John Haren has accepted the position of President of Tennis Seniors SA for the 2013/2014 season, following his nomination at the recent AGM. Here we provide an opportunity for all club members to get to know our new President.
John Haren joined Tennis Seniors SA about 12 years ago. I believe his long term association with Tennis Seniors was initiated following a long and close singles match with Kevin Furst in the Metro Lawn competition. Kevin must be credited with noting John's potential during this match and mentioning to Tennis Seniors SA that he would be worth "drafting". Accordingly John was "offered a contract" with the Lefties team playing in the men's night competition even though John is not a leftie player (the Lefties thought a rightie in a team of lefties might confuse opposing players). During his Tennis Seniors career John has continued to play with the Lefties achieving a reputation as a strong competitor, a volleyer of considerable ability as well as demonstrating significant loyalty and patience to the Leftie team. John represented Tennis Seniors SA in the national championships when they were last played in Adelaide, and has also played in the state Seniors championship tournaments. Most notably John's fairness and integrity both as a player and person are well respected by those who have come to know him.

John's interest and love of tennis began in his words "about when I could walk". He has played for Xavier since he was 18, and he is still playing for Xavier in Division 1 of the Metro Lawn competition. Age has not dulled his tennis ability. John has been President of the Xavier Tennis club during his long association with Xavier.

John is married and has four adult children. He is 57 years of age.

Currently John is employed in the disability sector and is state manager of Orana, an organisation that supports people living with disabilities. In line with his current employment John is also currently studying for a Masters Degree in Disability Studies. Previously John worked for 8 years as CEO of St Vincent DePaul Society (SA).

John has several other broad ranging interests.

He is a keen follower of AFL and SANFL football (Port Power and Port Magpies in particular). His son Ben is a talented footballer who currently plays for Pt Adelaide Magpies. (Ben is also a keen tennis player, but we'll have to wait 15 years or more before Ben can play seniors tennis).

John and his wife are very interested in travelling, and recently they left to tour through South East Asia. This travel includes some back packing, demonstrating their high energy levels and their wish to experience the style of living in South East Asia up close.

John also has a strong interest in the theatre. Previously he spent 8 years as a member of the board for the Adelaide Fringe.
John is also very keen to retain fitness so that he can continue playing tennis, as well as maintaining his other many widely varying interests.

In conclusion John has been and continues to be involved in senior level management in both employment and in tennis. He is widely respected by tennis people for his ability and friendly manner on and off the court. We welcome John in his new role of President of Tennis Seniors SA and look forward to a healthy and active future of the club under his presidency.