

Tennis Seniors Australia Teams Championships 2010



Teams' competition and Individuals for Seniors 35+ at Newcastle (with a slight hiccup on Day 2, with some rain at Cessnock) have gone ahead with little or no rain delays. Pretty amazing when one watches any TV channel, day or night, and witnesses the floods in Queensland, Victoria and parts of NSW! Newcastle has been blessed with mild though humid weather, which has enabled the tournament to progress to Finals day, without a hitch.

ACT was the Champion state, for the first time in history, winning the coveted Australian Teams' trophy with an average of 66.16%. Seven teams from New Zealand were also competing, which added to the 80-odd from all around Australia. Competition was conducted throughout the week in four very competitive sessions a day, at the headquarters in Newcastle (District Park) and at Cessnock and Maitland Tennis centres. Each of these centres was staffed by many active volunteers and other workers, who did a marvellous job with the refreshments and meals for the 89 teams participating. A band of volunteer bus drivers were organizing minibus transport for the players from 6.30am, until after dark each day, organised by the Tournament Chairman, and local identity, Frank Kitcher.



Teams' Week concluded on Friday, and play began on Sunday 16th in the Individual events. Tough competition abounds, with players vying for positions on a team to represent Australia at the ITF World 35+ Seniors, in either Christchurch, NZ or Antalya, Turkey.

Thanks must go to the efficient organisers, particularly Mr Steve Longworth, Tournament Manager, and Ms Yvonne Stanton, Tournament Director for the smooth running of 53 events, with twenty Singles and 34 Doubles, plus Consolations being played over the 6 days. Topspin Tennis, Newcastle District Tennis Club and the Newcastle District Tennis Association must all be congratulated for their role in the very successful running of the event, by providing the services and facilities at District Park.

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