

The 2nd annual Gosford Seniors kicked off in dramatic style with the generous 10AM Friday start being welcomed by a 9:55AM downpour. The weather soon cleared however and matches got underway. With more than 160 entries for the weekend the newly refurbished air conditioned Gosford clubhouse was chockers and hot weather meant the drinks, ice blocks and beers were in demand. The Friday singles was a battle with Maurice Murphy taking out the large group of 35+ Mens and young up and comer Rob Eldridge surprising everyone (including himself) with a gutsy 2nd place. Other winners on the day were Micheal Russell, Washington Rodrigues and Robert Hall. The ladies was taken out by Cathy Benson with local legend Mary Gordon a close second. This was the only event, out of 5 entered, that Mary didn't win over the entire weekend.

The Friday Twilight event was enjoyed by all with fine food and a party atmosphere. Catering by Scott Homseys D'VINE Catering Group was spectacular and made it difficult to get back on the courts again after dinner. As the drinks flowed the tennis quality reduced (especially with the boys on Court 12) but everyone enjoyed themselves. Super keen Bonny was the only casualty of the night, injuring her wrist and out for the rest of the tournament. She was still at the courts all weekend though, selling raffle tickets, serving at the counter and talking to anyone and everyone. A special thank you to Bonny for making the effort to help all weekend despite the disappointment of not being able to play.

Saturday and Sunday passed by in a flash with 34 degree weather on Sunday testing everyones fitness. The large group of 130+ Mens Combined on Sunday morning showed everyone how it should be done with Mick Bruton and Noel Flannagan winning one group and John Holt and Ken Young taking out the other. The forecast storm held off until seconds after the last point on Sunday afternoon with everyone scurrying back to the clubhouse just in time. A big thank you to all the people who helped organise the event ; Shaz, Bonny, Eddie, Scotty, Rob, Greg at ITS and John at Wyoming Courts. We would love everyone to return next year with (hopefully) new bottom grass courts to go with the new clubhouse. Thankyou, Hadrian.