



# TOPSPIN *Newsletter*

December 2007

Tennis 35+ Seniors Tasmania



**Wishing all 35+ Seniors the best for Christmas and New Year.**

Our business plan and budget for the National Championships 2010 has been submitted to the Tasmanian Events Department. We await their decision for funding to be able to help finance the event.

Congratulations to Max Byrne for his great results in the Super Seniors in New Zealand. Our good wishes go to the Tasmanian 55+ team in Wodonga. Jon Aufder-Heide (capt.), Eddie Gotowski, Neville Milne, Rod Turner, Colin Mathew and myself will hope for a good result. Also playing for Tasmania are Rod Harrex, Hardy Fehlandt in combined teams and Martin Rojahn, Brett Andrew in the Individuals. Graeme Holloway. President

## **2008 CYGNET CLAY COURT TOURNAMENT**

January 26th, 27th & 28th, 2008 Tournament Manager John Wills Phone 62951288, Entries close Friday 11th January, 2008 with the Tournament Secretary, Jenny Wills PO Box 17, Cygnet 7112. Phone 62951288. Fees must be paid at time of entry. Late entries not accepted. Veterans Championships are open to men 45+, women 40+.

### **INFORMATION FROM ITF:**

One new tournament will join the ITF Senior Circuit in 2008. It will be the Tennis Queensland Sunshine Coast Championships to be held on the 19th –22nd of September. In accordance with the rules of the circuit, it will start with a Grade 4 status. The 2008 Australian Tennis Seniors Championships are Grade 1, Tennis Seniors Victoria State Championships, Tennis Seniors NSW Championships, Grade 2, ACT Open, Aust. Clay Court and Queensland Seniors Tennis Championships are all Grade 3, National Super Seniors Tennis Championships are Grade 4. Merimbula, Mildura and SA Seniors State Championships grades will be confirmed in April 2008.

## **Tennis 35+ Seniors News**

### **Super Seniors Results from New Zealand in November 2007.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Australian players who have performed extremely well in New Zealand in November. Winning two cups...defeating the United States 2-1 in the Britannia Cup final and defeating the United States 2-1 in the Jack Crawford Cup final. Our players have done us proud. We were also runners-up in the Mulloy and Gibson Cups, third in the Von Cramm, fourth in the Marble, Godfrey and Queens Cups and fifth in the Grant Cup. Well done Australian Team!!!

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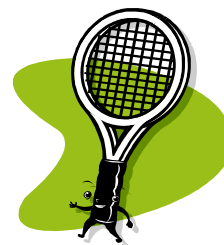
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## **Tennis Seniors Australia**



.The Britannia Cup 65+ was won by Australia with USA runner-up. First presented in 1979, Australia has won it 1992 and 2000. The team members were Bob Howes (NSW) captain, Bruce Burns (NSW), Murray French (VIC) and Tom Downie (VIC).

The Jack Crawford Cup 70+ was won by Australia with USA as runner-up. First presented by Australia in 1983 and won only once in 1994, it was a sweet victory. Team members were Peter Froelich (QLD), Ian King (NSW) captain, Tony Harkin (NSW) and Ray Woodforde (SA).

Elsie Crowe (WA) won the 80+ Womens Singles, Australia won the 65 Mens' Doubles, Peter Froelich (QLD) with USA partner won the 70+ Mens' Doubles, Australia won the 80 Mens' Doubles, Carol Campling with (GBR) partner won the 60 Womens' Doubles and Australia won the 70+ Womens' Doubles.

**Tasmanian Member of the 75+ team Max Byrne** informed the Editor that the team came 5th with Canada 1st, USA 2nd, Japan 3rd, and New Zealand 4th. There were 7 teams in the event. **In the Individual Championships** Max played with G. McCabe of United States (a totally new partner), they were unseeded, won against the top seeds 6/4 6/4 and then won the finals 6/4 7/5. Max also reached the semi-finals in the singles. Congratulations, Max – you kept the flag flying for Tasmania and we have a Doubles World Champion!!

### **TENNIS 35+ SENIORS TENNIS DAYS**

**Sunday November 18th at Devonport Tennis Club.** It was a great day for tennis and with tennis players from the Coast the tennis was most enjoyable. Gary Hulme and Ann Pusta went from Hobart, Pauline Baker, Jim and June Witheford from Launceston. It was great to see Noel Bonney back on the court after his serious accident, playing with both hands! Winners on the day were Warren Smith and Ann Pusta. Daryl Edwards, Ron Harris, Chris Gurr, Fay Foster, Fran Johnston, Rosemary Robinson, Shirley Ruffels were amongst the Devonport players. Thanks to Doug Robinson for organizing the tennis matches on his computer!

David Johnston our NW Vice-President gave a summary of Jim Witheford's contribution to Veterans Tennis over many years and presented him with a Life Membership Badge.

**Sunday December 2nd at Sunshine Tennis Club.** 25 Seniors members played a number of energetic sets on the Sunshine courts and enjoyed the social side of the Christmas lunch in the very pleasant surroundings. Mike Bowden and Lorraine Archer were worthy winners of the bottles of wine. President Graeme Holloway thanked the Sunshine members for their hospitality and gave members Christmas and New Year good wishes.

Some of the players were Jacqui Hope, Diane Balding, Anne Connell, Marian Casimaty, Diane Fincke, Rob Cooper, Rod Harrex, David Townend and Robert Bowden.

### **NEXT TENNIS DAYS**

**Sunday February 10th at Tarooma Tennis Club.** Start the year with a great day in a beautiful setting near the sea at Tarooma!

**Saturday March 15th and 16th at the Domain Tennis Centre, NOT** the long weekend but the weekend after, we want lots of entries, no excuses!!



Talk about it to your friends it is an Open Event. !!

**To all Members, Have a Happy Christmas and Bright New Year, from Ann Pusta.**



# TENNIS 35+ SENIORS TASMANIA NEWS



At the President & Secretaries meeting in Adelaide we learnt that the focus of Tennis Australia in the coming years is going to be more on fostering the sport through tennis clubs, children playing tennis with parents and grandparents, perhaps involving Seniors players in school and club tournaments etc. and



increasing the knowledge of the sport as being an all ages activity played through a lifetime of enjoyment in tennis. Tennis Australia will have a new logo which will be adopted by all states and used by Seniors as well. Tennis Australia are concerned about the number of people who play in their childhood and teen years, then drop out, some come back to tennis but nothing like the number who play in the early years. What incentives are needed to keep them interested and involved?

Good to see Tasmanian players Rod Harrex, Brett Andrew and Max Byrne acquitting themselves well in the Queensland Championships. Max won the over 75 Singles. Brett was defeated by the eventual winner in his age group.

**Think about teams for Wodonga!!** The heat policy will be enforced!! The average temperature is 28 to 30 degrees. Courts are grass and only one match will be played at Thurgooona on mod grass during teams week. We want some teams in Wodonga, there will be some fun social events and the Victorians make great hosts.

**Our Annual Meeting** will be held at the Rosny Tennis Club Sunday the 12th of August. Executive and committee positions will come up for reelection, we need active and enthusiastic members to keep the 35+ Seniors going forward.

The nomination form was emailed on the 25th of July or is included with this TOPSPIN.

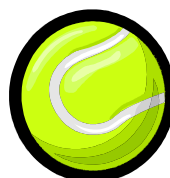
**Congratulations** to the Bouchier family for son Eddie's wins in Darwin and his scholarship to an American University. Good luck from the Seniors for your future tennis career Eddie!

**If you have some photographs of yourself and club tennis players please post or email to the secretary, they would be good to have in TOPSPIN!**

## Tennis 35+ Seniors Days

**Sunday 3rd. of June,** A very pleasant day was held at Riverside. Graeme Holloway and Ann Pusta went from Hobart and David Johnston, Colin Matthew and Ron Harris came from Devonport and all joined in with Riverside players for some very good tennis. Max Byrne organized the sets, Greg Porter, Jim Witheford, Val Byrne and Nancy Hodgson were amongst the players. It was good to see our patron Beryl McNee visit and be part of the proceedings, including the official opening of the two new court surfaces by President Jim Witheford. As always Riverside provided a tasty lunch with some amazing desserts!

**Sunday 8th of July.** We were lacking in women players at our 8th of July day at the Domain. Elizabeth Bowden and Ann Pusta were still out of action but Pauline Baker, Lorraine Archer, Marian Casimaty and Ann Connell had some enjoyable tennis. Rod Turner, David Townend, Jon Aufder-Heide, Graeme Woodward, Garry Hulme and Graeme Holloway were some of the men players. It is now a very pleasant club house and the new clay courts had a good work out. Thanks to Elizabeth for organizing the sets.



# NEXT TENNIS DAYS

**AUGUST Sunday 12th at Rosny Park Tennis Club.** Tennis and AGM . Lots of courts, many Rosny players to vary our play and lunch will be provided. What more could a tennis player require??

**SEPTEMBER Sunday 9th at Geilston Bay Tennis Club.** President Peter Norton, Secretary Sue Bidgood are this years' principal office bearers. 35+ Seniors member Mike Hodge is captain of the club. We know we will have a warm welcome and Geilston Bay always seems to be protected from the weather!

**OCTOBER Sunday 14th at Lindisfarne Tennis Club.** Lindisfarne is renowned for its' men players making superb sandwiches as well as playing some good tennis , of course the women bring many goodies for lunch and play a mean game of tennis as well!

**NOVEMBER Sunday 18th at Devonport Tennis Club.** Plan now to have an enjoyable weekend in the NW of the State with some well organized tennis on the Sunday. The only day we have been washed out was last year, but we still had a good day. It would be nice to see some of our former members from Devonport joining in , Helen Knight was one, last year. We would welcome more members of the Devonport Club joining in. Perhaps our 35+ Seniors name might make a difference.

**If possible ring or email the Secretary on the Friday before of your attendance, if it is not possible just come on the day! Play starts at 10 o'clock.**

## **Coaches Tennis Advice from Advantage Receiver (Vic.)**

Many tennis players "blow" the overhead smash more than possibly any other shot. However, there are times when you should smash, especially when you are close to the net.

To ensure success on the overhead smash, be sure to position the ball in front of you, reach up with your free arm to judge— i.e. track the descent and get your racquet behind your ear.

Avoid winding up as you do for the serve and do not let your enthusiasm for a spectacular smash prevent you from executing the stroke properly.

## **So that's how they got their names!?** From the 1500s

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of nice clean water then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could lose someone in it.

Hence the saying, Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!!

The eager beaver at the bottom is for those members who are going to volunteer for the executive committee— please give it your commitment.

Matthews' poem was one of the third prizes in an Australia wide competition 13,000 entries, for children from Grades 3—11. from proud grandmother Ann P.

## **Loneliness**

A poem by Matthew Davis Aged 9

Loneliness is a dull gray,  
occasionally with streaks of  
Never ending blue.

It tastes like burnt out ashes  
and old wood.

Where loneliness rules, it looks  
Dead, grey with things wandering  
Alone dying from the separation  
of all existence.

Loneliness smells of nothingness.  
It sounds like whispers, calling for  
Someone or something to be with.

Loneliness feels like a dead wasteland

Inside you,

With beasts soaring in its skies.

