

Picton received 144 entries, the weather was very kind – a little chilly, but players were happy with the conditions, and the competition was of a high quality. There was even a former Aussie Open Finalist making a come-back to tennis after 10 years of playing Cricket. John Marks took on the 50-year olds, even though he's reached 60! Geoff Daus from Surry Hills gave John a workout in the round Robin group, going down in a Tie Breaker, and then the ACT visitor Steve Vogt gave him another run for his money in the playoff – another Tie Breaker to John! He was so bushed, he couldn't play in his own age group in the afternoon, much to the disappointment of many.

In the 35s, Mike Etherington defeated Rod Gould in the playoff, with Geoff Walsh running away with the 60s against Graeme Sticka after the three groups had battled it out all afternoon. 70-75s was won convincingly by Bob Hall. Bob did well with Mick Bruton in the Combined 130MD, too, taking it out against Roger Brittain and Dave Brewster who had "sneaked in" to the playoff.

The Women's 35s was a strong field, with Kylie Player narrowly defeating Nicole Pinchbeck 6/5. Nicole has only recently joined Seniors, and is enjoying the competition. Natasha Melville did well too, only going down 6/3 and 6/5 to Kylie and Nicole respectively. It was great to see the "new mum" Lusiana Harper from Balgownie having a go, winning two of her 5 matches.

Doubles and Mixed on Saturday and Sunday were successfully completed, with lots of close tennis!

Alison Radford may be congratulated once again, not only for running the tournament, but for partnering herself up and competing to make the groups workable! Great stuff Alison! And I am sure Alison would extend her thanks to her committee for their assistance as well!

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