

REPORT ON THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN PERTH, WA



THE WEATHER AND THE TENNIS HEATS UP IN PERTH

Two weeks of outstanding tennis was completed with the staging of the finals of the Australian Individuals Championships in Perth Western Australia in temperatures in the mid nineties (around 35 C). The most isolated capital city in the world put on two weeks of glorious weather when 111 teams (around 700 players) from Australia, New Zealand and Canada played the Teams Championships and many players stayed on with others to play the individual Championships (300 players).

Being one of the first tournaments in using the IPIN entry procedures and after the initial unforeseen problem of player loss of or not remembering IPIN passwords and a couple of computer glitches with ITF processes, all entries were successfully processed due the experience of Steve Longworth, the patience and diligence of Gaye Hawthorn and Max Purdy and the cooperation of Hayley Iveson whose endless patience and assistance is greatly appreciated.

For the first time, many of us could see the new digital processes of the ITF in action. By selecting the tournament from the calendar and clicking on the name of the tournament, one can now see the daily results and all the other tournament information in Tournament Planner.

Of our visitors to taste success, John Powless (USA), Lorne Main (Canada), Mary Ann Gaskin (Canada) and Quentin Maissey (New Zealand) did well. John defeated Lorne in the final of the Men's 80+ singles, 3 and 4, and later John combining with Peter Froelich won the 80+ doubles. Lorne combined with Adrienne Avis to win the 60+ Mixed Doubles. Mary Ann got to the final of the 60+ Women's singles but met Carol Campling at her best losing 0 and 1. Unfortunately, Quentin had to retire due to injury in the final of Men's 60+ against Andrew Rae losing 3-6, 1-4 retired.

The grass surface proved a challenge to many of the players from the eastern states but the Westralians were in their own backyard where Brett Patten (Men's 40+ against Peter Elliott, NSW), Brad Properjohn (Men's 50 against Simon Arms, Vic), Kurt Robinson (against Gary Nadebaum, USA and formerly of WA), and Scott Utley (against fellow Westralian Daret Gooch) all recorded wins in their respective men's singles. Two men recording their first Australian Championships are Dennis Bindon, NSW (Men's 70+ against Bruce Rehn, SA, 4 and 0) and Kevin Crump, Qld (Men's 75+ singles against Ian King, NSW, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1).

In the remaining men's singles, three pairs of Australian representatives played each other. Peter Keller defeated Terry Smith, 2 and 4, in the final of the Men's 65+ while evergreen 90 year old Neville Halligan (Qld) had to lower his colours to the younger 86 year old Doug Corbett, NSW, in the final of the Men's 85+ singles. In the final of the Men's 55+ singles, TSA Player of the year and

current World Champion, Glenn Busby again proved too strong for fellow team mate Gary Thoroughgood, NSW, winning 3 and 4.

In the younger age ranges of the women, Karen Pearce (Qld) defeated Sharon Hoole (Qld) 0 and 2 and Fiona Medina (Vic) defeated Susan Rheinberger (Qld) 4 and 2.

Three women bound for San Diego next month performed well in the Women's singles. In the 50+ age range, former World Champion Ros Balodis defeated fellow ACT resident Narelle Raftery, winning 2 and 3 while Lyn Mortimer (Qld) defeated former Australian representative Kaye Nealon (NSW) in the 55+ singles.

Making a return to tournament play after dealing with illness for a year, it was great to see Kerry Ballard (NSW) back at our tournaments. Kerry won the 60+ Women's singles with a 6-2, 6-4 win over fellow Australian team player Wendy Gilchrist (Qld).

The longest women's singles match was the 70+ three setter which took 2 ½ hours between Mary Gordon (NSW) and Judy Hancy (Vic) with Mary demonstrating her usual sparkle and determination to win 6-3, 2-6, 7-5. Most games in the third set went to deuce with one game estimated to have approximately 20 deuces.

Nola Collins (Vic) returning from a half-knee replacement defeated Peg Hoysted (NSW) in the final of the Women's 75+ singles and in the 80+ singles Margaret Fisher (NSW) defeated Elsie Crow (WA), both results were 3 matches to 2 matches of a round robin format.

A couple of other notable performances included former Australian representatives Lito Alvarez and Peter Rigg, both from WA, defeating the current World Doubles Champions Andrew Rae (Vic) and Max Bates (Qld), 2 and 2. In the 70+ Mixed Doubles, former Australian representatives Margaret Wayte, NSW, and Bruce Burns, NSW, recorded their sixteenth win in an Australian Championships.

With the change in Seniors Regulations for 2012, it is pleasing that players who achieve success in round robin formats will gain the same points as the successful players in a knock-out draw.

Full draw sheets and results can be found on the ITF website and at www.92computing.com.au. A summary of the results is given below.

Tom Hancy, January 27th, 2012

RESULTS

Event 1. 35 MENS SINGLES Final

Scott Utley [WA] def. Daret Gooch [WA] 4wins/3wins

Event 2. 40 MENS SINGLES Final

Brett Patten [WA] def. Peter Elliott [NSW] 6/0 6/0

Event 3. 45 MENS SINGLES Final

Kurt Robinson [WA] def. Garry Nadebaum [SA] 6/0 4/1 ret.

Event 4. 50 MENS SINGLES Final

Brad Properjohn [WA] def. Simon Arms [VIC] 6/3 6/2

Event 5. 55 MENS SINGLES Final

Glenn Busby [VIC] def. Gary Thoroughgood [NSW] 6/3 6/4

Event 6. 60 MENS SINGLES Final

Andrew Rae [VIC] def. Quentin Maisey [NZL] 6/3 4/0 ret.

Event 7. 65 MENS SINGLES Final

Peter Keller [VIC] def. Terry Smith [VIC] 6/2 6/4

Event 8. 70 MENS SINGLES Final

Dennis Bindon [NSW] def. Bruce Rehn [SA] 6/4 6/0

Event 9. 75 MENS SINGLES Final

Kevin Crump [QLD] def. Ian King [NSW] 4/6 6/3 6/1

Event 10. 80 MENS SINGLES Final

John Powless [USA] def. Lorne Main [CAN] 6/3 6/4

Event 11. 85 MENS SINGLES Final

Douglas Corbett [NSW] def. Neville Halligan [QLD] 2wins/1win

Event 12. 35/40 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Karen Pearce [QLD] def. Sharon Hoole [QLD] 6/0 6/2

Event 13. 40 WOMENS SINGLES NO EVENT

Event 14. 45 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Fiona Medina [VIC] def. Susan Rheinberger [QLD] 6/4 6/2

Event 15. 50 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Roslyn Balodis [ACT] def. Narelle Raftery [ACT] 6/2 6/3

Event 16. 55 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Lyn Mortimer [QLD] def. Kaye Nealon [NSW] 3/6 6/2 6/2

Event 17. 60 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Kerry Ballard [NSW] def. Wendy Gilchrist [QLD] 6/2 6/4

Event 18. 65 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Carol Campling [NSW] def. Mary_Ann Gaskin [CAN] 6/0 6/1

Event 19. 70 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Mary Gordon [NSW] def. Judy Hancy [VIC] 6/3 2/6 7/5

Event 20. 75 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Nola Collins [VIC] def. Peg Hoysted [NSW] 3wins/2wins

Event 21. 80 WOMENS SINGLES Final

Margaret Fisher [NSW] def. Elsie Crowe [WA] 3wins/2wins

Event 22. 35 MENS DOUBLES No event

Event 23. 35/40 MENS DOUBLES Final

Brett Patten [WA] & Kurt Robinson [WA] def. Daret Gooch [WA] & Scott Utley [WA] 6/2 6/3

Event 24. 45 MENS DOUBLES Final

Manuel Radic [NSW] & Gregory Westwood [NSW] def. Simon Arms [VIC] & Bruce Ferguson [VIC] 7/5 5/7 7/5

Event 25. 50 MENS DOUBLES Final

Roger Grant [WA] & Shane Smedley [WA] def. Tony Golding [NSW] & Brad Middleton [NSW] 6/4 6/2

Event 26. 55 MENS DOUBLES Final

Glenn Busby [VIC] & Gary Thoroughgood [NSW] def. Robert Prouse [WA] & Michael Tindall [WA] w/o exsd.

Event 27. 60 MENS DOUBLES Final

Lito Alvarez [WA] & Peter Rigg [WA] def. Max Bates [QLD] & Andrew Rae [VIC] 6/2 6/2

Event 28. 65 MENS DOUBLES Final

Ian Davis [NSW] & Alan Walsh [NSW] def. Hayden Rees [VIC] & Terry Smith [VIC] 7/6 6/7 6/1

Event 29. 70 MENS DOUBLES Final

Bob Howes [VIC] & Bruce Rehn [SA] def. Dennis Bindon [NSW] & Maurice Broom [VIC] 7/5 3/6 6/3

Event 30. 75 MENS DOUBLES Final

Peter Froelich [QLD] & John Powless [USA] def. Tony Harkin [NSW] & Ian King [NSW] 6/1 6/4

Event 31. 80 MENS DOUBLES Final

Douglas Corbett [NSW] & John O'Brien [NSW] def. Barry Headland [QLD] & Lorne Main [CAN] 7/5 7/5

Event 32. 35/40 WOMENS DOUBLES Final

Wanda Howes [VIC] & Karen Kleverlaan [VIC] def. Bronwyn Draper [QLD] & Sharon Hoole [QLD] 3wins/2wins

Event 33. 40 WOMENS DOUBLES No Event

Event 34. 45/50 WOMENS DOUBLES Final

Roslyn Balodis [ACT] & Kaye Nealon [NSW] def. Narelle Raftery [ACT] & Yvonne Stanton [NSW] 6/4 6/4

Event 35. 50 WOMENS DOUBLES No Event

Event 36. 55 WOMENS DOUBLES Final

Bronwyn Draper [QLD] & Lyn Mortimer [QLD] def. Rosemary Davis [VIC] & Sara Goddard [NSW] 6/1 6/3

Event 37. 60 WOMENS DOUBLES Final

Carol Campling [NSW] & Wendy Gilchrist [QLD] def. Kerry Ballard [NSW] & Christine Dorey [WA] 4wins/3wins

Event 38. 65 WOMENS DOUBLES Final

Jan Johns [QLD] & Donna Walker [QLD] def. Mary_Ann Gaskin [CAN] & Patricia McLachlan [CAN] 6/1 7/5

Event 39. 70 WOMENS DOUBLES Final

Mary Gordon [NSW] & Margaret Wayte [NSW] def. Linda Pengelly [VIC] & Jill Taylor [QLD] 6/0 6/0

Event 40. 75/80 WOMENS DOUBLES Final

Nola Collins [VIC] & Margaret Robinson [WA] def. Peg Hoysted [NSW] & Joyce Rogers [VIC] 3wins/2wins

Event 41. 80 WOMENS DOUBLES No Event

Event 42. 95 COMBINED MENS DOUBLES Final

**Peter Gard [VIC] & Malcolm Pearson [VIC] def. Craig Bullivant [NSW] & Rob Jackson [NSW]
1win 150%/1win 100%**

Event 43. 110 COMBINED MENS DOUBLES No event

Event 44. 120 COMBINED MENS DOUBLES Final

**Mick Bruton [NSW] & Gary Thoroughgood [NSW] def. Mike Horsman [SA] & Kym Sladden [SA]
3-25/3-15 gamediff.**

Event 45. 130 COMBINED MENS DOUBLES Final

**David Cadman [SA] & Roger Davey [SA] def. Brian Savage [QLD] & John_S Walker [QLD]
4wins.3wins**

Event 46. 140 COMBINED MENS DOUBLES Final

**Charles Price [NSW] & Gordon Waygood [NSW] def. John Mansfield [VIC] & Alan Swingler [VIC]
6/1 4/6 6/3**

Event 47. 150 COMBINED MENS DOUBLES

**Final : Maurice Broom [VIC] & John Powless [USA] def. Norm Richardson [NSW] &
Neville Langford [QLD] 6/0 6/0**

Event 48. 100 COMBINED WOMENS DOUBLES

**Final: Wendy Gilchrist & Karen Pearce (NSW/Qld) def. Annlousie Love & Harriet
Robertson (WA) 6/0 6/3**

Event 49. 120 COMBINED WOMENS DOUBLES

**Round Robin: Mary Gordon & Margaret Wayte (NSW) def. Loretta Funnell & Julie Pratt
(NSW) 2 wins/1 win**

Event 50. 140 COMBINED WOMENS DOUBLES

**Round Robin: Roberta Edwards & Jenny Teakle (WA) def. Joy Rigter & Joyce Rogers
(QLD/VIC) 2 wins games won /lost difference 16/4**

Event 52. 35/40 MIXED DOUBLES

**Final: Diane Cassel & Peter Elliott [NSW] def. Yvonne Stanton [NSW] & Craig Bullivant
[NSW] 2/5 ret.**

Event 53. 45 MIXED DOUBLES

**Final: Narelle Raftery [ACT] & Martin Warwick [VIC] def. Manuel Radic [NSW] & Wanda
Howes [VIC] 2/6 6/3 6/4**

Event 54. 50 MIXED DOUBLES

**Round Robin: Ros Balodis & Colin Holgate (ACT) def. Wendy Harrison & Malcolm Pearson
(VIC) 3wins/2wins**

Event 55. 55 MIXED DOUBLES

Final: Ray Bray [QLD] & Lyn Mortimer [QLD] def. Julie Gooch [WA] & Anthony Bray [WA] 6/1 6/2

Event 56. 60 MIXED DOUBLES

Round Robin: Adrienne Avis (NSW) & Lorne Main (CAN) def. Helen Worland (NSW) Graeme Sticka (NSW) 3wins each countback

Event 57. 65 MIXED DOUBLES

Final : Carol Campling [NSW] & Don McIndoe [NSW] def. Wendy Weir [WA] & Henry Michael [WA] 6/4 7/6

Event 58. 70 MIXED DOUBLES

Final: Bruce Burns [NSW] & Margaret Wayte [NSW] def. Nola Collins [VIC] & Don Biddle [NSW] 6/2 6/4

Event 59. 75 MIXED DOUBLES

Round Robin: June & Kerry Burke (QLD) def. Darrel & Jean Harvey (WA) 3wins/2wins

Event 60. 40/45 CONSOLATION MENS SINGLES

Final: Ross Blackley (QLD) def. Greg Westwood (NSW) inj.

Event 61. 50 CONSOLATION MENS SINGLES

Final: Brad Middleton [NSW] def. Peter Gard [VIC] 6/1 6/0

Event 62. 55/60 CONSOLATION MENS SINGLES

Final: Ian Thomas [VIC] def. David Graham [NSW] 6/0 7/5

Event 63. 65 CONSOLATION MENS SINGLES

Final: Tatsuhiko Sakai [SA] def. Peter Dawe [SA] 6/3 6/2

Event 64. 70 CONSOLATION MENS SINGLES

Final: Yannick Aubree [NSW] def. Frantisek Ruzicka [CZE] 6/1 6/1

Event 65. 75 CONSOLATION MENS SINGLES

Final: John Mitchell [VIC] def. Camille Dezarnaulds [NSW] 6/3 6/1

Event 66. 80 CONSOLATION MENS SINGLES

Final: Bert Barwick [NSW] def. Naoki Mizuno [JPN] 6/0 6/2

Event 67. 50/55/60 CONSOLATION WOMENS SINGLES

Final: Wendy Harrison (VIC) def. Suzanne Walter 6/1 7/5

Event 68. 65/70 CONSOLATION WOMENS SINGLES

Shared Pat MCLAughlan (CAN) and Susan Gilbertson (CAN)