

Gloucester Glows

“Gloucester glows” was the pronouncement of one of the 125 players that competed in the Annual Gloucester Seniors Tournament on the weekend. And glow it certainly did. Over 300 matches were decided in perfect Autumn conditions. The natural beauty of the area and the friendliness of the local people bowled over the visitors.

Local players Brett Ashton, Tom Power and Paul Kellehear were in fine company with the best of Tennis Seniors players entering the event. NSW Champion, Chris Gillis from Manly had a convincing win in the 35-40 Men’s Singles overcoming an exceptional field including Peter Doohan from Nelson Bay who was forced to retired due to injury.

Natasha Melville from Sydney took out the 35-40 Women’s Singles event conceding only one game through the entire event.

Gloucester District Tennis Association Life Member, Margaret Wayte, displayed her exceptional tennis skills and took out the 60 Ladies Doubles with her regular partner Mary Gordon. The tennis played was exceptional, lending itself to a style and grace that has disappeared from the international Grand Slam and ATP tournaments.

The Committee is very grateful to everyone who donated cakes and slices to the Club for the duration of the event, and to those who donated the delicious desserts served to the players on Saturday night during the dinner hosted at the clubhouse. The feedback was very positive.

Thanks also to the volunteers who worked tirelessly in the kitchen and canteen, especially Merilyn Relf, Lorraine Adams, Di Montague, Chris Pearson and their teams. As always, Neville Holstein, Kevin Ninness and Brett Ashton had the courts looking great and playing beautifully. Lorraine Forbes, as always ran a professional and organised event from the tournament office.

Of course these events cannot happen without the help of generous sponsors, Darrel’s Gourmet Butchery (thanks for the delicious roasts on Saturday night), Zac’s Glass, Adam’s Upholstery, Whispering Beauty, Gloucester Soldiers Club, Townsend Electrical and Gloucester Bowling Club.

Ruth Johnson.

A great job on the entries, draws and results was done by Ruth, who also found time to take some interesting photos, including some great action shots. Sincere thanks to all the Gloucester folks for another memorable tournament! RC