

Tennis Seniors Australia Administrator of the Year for 2010



Gail Bates

At the recent Australian Seniors Championship dinner in Newcastle, Gail Bates from Queensland was awarded the honour of Tennis Seniors Australia Administrator of the Year for 2010.



Gail Bates – Administrator of the Year for 2010 – at the Awards Ceremony in Newcastle, January 2011.

Gail Bates did an excellent job of the organization of the 2010 Australian Tennis Seniors Championships held on Gold Coast in January with a total of 128 teams competing. As Tournament Director, Gail was responsible for the tournament organization. Because of her involvement in these Championships both in 1997 and 2004, her knowledge of all requirements is extensive. Experience has showed her that every part of the organization of these Championships needs to be carefully planned to ensure everything runs smoothly.



Gail Bates in tournament mode at the 2010 Championships on the Gold Coast. In between organising matches and courts and dealing with the whims of a wide variety of characters, Gail was battling her own demons at the time (hence the pirate bandana). The good news is that Gail has recovered well from her cancer scare and can be justly proud of her achievements during a difficult year.

If you want a job done well, find a busy person to do it... Gail is not only the TSA National Singles Ranking Co-ordinator, she has served on Tennis Seniors Queensland as a Committee member for the last four years. Gail has been Tournament Director of Tennis Seniors Queensland from 1996 to 2010, running the annual State Seniors Championships and ran the relatively new ITF Tournament at Tewantin on Sunshine Coast for the past three years. At the 2010 Annual General Meeting, Gail was awarded a Life Membership of Tennis Seniors Queensland for her services to Seniors tennis.



In her spare time, Gail is also the honorary manager of the Queensland Mens 60+ Tennis Team, in which her husband Max is one of the better players. Every member of the team very much appreciates the work that Gail does behind the scenes and congratulates her on her award.