

2015 Dave Matthews Seniors Tournament Report

Three days of magnificent of weather saw approx 190 players converge on Nelson Bay Tennis Club to compete in the annual "Dave Matthews Seniors Tennis Tournament" over the weekend Dec 4-6. In total 44 events were keenly contested across 6 venues utilising 21 courts with Friday being mostly Singles and Saturday / Sunday being Men's, Ladies and Mixed doubles events.

The winners of the Dave Matthews signature event were Greg Scott and John Toohey who defeated Steve Harris and Rainer Matas in a close final, winning 6-5. It was great to see the majority of people wearing white on our "themed" Wimbledon day. Whilst it wasn't a compulsory requirement it was good to see so many people get into the spirit of the day, I only wish I could've supplied natural grass courts. Wimbledon day will be on again next year and watch out for a change in program as I look to improve the tournament in 2016.

This year saw an influx of new players participating in the tournament which was great to see. To see so many new faces playing great tennis and enjoying life at Nelson Bay is a testament to the popularity of this event, its location and the legacy of previous tournament directors Dave Matthews and Greg Scott. This year also saw the addition of two new venues, Boat Harbour and the "Oaks" Salamander Bay. The Boat Harbour venue received mixed reviews as the new court (3 months old) played a like a new court with too much sand on it whilst the older court had a mind of its own with the ball doing weird things off lines whilst I only received positive feedback about the Oaks.

Thank you to all Tennis Clubs on the Port Stephens Peninsula for allowing NBTC to utilise their facilities to host our tournament. I should mention that Boat Harbour volunteers catered for the players, which was greatly appreciated by all and something I have not seen outside of the host venue. I will work with all venues next year to see if we can expand this initiative whilst keeping prices reasonable.

Nelson Bay Tennis Club wishes to thank everyone involved in making this another successful tournament in particular our Major Sponsors Maitland / Port Stephens Toyota, the Oaks Salamander Bay, the Mantra Aqua and all the other local businesses who contributed towards the event. To the players both new and old, club volunteers and spectators who gave up their time to participate, lend a helping hand or just watch the tennis, I as tournament director cannot thank you enough for your part in what was a great weekend. Without your support these tournaments would not be the success they are.

If anyone has any feedback on this year's event, please feel free to email me at stephen_taylor4@bigpond.com with your thoughts.

Raffle Winners were:

- 1st Prize: Joan Hissey - 2 Nights' Accommodation at the Mantra
- 2nd Prize: Sue Copland - Head Ti6 Tennis Racquet
- 3rd Prize: Greg Rowe - Moonshadow / Dolphin Watch Cruise
- 4th Prize: Mary Gordon - Moonshadow / Dolphin Watch Cruise
- 5th Prize: Anne Gamble - Solar Bat Tennis Sunglasses
- 6th Prize: Simone Yee - Athlete's Foot Gift Voucher
- 7th Prize: Betty Sweeney - Athlete's Foot Gift Voucher
- 8th Prize: John (0421354673) - Champagne Hamper
- 9th Prize: Maureen (49913883) - Red & White Wine Hamper
- 10th Prize: Bob (0410225655) - sand boarding voucher with Port Stephens 4WD
- 11th Prize: Les Jones - Bunnings gift card
- 12th Prize: Bill Allen - Bunnings gift card.

Nelson Bay Tennis Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again at the 2016 tournament.

Event winners were:

2015 Dave Matthews Seniors Tournament Winners and Runners Up			
	Title	Winner(s)	Runner(s) Up
Event 1	Mens 35+ Singles	Pat Crowe	David Rouse
Event 2	Mens 40+ Singles	Not Played	
Event 3	Mens 45+ Singles	Mike Etherington	Mark Feyer
Event 4/5	Mens 50-60 Singles Group 1	Miroslav Pisa	Russell Selem
Event 4/5	Mens 50-60 Singles Group 2	Steve Vogt	Jim Ninwadee
Event 6	Mens 60+ Singles Group 1	Valeriy Rensevich	Barry Wilson
Event 6	Mens 60+ Singles Group 2	Brian Loader	Don Mortimer
Event 7	Mens 65+ Singles Group 1	Paul Carpenter	Graeme Sticka
Event 7	Mens 65+ Singles Group 2	Mike Lynn	Ronald Watts
Event 8	Mens 70/75 Singles	Robert Hall	Brian Humphries
Event 9	Mens 75/80 Singles	George Gelagin	Joseph Zucker
Event 10	Mens 80+ Singles	Not Played	
Event 11	Womens 35-40 Singles	Cathy Benson	Natasha Melville
Event 12	Womens 45-50 Singles	Not Played	
Event 13	Womens 55-60 Singles	Narelle Pettee	Sara Goddard
Event 14	Womens 65-70 Singles	Not Played	
Event 15	Mens American Doubles Group 1 & 2	Greg Scott / Robert Hall	Paul Westaway / Mark Feyer
Event 16	Womens American Doubles Group 1 & 2	Anne Rouse / Narelle Pettee	Simone Yee / Mary Gordon
Event 16	Womens American Doubles Group 3 & 4	Julie Andrews / Letitia Speers	Roslyn Ode / Irene Stimson
Event 17	Mixed 70+ Combined Doubles Group 1 & 2	Rod Stubbs / Natasha Melville	David Rouse / Cathy Benson
Event 17	Mixed 70+ Combined Doubles Group 3	Anthony O'Callaghan / Tarnya Gunn	Paul Cottee / Elaine Martin
Event 18	Mixed 90+ Combined Doubles	Miroslav Pisa / Kamila Pisova	Peter McGregor / Myra Renneberg
Event 19	Mixed 110+ Combined Doubles Group 1	Steve Harris / Julie Andrews	Geoff Mortimer / Louisa Mortimer
Event 19	Mixed 110+ Combined Doubles Group 2 & 3	Nicholas Cole / Maureen Bartels	David Bourke / Jhil Taylor
Event 20	Mixed 130+ Combined Doubles Group 1	Robert Hall / Mary Gordon	John Stimson / Irene Stimson
Event 20	Mixed 130+ Combined Doubles Group 2	John Harradine / Roslyn Ode	Les Jones / Susan Brown
Event 21	Mens 70+ Combined Doubles	Craig Edwards / Glen Armstrong	Pat Crowe / Ian Leggatt
Event 22	Mens 100+ Combined Doubles	Greg Scott / John Toohey	Rainer Matas / Steve Harris
Event 23	Mens 120+ Combined Doubles Groups 1 & 2	Bill Thomson / Fred Walker	Gary Allsopp / Ric Bentley
Event 24	Mens 140+ Combined Doubles Group 1	Paul Carpenter / Rodney Rowlands	Wilson Mcorist / George Gelagin
Event 24	Mens 140+ Combined Doubles Group 2	Noel Flanagan / Bruce Luckie	Brian Humphries / Arthur Olsen
Event 25/26	Womens 70+ Combined Doubles Group 1	Fiona Weinert / Kim Bullock	Cathy Benson / Anne Rouse
Event 25/26	Womens 70+ Combined Doubles Group 2 & 3	Mary Baker / Anne Wallis	Lucie Mitchell / Elaine Martin
Event 27/28	Womens 120/140 Combined Doubles Group 1	Margaret Wayte / Judy Cousins	Kristine McIndoe / Narelle Pettee
Event 27/28	Womens 120/140 Combined Doubles Group 2	Kathy Holland / Denise Rowsell	Sandra Murphy / Cheryl Moss
Event 27/28	Womens 120/140 Combined Doubles Group 3	Susan Ayres / Ellen Partridge	Lynne Bridges / Roslyn Ode
Event 29	Mens 35+ Doubles	Craig Edwards / Glen Armstrong	Hadrian Cullum / Anthony Girdler
Event 30	Mens 45+ Doubles	Geoff Hayes / Russell Anderson	Mark Leonard / Alan Fisher
Event 31	Mens 55+ Doubles	Paul Westaway / Bill Thomson	Fred Walker / Brian Loader
Event 32/33	Mens 65/75 Doubles Group 1	Mike Lynn / Roger Smith	Wilson Mcorist / George Gelagin
Event 32/33	Mens 65/75 Doubles Group 2	John Williams / Greg Alchin	Noel Flanagan / Bruce Luckie
Event 34	Womens 35+ Doubles	Jo Clarke / Fiona Weinert	Lucie Mitchell / Elaine Martin
Event 35	Womens 45+ Doubles	Mary Baker / Anne Wallis	Ellen Partridge / Helen Burge
Event 36	Womens 55+ Doubles	Maureen Bartels / Karen Warburton	Susan Ayres / Wendy Izzard
Event 37	Womens 65+ Doubles	Mary Gordon / Margaret Wayte	Helen Watmore / Judy Cousins
Event 38	Mixed 35/55 Doubles Group 1	Rod Stubbs / Martine Shaw	Gary Allsopp / Wendy Izzard
Event 38	Mixed 35/55 Doubles Group 2	Brett Durrance / Pat Hurst	Steve Taylor / Julie Andrews
Event 40	Mixed 55/65 Doubles	Robert Hall / Mary Gordon	Joe Attard / Robyn Castle
Event 41	Mixed 65+ Doubles	Not Played	