Well the finals have been played with Spain (Tom Howe, Mark Spain, David Ridley and John Chaloner) and O'Connell (Roy Volmari, Wayne Daley, Wayne O'Connell. and Cheryl Reid) coming out the winners.

The finals were played on 23 March 2015 at the new Canberra Tennis Centre at Lyneham. Play started early to ensure darkness and the 7.30 pennant did impact on the results.

In section 1 Spain had finished on top of the table only losing one match in the rounds. They had beaten Scarlett (Kerry Scarlett, Mick Terry, David Hollaway and Dale Brooker) in both their previous matches albeit by 5 sets to 3 and with only a few games in it.

In the first sets, Mark and Tom were just able to hold out David and Dale in the first set taking it 7/6 but got on top in the second winning it 6/1. On the other court Kerry and Mick got off to a flyer winning the first set 6/0. However David and John steadied the ship to win the second 6/4. This gave Spain a 3-1 lead halfway but there only a few games in it. However Spain took 3 of

the last 4 sets to win 6/43 to 2/32.

In section 2, George (Greg George, Greg Hunt, Ross Findlay and Leonie Ainsworth) had finished just ahead of O'Connell after the last round. There was no clear favourite as both teams had had a close win against each other through the rounds.

However the O'Connell team hit the ground running and in form. Cheryl and Wayne won both sets against the two Gregs 6/3, 6/2 while Roy and Wayne Daley also won both sets against Ross and Leonie 6/2, 6/0. Roy and Wayne claimed the final for their team winning their first set against the two Gregs 6/3. The George team managed to salvage one of the last three sets. The final result was 7/44 to 1/17.

It was good to see some of the spouses along supporting their other halves. Kerrie Brooker and Susan Hollaway certainly knew how to do it in style with champagne and nibbles. Sheila Daley took her own comfortable chair while Graham Ainsworth relaxed under pergola.

See some of the action below. Pick the players. For more action from the finals go to the TSACT website.

Remember it all starts again at the end of October so make sure you have the closing date of 20 October in your diaries.

The final points score up to the last round are below.

Section 1

Team	Points
Spain	64
Scarlett	58
Clements	40
Adams	30

Section 2

Team	Points
George	59.5
O'Connell	58
Coutts	45.5
Henderson	29



Norfolk Island by Janet Bruce and Barbara Harrop

Barbara Harrop and Janet Bruce from the ACT competed in the 25th Norfolk Island Veteran's Tournament held from 17-27 April. In all, 130 players participated (about 100 overseas visitors - 30 from NZ; 30 from Queensland; 40 from NSW, SA, WA, Tasmania plus 30 locals). Events comprised three Ladies and Men's Doubles (40's/50's combined, 60's, and 70's) and five Mixed Doubles (40's, 50's, 60's, 65's and 70's).

Barbara and Janet played in the Women's Doubles (60's) and Mixed Doubles (60's). They played off for the Bronze in the Women's Doubles losing in three sets to the winning pair. Janet and her partner lost in the play off for the Bronze in the Mixed. Congratulations to Barbara and her partner who won the Consolation Mixed Doubles.

The International Tri-nations Shield Challenge was heavily in favour of Australia who won by 9 sets to 3 sets (NZ) and 3 sets (NI). This was the same result as in 2014. Previously, NZ has been the most frequent winner.

We were made to feel very welcome by the Cheryl Tennis Club throughout the Tournament and at the Registration BBQ evening and Presentation Dinner. The perfect weather (daytime 20 - 24 degrees all year round) was great for sightseeing and swimming at Emily Beach.

The touristy activities such as Progressive dinners to Islander's homes, Fletcher's Fate Dinner and play, Trial of

the Fifteen Bounty Mutineers, bush walk and bbq breakfast made for a truly great holiday! Strongly recommended! We were farewelled by Julie South and members of the Club at the airport.

The Norfolk Island Travel Centre is advertising next year's pack-



to Norfolk 22 April - 2 May 2016. Other packages are available including car hire. Please see the website of the Norfolk Island Travel Centre if you wish to participate next year maria@travelcentre.nf (P.O. Box 172 Norfolk Island 2899; Tel Int+ 6723 22502 Fax Intl + 6723 23205 Tel. Toll free AU 1800 14006).

Top picture - Janet and Barbara enjoying the hospitality

Picture to left - Barbara with her mixed doubles partner

Sunday Round Robins by Colin Lyons

We enjoyed very mild and mostly overcast weather for our tournament at Belconnen Tennis Club on 22 March. We had a very healthy roll-up of 20 players so we ran two Sections of ten each. There were 13 men and 7 women.

In the all men's group, Adrian Blackeby again mounted the victory dais to run out a clear winner with 20 games from his 4 sets. There was a four way dead heat for 2nd with 4 players all registering 17 games. - Miroslav Pisa, Daniel Tang, Warren Muller and Eric Barco. Miroslav kissed the chief steward who then drew his name out of the hat!

In the mixed, mainly female line-up,

ages which include accommodation at Governor's Lodge (next door to the courts) and return flights from Sydney

Margie Sellwood took home the 1948 Grange Hermitage with 22 games, closely pursued by Leonie Southwell on 21 games. Jan Kozak was third on 20 games.

It was good to see a mixture of some old and new faces with Eddie Cisar adding to the strong Czech contingent and Doug Williamson returning after a fairly long absence.

Our next tournament will be held on 24 May at Weston Creek Tennis Club., The June tournament will be on 21 June with the venue to be advised.

We look forward to a good roll-up.

Good Luck

Narelle Raftery, Ros Balodis, May Howard and Colin Holgate will be heading off shortly to represent Australia in the 2015 World Seniors Teams Cups from 8-12 June at La Baule France.

Ros will captain the Maureen Connelly Cup team (55+) while Narelle is a member of the Maria Esther Beuno Cup team (50+), May is a member of the Alice Marble Cup team (60+) and Colin is a member of the Von Cramm Cup team (60+).

We look forward to finding out about their different experiences - from first timer May to the seasoned veteran Ros. Keep an eye out in future editions of Vetset for their stories.

TSACT AGM
Wednesday 19 August
Put a note in your diary

Senior Tennis Tournament Results

Oceania Senior Claycourt

There were 230 players from Australia and New Zealand entered in the 2015 Oceania Senior Claycourt Championships held from 6-9 March. It was in its second year. This tournament is rated higher than the Australian Championships. Only players living in the Oceania region could enter. It was played on the clay courts at Kooyong in Melbourne.

Five players from Canberra - Ros Balodis, Colin Holgate, David Padgham, Neville Rodwell and John Stark - played in the Championships. Ros was the only one in the winning circle with titles in the 55 womens singles (losing two games this time in 3 matches) and the 55 womens doubles with Leanne Swaysland (NSW).

Colin and his partner Peter Jenkins from Victoria reached the finals of the 60 mens doubles before losing to Andrew Rae and Michael Collins from Victoria in straight sets. John and Neville reached the semi-finals of the 65 mens doubles.

Tennyson

There were 103 players entered in this new tournament, the TSQ Tennyson Seniors Championships (ITF3), held from 17-20 April 2015 at the headquarters of Queensland tennis and in the shadows of the Pat Rafter Arena. Over 90 per cent of entries were from Queensland. NSW, Victoria, ACT and the Netherlands were also represented. The singles were IPIN events with all doubles being round robin and non-IPIN events.

There were good entries in the singles but only the aged mens and ladies doubles got off the ground on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. There were very limited entries in the combined aged and mixed doubles - not enough to run them. Most age groups were on the plexi-cushion courts with only the mens events 65 and up and ladies 60 and up on clay courts.

Neville Rodwell and John Greenup carried the flag for the ACT in the 65 mens singles and doubles but not very successfully.

Milton Ulladulla

Again a large contingent of players from Canberra headed down the coast to play in the Milton-Ulladulla 17th Annual Seniors Tournament from 6-8 February 2015. The large entry again resulted in entries closing early.

The weather for the whole weekend was fine but quite warm on Sunday. The wind freshened during the day on Saturday making play very interesting and trying. Fortunately it stayed away on Sunday.

Players again enjoyed the good organisation, hard work and the hospitality of Val Crook, the Tournament Director, and the Ulladulla members and volunteers.

It was good to see three of our former members playing in the tournament. Peter Boyle is back from the West and now in Narooma, Connie Johnston was down from Coffs Harbour and David Sprott has moved to Bowral.

Our members featured prominently amongst the winners and runners up. Best performed were Leonie Ainsworth in winning three events and Tim Harris, Mark Jorgenson, Adrian Blackeby, Colin Holgate, Dave Pruckner and Greg Hunt in winning two.

Winners

Mens Singles

Section 3 - Alan Irvine

Section 5 - Greg Hunt

Age Ladies Doubles

40/45(1) - Penny Moss/Jean Penny

55/65(1) - Tui Allison /Wendy Witem-Trunz

65 - Wendy Taylor/Marg Harrigan

Age Mens Doubles

45/55 - Mark Jorgenson/Adrian Blackeby

45/60 - Greg Hunt/Greg George

55/60 - Neville Rodwell/Col Holgate

Age Mixed Doubles

35/50 - Mark Lindbeck/Deb Loves (Mollymook)

40/50 - Simon Graham/Lucy Gormly

50/55 - Leonie Ainsworth/Tim Harris

Combined Age Ladies Doubles

95 - Joanne Adams/Cheryl Reid

110/120 - Leonie Ainsworth/Val Gavin

130(2) - Marilyn Walter/Daphne Kennedy

Combined Age Mens Doubles

95 - Mark Jorgenson/Adrian Blackeby
90/130 - Col Holgate/Michael Pyne (Sydney)

110 - Dave Pruckner /Paul Westaway (Sydney)

Combined Age Mixed Doubles

75/110 - Dave Pruckner/Helen Nealer
110(1) - Tim Harris/Leonie Ainsworth
110(2) - Gordon Elliott/Anne Pratt
120/130(3) - Lyn Sebbens/Paul Westaway (Sydney)

130(1) - John Mortimer/Judy Logan (Wagga)

Runners-up

Mens Singles

Section 3 - Chris Adam

Section 4 - Greg George

Age Ladies Doubles

40/45(1) - Cheryl Reid/Joanne Adams
40/45(2) - Leonie Ainsworth/Jodie Colbourne (Tuross Head)

55/60 - Allyson Gell/Judy LeBang

55/65(1) - Julie Howe/Helen Greenup

60/65(2) - Marg Sellwood/Val Gavin

Age Mens Doubles

45/55 - Cameron Steele/Scott Colbourne (Tuross heads)

65(1) - John Greenup/Don Pettee (San Diego)

Age Mixed Doubles

35/55 - Tui Allison/Col Elliott (Sydney)

40/50 - Cameron Steele/Betty Smith

50/55 - May Howard /Herb Chee (Ulladulla)

Combined Age Ladies Doubles

95/110 - Helen Nealer/Anne Pratt

110/120 - Betty Smith/Carol Druza (Tura Beach)

120/130(1) - Brenda Ford/Leonie Southwell

130(2) - Christine Lane/Madeline Lerch

Combined Age Mens Doubles

95 - Grant Woodbridge/Gordon Elliott

110 - Tim Harris/Graham Smith

130(1) - Wayne /Bill O'Connell (Bowral)

Combined Age Mixed Doubles

75/95 - Lucy Gormly/Paul Corcoran (Frogmore)

75/110 - Wayne/Julie O'Connell

110(1) - Graham Smith/Cheryl Reid

110(2) - Chris Adam/Tui Allison

130(1) - Val Gavin/John Chapman (Harden)

130(2) - Daphne Kennedy/William Barry (Sydney)

Senior Tennis Tournament Results

Narooma's First Seniors Tournament

Narooma Tennis Club, on the far south coast of NSW, hosted its first ever Seniors Tennis Tournament on April 11-12, 2015. Over 80 people competed on the weekend, coming from as far away as Gosford, The Rock and Sale (plus, it seemed, most of the population of Jerrabomberra!) with ages ranging from 36 to 86.

Players enjoyed glorious autumn weather across the weekend with blue skies, light winds and warm temperatures making for perfect playing conditions.

While there were plenty of "oohs" and "aahs" from spectators enjoying the great tennis, the biggest cheer came from Marg Sellwood upon hearing that she had won the Head tennis racquet she had her eye on in the raffle.

Players were treated to a complimentary BBQ at the conclusion of play on Sunday, which proved a great way to wind-

down after an exciting weekend of tennis.

Organisers would like to thank all the players for supporting the tournament, and, all the volunteers at Narooma and Dalmeny tennis clubs who worked so hard to make this inaugural event such a success.

To quote a certain raffle prize winner, it was a "bloody great weekend"!

Brian Carmichael and his excellent helpers (including former Canberra player Peter Boyle) ran an efficient and fun tournament. Everyone was very friendly and helpful and the tournament was played in a great spirit.

Of the Canberra clubs Melba, Tuggeranong, Vikings and Jerrabomberra were all well represented on both days and all the players appreciated the complimentary blue visors/caps and drink bottles and the excellent free BBQ lunch on the final day.

After such a successful inaugural tournament players will need to get their entries in early for next year - in case they miss out!

Results – winners and runners-up

Mens Doubles

Sampras - Dennis Love/Bob Warren,
David Horsfall/Gary Cameron
Becker - Gordon Elliott/Grant Woodbridge, Bruce Larkham/Bill Tyson
Borg - Chris Adams/Don Masters,
Bruce/Steve Cashman
Laver - Shannon Greene/Peter Musgrove, Peter Stranger/Peter Tate

Womens Doubles

Evert - Angela Brooks/Jill Riches, Tui Allison/Wendy Whittem-Trunz
Graf - Jean Barker/Karen Tritton, Marg Sellwood/Val Gavin
Goolagong - Denise Rowsell/Jill Musgrove, Kathy Thackray/Narelle Dansey
Henin - Joanne Adams/Lynette Sebbens, Pauline Downes/Kim McCauley

Mixed Doubles

McEnroe - Joanne Adams/Adrian Blackeby, Pauline Downes/Grant Woodbridge
Edberg - Jill/Wayne Riches, Angela/Noel Brooks
Navratilova - Jill/Peter Musgrove, Tui Allison/Ross Findlay
Newcombe - Elaine/John Anderson, Wendy Whittem-Trunz/Errol Neish
Williams - Stephanie/Bruce Larkham, Barb/Dave Johnston
Rosewall - Kim McCauley/Gordon Elliott, Marg Sellwood/Chris Adam



Left to right - Bill Tyson, Bruce Larkham, Grant Woodbridge and Gordon Elliot



Left to right - Joanne Adams/Lynette Sebbens, Pauline Downes/Kim McCauley

Sunday Round Robin Tournament

9.15am for 9.30am
on
Sunday 24 May

Weston Creek Tennis Club

Entry fee is \$10.00

Entries to Colin Lyons 0434 531 449 or seejaylyons@gmail.com or Warren Muller on 0407 916 868 or warren.muller@internode.on.net.

Senior Tennis Tournament Results

Easter Tournament Results (cont from page 3)



Pat Moloney presenting cheques to 65 mens singles winner Max Bates and runner up John Stark

60+ - Colin Holgate (ACT)/Andrew Rae (Vic) defeated Max Bates (Qld)/Graeme Sticka (NSW) 7-5, 6-1
70+ - Michael Bruton (NSW)/Ian Davis (NSW), r/u Phil Higgs (ACT)/Pat Moloney (ACT) (round robin)

Womens Doubles (all round robin)

40+ - Narelle Raftery (ACT)/Yvonne Stanton (NSW), r/u Rosemary Davis (Vic)/Wanda Howes (Vic)
60+ - Adrienne Avis (NSW)/Helen Worland (NSW), r/u Leonie Ainsworth (ACT)/May Howard (ACT)

Mixed Doubles (all round robin)

35+ - Isabelle Gemmel (Ger)/Andrew Rae (Vic), r/u Cathy Benson (NSW)/David Rouse (NSW)
50+ - Narelle Raftery (ACT)/Martin Warwick (Vic), r/u Di Cassel (NSW)/Malcolm Pearson (Vic)
55+ - Sara Goddard (NSW)/Colin Holgate (ACT), r/u May Howard (ACT)/Ron Evans (Vic)
60+ - Adrienne Avis (NSW)/Graeme Sticka (NSW), r/u Julie Pratt (NSW)/Don Biddle (NSW)

Consolation Mens Singles

60+ - Greg Hunt def Dale Brooker

West Wyalong Teams

Betty and Graham Smith, Valerie Gavan and Wayne O'Connell travelled to West Wyalong for their teams weekend on 28-29 March.

There were 17 teams entered with players from Dubbo, Goulburn, Camden, Tumut, Bathurst, West Wyalong, Sydney and Ballina. The weather was kind with the sun shining for the two days.

Betty played with Helen Worland, Pam Crawford and Gail Windsor to win the

65+ - Neville Rodwell defeated John Greenup

Round Robin Events (non IPIN) – ACT unless stated other wise

Combined Aged Doubles

Mens 90/110 – Paul Gilles (NSW)/Steve Vogt, r/u Mark Feyer (NSW)/Noa Ngaugora (NSW)
Mens 120/130 – David Graham (NSW)/Robert Morgan (NSW), r/u David Sprott/David Coutts
Womens 110/120 – Denise Martin (NSW)/Yvonne Stanton (NSW), r/u Pauline Downes/Daphne Kennedy
Womens 130 – Julie Pratt (NSW)/Enid Besant-Ryan, r/u Judy Logan (NSW)/Heather McKay
Mens Singles – Wayne O'Connell, r/u Cameron Steele

Aged Doubles

Mens 45/65 – Peter Elliot (NSW)/Craig Hunt NSW), r/u Wayne O'Connell/Cameron Steele
Womens 45/65 – Pauline Downes/Kim McCauley, r/u Betty Smith/Marilyn Walter
Mens 40+ - Wayne O'Connell/Cameron Steele, r/u Colin Lyons/Miroslav Pisa
Womens 40/60 – Leonie Southwell/Marilyn Walter, r/u Beverley Roberts/Lynette Sebbens
Womens 60/70 – Enid Besant-Ryan/Pauline Honeyman, r/u Judy Logan (NSW)/Wendy Taylor

Combined Aged Mixed Doubles

90/110 – Tim Harris/Betty Smith, r/u Wayne O'Connell/Cheryl Reid
120/130 – John Chapman (NSW)/Valerie Gavin, r/u Anthony Connell/Penny Sharp

Wagga Wagga

About 30 Seniors from Canberra and Queanbeyan attended the 16th Wagga Wagga Seniors Open Tennis Tournament over the weekend of 2-3 May 2015. The tennis complex has been upgraded with 7 new courts making a total of 21 courts with new lights, fencing and manicured gardens. It is a great venue and the weather was kind to us as usual.

Players came from NSW Country and Sydney, Albury/Wodonga and Melbourne. A great weekend was had by all players with an excellent dinner and dancing at the Rules Club on Saturday night. This proved a great venue for Ross Findlay to celebrate his birthday on the Saturday.

A number of the Canberra and Queanbeyan players featured amongst the winners and runners-up.

Winners

Ladies Singles - Joanne Adams
Men's American Doubles A Grade - Adrian Blackeby
Men's Doubles A Grade - Graham Smith/Eric Koetz (Wagga)
Women's Doubles A2 Grade - Beverley Roberts/Lynette Sebbens

Runners-up

Women's American Doubles A1 Grade - Leonie Ainsworth, Joanne Adams
A2 Grade - Betty Smith, Pauline Downes, Leonie Southwell
Men's Doubles B Grade – Don Masters/Pat Dwyer (Wagga)
Women's Doubles A1 Grade - Helen Worland (Emu Swamp)/Betty Smith

Sunday Round Robin Tournament

9.15am for 9.30am

on

Sunday 21 June

Venue to be advised

Entry fee is \$10.00

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TENNIS SENIORS ACT CALENDAR 2015/16

TOURNAMENTS AND PENNANTS

26 Oct-21 March 2016 Twilight Doubles Pennant - closing date 20 October 2015

10-22 January 2016 Australian Tennis Seniors Championships, Shepparton, Victoria

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 a 9.30am start on 24 May, 21 June, 26 July, 16 August, 13 September, 18 October, 15 November and 13 December 2015.

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 (0434 531 449)

DINNERS AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

80th Birthday Dinner - Late September - date tba

Christmas Dinner - tba

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.

MIDWEEK TENNIS at the National Sports Club

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Contact: Tennis ACT (6160 7800)

Country and Interstate Tournament Calendar 2015

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

30-31 May Cowra Open Teams

5-8 Jun Victorian Seniors Claycourt Champs (ITF2)

6-8 Jun Newcastle Mixed Teams

20-21 Jun Lake Macquarie Seniors (Nat7)

27-28 Jun Cowra Seniors R/R

3-6 Jul Tennis Seniors Qld State Champs (ITF2)

4-6 Jul Cessnock Seniors (Nat6)

11-12 Jul Manning River, Taree

25-26 Jul Werris Creek Seniors R/R

31 Jul-3 Aug Forster Seniors R/Robin (Nat6)

1-2 Aug Forbes Open Teams (tbc)

14-16 Aug Muswellbrook Park

21-23 Aug Eurobodalla (Moruya)

11-13 Sep West Port Macquarie (Nat7)

19-20 Sep Gunnedah Seniors

18-21 Sep Tennis Seniors Qld Sunshine Coast (ITF3), Tewantin

2-5 Oct Tennis Seniors NSW State Championships (ITF2)

12-15 Oct Merimbula Seniors (N6)

17-18 Oct Dubbo Paramount Seniors

31 Oct-1 Nov Raworth, Hunter Tennis Resort

8-11 Nov Tennis Seniors SA State Championships (ITF3)

14-15 Nov Bathurst Carillion City Teams

23-27 Nov Victorian Seniors Grass court Champs (ITF2), Yarrowonga

4-6 Dec Nelson Bay Seniors

Tennis Jargon Explained

Tennis is a game played by two or four players. Two players are called 'singles', four players are called 'doubles'. The umpire can 'let' your second serve be your first. 'Love 30' does not mean an orgy.

If you win one point, you get 15 points; win another, you get 30; win another you get 40; but if you don't win any ALL YOU GET IS LOVE!

If you win a game it does not mean you have won the set. If you win a set it does not mean you have won the match BUT if you have won the match you have won THE GAME, SET AND MATCH

What a racquet!!

And found on a tennis plaque in USA "It isn't whether you win or lose, Its how you place the blame '.

Both taken from the February 1981 Vetset. - originally courtesy of Charles and Linda Kral.

Tennis in the ACT 80 Years Ago

The 1935 Official Handbook of the Federal Capital Territory Lawn Tennis Association contained some interesting features.. This article is an extract from the March 1989 edition of Vetset.

Prices

An advertisement for the Ally Nish Sports Depot offers restrings at 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 and 25/- shillings. OK Stores for tennis apparel invited purchase of Ladies Tennis Shoes at 2/6 per pair and Mens tennis shoes from 2/11. In General Information it is stated that courts of the Association may be hired at 7/6 per full day each. The Hotel Wellington advert offers bed and breakfast at 7/-. Luncheon at 3/-, or dinner, bed and breakfast at 11/-

Etiquette for the Gallery - some Do's and Dont's for the spectators

1. Before a match

Just before a match, do not try to renew an old acquaintanceship or express your wishes for victory to a player. Leave alone; he has enough on his mind at that time. See him after the match; he has more time then and you will find he is more cordial.

2. Neighbours

Know your neighbours at a tennis match before you criticise a player - friends and relatives frequently attend.

3. Dogs

If you have a dog with you, see that it watches the match from the sidelines.

4. Amateur sport

Bear in mind that tennis is an amateur sport, played for its own sake and not for profit. Most tournaments are run at a loss. Neither the players nor officials receive a cent for their services.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Tennis Seniors ACT

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President: Pat Moloney T +61 2 6262 3727 Email patmol1@bigpond.com

Secretary: Gail Jones T +61 2 6254 4240 Email b-gjones@bigpond.net.au

My Tennis ID	SURNAME	APPLICANT/S DETAILS			
		FIRST NAME	SEX (M/F)	D.O.B	MOBILE PHONE

1) _____

2) _____

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EMAIL _____ PHONE (H) _____ PHONE 1(B) _____

PHONE 2(B) _____

- I choose to receive information and VetSet via email from Tennis Seniors ACT
- I choose to receive information from Tennis Seniors Australia
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MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

CATEGORY (PLEASE TICK)	FEE	TOTAL FEES PAYABLE
<input type="checkbox"/> FULL MEMBERSHIP (includes VetSet)	\$20	
<input type="checkbox"/> VETSET ONLY	\$5	

First Member - Signature _____

Date: _____

Second Member - Signature _____

Date: _____

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP - 1ST JULY 2015 - 30TH JUNE 2016

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Post to:

The Treasurer, Tennis Seniors ACT Inc, PO Box 885 Belconnen ACT 2616

Or Direct deposit via internet banking- Name of Account Tennis Seniors ACT Inc

BSB-062-900 Account number 1048 3075

Form must be filled out and returned with banking receipt

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