

AGAIN ULLADULLA ATTRACTS OVERSEAS VISITORS

Over 200 players entered the 17th Annual Seniors Tournament at Ulladulla, which enjoyed perfect summer weather.. Players travelled from Canberra, Sydney and many regional NSW centres, from Coffs Harbour to Narooma. Adding an international flavour were players from San Diego and San Francisco in the U.S, who returned for a second year in a row, and they were joined by the two “boys” from Slovakia, Jurej (George) and Ivan who were holidaying in New Zealand and Australia. They fitted in and “had a ball”!

Each day the dedicated band of volunteers assisted Bev Magee and Maureen Mennie to provide nourishing sandwiches and delicious cakes and slices for the players to enjoy. Col Hickman even cooked scones which were topped with jam and cream – a very popular snack with tea or coffee. The bar was stocked with icy cold beverages and operated by Pauline McIlveen and Maureen Mennie, for an after-match tippie. A popular “watering hole”! Thanks must also go to Kevin McIlveen for his assistance and the Burrill Cellars for discounted liquor.

Bunnings were very generous in donating 14 Eskies which were placed on each court to keep our drinks cold! These were much appreciated, especially when it got to 30+plus degrees on Sunday.

On Saturday night, a hundred hungry mouths were catered for with fish (caught, cleaned and cooked by Bob Crook), rissoles (home-made by Bob) and sausages along with a variety of salads. Bob was ably assisted at the barbie by John Magee and Grant Charsley. Cheesecake was accompanied for dessert this year by a huge chocolate cake (from friend Robyn) picturing our Tournament Director Val – who celebrated 70 years on this planet!

Players were aged from 35 to 84 – congratulations to our eldest player, “super senior” Ron Lewis on his participation again! He keeps on “keeping on” and can play a mean game! There was high quality tennis all ‘round, and the groups were graded extremely well again to give everyone competitive tennis to match their standard.

Once again the Club is indebted to the major sponsor, BIG 4 Bungalow Park Burrill Lake, not only for the financial benefit to the club but also the excellent accommodation deal they give to the players, many of whom took advantage of this and were very complimentary of the facilities provided.

BIG 4 also donate the major prize for the raffle, being a week’s accommodation for 6 people in one of their cabins. This year it was Graham Waller from Kings Langley who collected First prize and Second prize, a Ladies Tennis outfit, donated by Julie Hankin from Tennis Jewels, was won by our Treasurer Pam. Third prize of a fruit and vegie box from Milton IGA went to Gail Windsor from Bathurst.

A wonderful selection of photos were taken by Grant Charsley, and posted on the MUDTA website – available for instant viewing, and for ordering if you wish to be able to print them. See lots of action and group pics for great memories. Contact details for Grant are on the Home page: www.mudta.com.au

The Club is looking for a new Tournament Director for next year, as Val is retiring since initiating the tournament in 1999 – she feels she needs a “break” – and would like to play! So if you know anyone who would like to step into the role – contact Bev Magee or Keith Bonser, they would love to hear from someone interested in a challenging yet rewarding experience for next year’s fantastic tournament.