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MARCH NEWSLETTER

2010 AUSTRALIAN SENIORS

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2010 Australian Tennis Seniors Championships—GOLD COAST, QLD

These Championships were held from 9th to 22nd January. 126 teams competed with 10 from New Zealand and 1 from Japan.

Queensland had 45 teams—27 Men & 18 Women. Winners of the 2010 Tennis Seniors Australia State Trophy was New South Wales with Queensland a close second. Congratulations to New South Wales. The difference was a mere 2.28%. Qld also had 5 teams in 2nd place and 11 teams in 3rd place.

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All teams contributed to our overall percentage so well done. We would like to have a lot of these players nominate for Newcastle in 2011 to win the trophy back. Dates for Newcastle are from 9 to 21 January.

FINAL STANDINGS

2009 TSQ AGM Executive State Selectors Senior of Year Tournaments Qld

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	STATE	Total Teams	SETS WON	SETS PLAYED	Trophy %
1.	NSW	22	771	1340	57.53
2.	QLD	45	1520	2751	55.25
3.	ACT	5	152.5	296	51.52
4.	NZ	10	308.5	621	49.67
5.	SA	13	391	811	48.21
6.	VIC	11	311.5	680	45.80
7.	WA	16	331	997	33.19
	*TAS	3	50.5	192	26.30
	*JPN	1	40	64	62.50
	* 5 teams needed to qualify			7752 sets played	

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WINNING TEAMS

MEN 35/40 Chris O'Mara (C); Wayne Guse; Rhys McDougall; Peter Ohl; Jamie White; Paul Kleverlaan (VIC)

MEN 55 Gary Petterson (C); Ray Bray; Merv Rickards; Brian Savage; Ken Stokes; Bruce Winther

MEN 60/1 Gary Thompson (C); Max Bates; Kerry Cullinan; Ian Gallagher; Ken Geldenhuis; Ray West

MEN 60/2 Mick Fogarty (C); Ed Dodd; Geoff Legge; John Wade; John Wells; John Wickham

MEN 75/80 Alan Hocking (C); Don Anderson; Graham Brown; Neville Langford; Ollie Smith; Claude Wenzel

WOMEN 50 Lyn Mortimer (C); Janneale Bylett; Wendy Gilchrist; Roslyn Hand; Di Swan

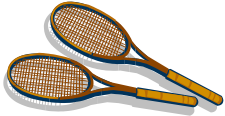
WOMEN 60/1 Di Zelinski (C); Marie Brown; Jan Johns; Daphne Moni; Elviry Schroder

WOMEN 60/2 Shirley Wilkinson (C); Rosemary Byrne; Norma Godbolt-McGhie; Robyn Smylie; Meg West; Kaye Wyvill

The Organizing Committee for the 2010 Championships would like to sincerely thank all volunteers who helped us during the tournament—car drivers, court convenors at the various Centres. We are fortunate to have such a capable team as Steve Longworth & Gail Bates as Tournament Manager & Director together with their helpers. Things seem to go like clock-work with these two in charge. A special commendation must go to Gail who had to contend with health problems before and during the tournament.

ITF Notice Matahes played without a chair umpire

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2010- GOLD COAST

At the end of the teams week a Championships Dinner was held on Friday night. Winning teams were presented with their medals at the conclusion of their last match at the Miami Tennis Club.

These teams were acknowledged at the Dinner and their photos were displayed on a big screen.

2009 TSA Player of the Year awards were presented to the co-winners.

Ward Hillier (VIC) & Kerry Ballard (NSW).

Paul Kleverlaan of Victoria accepted Ward's trophy on behalf of his family. Sadly Ward passed away in Perth after winning the World 80 Mens Singles title and was part of the winning team for 80+ Men.

Kerry was a triple winner in Perth, winning the teams event, 60+ singles and doubles events.

2009 TSA Administrator of the Year award went to Max Purdy (WA) for his role in conducting the ITF World Seniors Champi-



2010 Individual Championships—GOLD COAST - Results of Queensland players.

WINNERS

40 Mens Singles	Patrick Flynn (Q) def Chris O'Mara (Q)	6/4 6/2
45 Mens Singles	Andy Brothers (Q) def Simon Arms (VIC)	6/3 6/0
60 Mens Singles	Max Bates (Q) def Roger Davey (SA)	6/4 6/3
65 Mens Singles	Lee Taylor (Q) def George Collins (VIC)	6/4 0/6 6/4
70 Mens Singles	Peter Froelich (Q) def Bob Howes (VIC)	7/6 6/1
80 Mens Singles	Adrian Alle (Q) def Ron de Costa (NSW)	6/2 7/6
85 Mens Singles	Neville Halligan (Q) def Malcolm Howard (SA)	W/O
40 Womens Singles	Karen Pearce (Q) def Stephanie Asprey (NSW)	6/3 6/3
55 Womens Singles	Lyn Mortimer (Q) def May Howard (ACT)	6/2 6/0
60 Womens Singles	Wendy Gilchrist (Q) def Kerry Ballard (NSW)	6/4 7/5
65 Mens Dbles	John Decker(Q)/Bruce Burns(NSW)def Pat Moloney(ACT)& John Rheinberger(NSW)	6/2 7/5
75 Mens Dbles	Don Anderson &Ollie Smith (Q) def	6/1 7/6
80 Mens Dbles	Graham Brown & Alan Hocking (Q) Adrian Alle Q) & Don Cosgrove(NSW) def Ron de Costa (NSW)& Arthur Newnham(VIC)	6/2 6/3
60 Womens Dbles	Wendy Gilchrist (Q) & Kerry Ballard(NSW) def	6/0 6/2
150 Comb Mens Dbles	Merleen Anderson & Judith Rodins (Q) Don Anderson(Q) & Norm Richardson (NSW) def	6/3 6/4
120 Comb Womens Dbles	Kerry Burke & John Whitlock (Q) Daphne Moni & Donna Walker (Q) def Susanne Walter & Lou Griffith(VIC)	4/6 6/3 6/4
140 Comb Womens Dbles	Norma Godbolt-McGhie (Q) & Mary-Anne Gormly def June Simpson (VIC) & Joy Rigter (Q)	6/3 6/0 6/0
35 Mixed Dbles	Jamie White (Q) & Sue Woodward (NSW) def Paul & Karen Kleverlaan (VIC)	6/2 6/4
40 Mixed Dbles	Chris O'Mara Q) & Brenda Foster(NSW) def Craig Bullivant & Yvonne Stanton(NSW)	6/4 6/3
55 Mixed Dbles	Ray Bray & Lyn Mortimer (Q) def Ian Somers & Jennifer Dimond (Q)	6/3 6/4

CONSOLATION WINNERS

40/45 Mens Singles	Peter Keir (Q) def Anthony Spittle (Q)	6/3 7/6
50 Mens Singles	Mike Ford (Q) def Martin Rojahn (TAS)	6/1 6/2
65 Mens Singles	John S Walker (Q) def Rod Harrex (TAS)	6/0 6/0
45 Womens Singles	Eira Sanders (Q) def Elizabeth Ireland-Jones (Q)	6/4 5/7 1-0
50 Womens Singles	Fiona David (Q) def Tracey Berrell (Q)	6/0 6/1
55/60 Womens Singles	Carol-Anne Robinson (Q) def Marian Donnelly (Q)	6/4 6/2
RUNNERS-UP Other than those listed above		
75 Mens Singles	John Powless (USA) def Ollie Smith (Q)	
75 Womens Singles	Peg Hoysted (NSW) def Blanche Wall (Q)	
35 Mens Dbles	Troy Hargreaves & Brett Patten(WA) def Rhys McDougall & Jamie White(Q)	
40 Mens Dbles	Martin Richards & Rino Traforti(SA) def Patrick Flynn & Steve Furlong (Q)	
50 Mens Dbles	Glenn Busby & Bruce Osborne(VIC) def John Colley(NSW)/ Paul Mooney Q	
55 Mens Dbles	Andrew Rae(VIC)& Gary Thoroughgood (NSW) def Mervyn Bidgood & Ken Wollschlager (Q)	
60 Mens Dbles	Alan Gooch & Henry Michael (WA) def Max Bates & Ray West (Q)	
35 Womens Dbles	Stephanie Asprey & Joanne Walter(NSW) def Melinda Obah & Kaylene Tunny (Q)	
45 Womens Dbles	Kathy Eldridge & Sue Woodward (NSW) def Wanda Clothier(VIC) & Mi Ran Kim (Q)	
65 Womens Dbles	Kim Blackburne & Beverley Eddington (NSW) def Loretta Funnell (NSW) & Dawn Martin (Q)	
60 Cons. Mens Singles	John McDonald (WA) def Dennis Kronk (Q)	2/6 6/4 1-0

TO ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Tennis Seniors Queensland was held during the Tewantin tournament on Sunday 20 September 2009 at Tewantin Tennis Club.

TSQ Executive elected for year 2009/2010 are:

PRESIDENT	Alan Hocking
VICE-PRESIDENT	Phil Waight
SECRETARY	Coral Vickers
TREASURER	Graham Brown
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Gail Bates

Queensland Selectors were announced at the meeting. They are:

WOMEN	Julianne Daniel; Joy Rigger & Donna Walker
MEN	Michael Russell; Lee Taylor & Gary Thompson

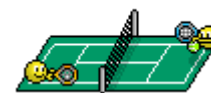
TSQ 2009 SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The worthy winner of this Award was Clarice White of Dawson Callide Valley Seniors Club. Clarice has been involved with this Club for 21 years and has been Secretary for 10 of those years. She has also been a member of Callide Valley Tennis Association for over 40 years which is a great achievement and she has been honoured with Life Membership of that Association. She has successfully conducted the annual Veterans/Seniors tournament at Biloela which is well supported by players from many country areas as well as Brisbane and Gold Coast. Congratulations, Clarice.

2010 QUEENSLAND TOURNAMENTS are:

GYMPIE	March 19-21	Warren Arnell warren@widebaycabinets.com.au	07 5482 5255 0418 715 148
NAMBOUR	April 17-19	Jim Adam j_radam@bigpond.net.au	0422 126 033
GOLD COAST National Ranking Tournament	May 1-3	Anne-Marie Lawlor amlawlor@bigpond.com	07 5526 5255
BILOELA	May 22-23	Clarice White claricenoel@hotmail.com	07 4995 1128
BUNDABERG	June 12-14	Alan Searle	07 4155 2448 0419 744 934
GOLD COAST 2010 TSQ Championships ITF Grade 2	July 2-5	Gail Bates maxgailbates@bigpond.com	07 3264 3556 07 3449 4339
ROCKHAMPTON	July 10-11	Cameron James rockytennisevents@hotmail.com	0417 824 967
GLADSTONE	July 17-18	Jan Street gdta@internode.on.net	07 4978 3332
IPSWICH (clay)	August 7-8	Julianne Daniel julianne.daniel@gmail.com	0414 393 670
MURGON	August 28-29	Dianne Zelinski dianne.murgon@rhq.com.au	0407 097 109
TEWANTIN 2010 TSQ Sunshine Coast Championships ITF Grade 4	September 17-20	Gail Bates maxgailbates@bigpond.com	07 3264 3556 07 3449 4339
INGHAM	October 2-3	Steven Merker stevenmerker@yahoo.com	04 4776 1030
TOOWOOMBA	October 8-10	Alison Naumann	07 4634 2842

2010 FIJI Open, Juniors and Veterans tournament—May 26-30—Denarau Gold and Racquet Club. There are six natural grass courts and four new Astro grass courts at the Club. For Entry Form, rules and itinerary, contact Coral—3349 4339 or email: tsq.tennis@bigpond.com
You may enter up to 3 events and entry includes Welcome Pack; Welcome Cocktail; Presentation Cocktail and 3 days' practice from 23 May. Entries close 15 May with Mr John Shannon, Fiji Tennis Association—email: otfagm20077@yahoo.com.au for information on airfares and accommodation.



NORFOLK ISLAND

Anyone interested in playing in 20th Veterans Tennis Champs 2010 at Cheryl Tennis Club, Norfolk Island can contact Coral on 3349 4339 or tsq.tennis@bigpond.com for Entry Form.

Tournament is played on six modern Astroturf courts and consists of Mens, Ladies & Mixed Doubles events for players 40 years and over.

Dates are from Sunday 25 April to Friday 30 April.

Entries close 31 March.
Enquiries to: tennis@norfolk.net.nf



2010 Tennis Seniors Australia Calendar of Events is now available on TSQ website: www.tenniseniors.org.au/qld
Click on tournaments—then on Australian Calendar

NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Seniors Australia, the following players have been appointed to our National Selection Committee. Their positions become effective from 1st March 2010 for a period of twelve months.

SENIORS MEN

Mike Ford (QLD)
Paul Kleverlaan (VIC)
Andrew Rae (VIC)
Martin Richards (SA)

WOMEN

Narelle Follington (NSW)
Brenda Foster (NSW)
Lyn Mortimer (QLD)
One to be appointed

SUPER-SENIORS MEN

Alan Gooch (WA)
Dennis Haupt (SA)
Bob Howes (VIC)
Neville Langford (QLD)

WOMEN

Kerry Ballard (NSW)
Nola Collins (VIC)
Marilyn Davis (QLD)
Wendy Weir (WA)



2010 ITF SENIORS CUPS COMPETITION (35+ to 55+) to be held in MEXICO

Teams event—March 29 to April 3. Individuals—April 4 to 11

WOMEN

LENGLÉN CUP 35+ No team selected

YOUNG CUP 40+

Kym Ireland (QLD) Captain
Janelle Spittle (QLD)
Melinda Obah (QLD)
COURT CUP 45+ No team selected

BUENO CUP 50+

Lyn Mortimer (QLD) Captain
Leanne Swaysland (NSW)
Wanda Clothier (VIC)

CONNOLLY CUP 55+ No team selected



MEN

ITALIA CUP 35+
Rhys McDougall (QLD)
Jamie White (QLD) Captain
TRABERT CUP 40+
Chris O'Mara (QLD)
Paul Kleverlaan (VIC) Captain
Rino Traforti (SA)
DUBLER CUP 45+
Simon Arms (VIC) Captain
Manuel Radic (NSW)
Steve Casey (VIC)
PERRY CUP 50+
Glenn Busby (VIC) Captain
Stephen Whitecross (QLD)
Mike Ford (QLD)
Shane Smedley (WA) Reserve
AUSTRIA CUP 55+
Andrew Rae (VIC)
Gary Thoroughgood (NSW)
Bruce Osborne (VIC) Captain
Colin Holgate (ACT) Reserve

2010 ITF SUPER-SENIORS CUPS COMPETITION (60+ to 80+Ladies & 85+Men) to be held in TURKEY. Teams event—October 11 to 16. Individuals—October 17-24.

WOMEN

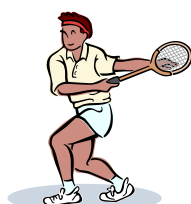
MARBLE CUP 60+
Kerry Ballard (NSW) Captain
Wendy Gilchrist (QLD)
Carol Campling (NSW)
Helen Worland (NSW)

GODFREE CUP 65+

Judy Hancy (VIC) Captain
Heather Barwick (VIC)
Beverly Eddington (NSW)
Kim Blackburne (NSW)

GIBSON CUP 70+

Nola Collins (VIC) Captain
Norma Godbolt-McGhie (QLD)
Jill Taylor (QLD)
Robert Edwards (WA)
Joy Rieger (QLD) Reserve
QUEENS CUP 75+ No team selected



MEN

von CRAMM CUP 60+
Roger Davey (SA)
Ray West (QLD)
John Stark (ACT) Captain
Neville Rodwell (ACT)
John McDonald (SA) Reserve
BRITANNIA CUP 65+
Peter Keller (VIC)
Lee Taylor (QLD) Captain
Bruce Burns (NSW)
Henry Michael (WA)
Terry McLellan (QLD) Reserve
CRAWFORD CUP 70+
Bruce Rehn (SA)
Don Biddle (NSW)
Ian King (NSW) Captain
Gordon Waygood (NSW)
Doug Napier (WA) Reserve
GRANT CUP 75+
John O'Brien (NSW)
Alan Hocking (QLD) Captain
Graham Brown (QLD)
Ray Woodforde (SA)
Malcolm Heard (SA) Reserve
MULLOY CUP 80+
Adrian Alle (QLD) Captain
Ron de Costa (NSW)
Brian Stuart (VIC)
Neville Halligan (QLD)
Neale Hook (QLD) Reserve

VALE DEAN BILLING passed away on 13 November 2009

Dean was a great supporter of Tennis Seniors, being Tournament Director, Treasurer and Webmaster (both for South Australia and Tennis Seniors Australia). Dean grew up in Adelaide where he gained his tennis coaching qualifications. He married in 1951 and moved to Melbourne for business but only for two years. He decided he would rather coach tennis full time and so moved the family to Warnambool, where there were some beautiful lawn courts but no resident coach.

Dean approached secondary schools in the area and began coaching school kids. He worked hard to make a success of being a professional tennis coach. He then took on management of the local squash centre, which he later bought and expanded into a thriving health centre. Dean began organizing tennis and later squash tournaments. He played squash well into his fifties before succumbing to knee problems, but continued to play tennis into his late sixties.

In 1986, after over 25 years in Warnambool, Dean sold the squash centre, retired and moved back to Adelaide. Within a year, he was elected on to the South Australia Veterans committee and became tournament director for the next SA Veterans Tennis championships. He completed nearly ten years of service to the committee as Tournament Director or Secretary on many occasions and competing in numerous veterans tournaments—with great success.

In 1992 Dean was awarded a ‘Significant Achievement Award’ from Tennis South Australia. While Dean couldn’t play competitive tennis after 1992, he continued as Tournament Director for many more Veterans tournaments. He bought a computer and set about conquering it, later becoming web master for the Australian and SA Veterans websites.

He received Life Memberships of Tennis Veterans Association of South Australia and Tennis SA also awarded him the Australian Veteran of the Year in 1993. In 2000 he received, to his great surprise, the Australian Sports Medal, acknowledged by HRH the Queen and signed by then Prime Minister John Howard and the Governor General, William Deane. He was quite overwhelmed, but thrilled to be recognized in this way.

Dean struggled with his health over the last two years but was determined to keep his mind active even when his body began to fail him. He had a fantastic impact upon those who knew him. The most common sentiment about Dean is what a loyal friend and decent person he has been.

Thanks to SA-VET Bulletin—Newsletter December 2009.

SENIORS TENNIS loses an inspirational legend: WARD HILLIER

The ITF World Super-Senior Championships conducted in Perth in November 2009, finished on a sad note when players and supporters learned that Ward Hillier passed away in his sleep only 33 hours after winning his Final to become the current ITF World 80+ Singles Champion. Ward was not only one of nature’s true gentlemen, he was a fantastic tennis player.

Ward had come close to death a few years previously. He recovered and, as an inspiration to the rest of us, came back to tennis to literally finish on top of the world. While our thoughts and best wishes go to his family, close friends and playing partners, we can take some comfort from the fact that Ward lived and realized his dreams.

Secretary of Tennis Seniors Australia, Tom Hancy, reported that we have lost a thorough gentleman who has left indelible memories with us. All of us are enriched through his endeavours and courage and the memories he shared with us. He has been, and will continue to be, an inspiration to all. Our ‘miracle man’ is but a memory.

VALE—RAY STOCK

We did receive word during the tournament in January that Ray Stock, a past President of Tennis Veterans Australia had sadly passed away. Ray held the office of President from 1992 to 1998. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to his family.



We share our happiness with each other and it becomes greater.

We share our troubles with each other and they become smaller.

We share one another’s griefs and burdens and their weight becomes possible to bear.



Death leaves a heart-ache no one can heal;

Love leaves a memory no one can steal.





ON REFLECTION

Life is not a 'brief candle'. It is a splendid torch that I want to make burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

Bernard Shaw



A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man perfected without trials.

Chinese proverb



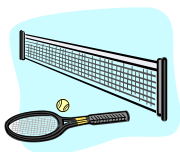
Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you.

Aldous Huxley



The older a man gets, the farther he had to walk to school as a boy.

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PLAYER NOTICE received from ITF Seniors 2010

MATCHES PLAYED WITHOUT A CHAIR UMPIRE

At various tournaments, some matches will be played without a Chair Umpire. All players should be aware of the following basic principles when playing a match in these circumstances:

- Each player is responsible for all calls on his/her side of the net.
- All "out" or "fault" calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent to hear.
- If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of the doubt to his/her opponent.
- If a player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that player made an incorrect "out" call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called "out" loses the point.
- The server should call the score before each 1st serve, loudly enough for his/her opponent to hear.
- If a player is unhappy with his/her opponent's actions or decisions, he/she should call the Referee (or assistant).

For matches played on clay courts, there are some additional procedures that all players should follow:

- A ball mark can be checked on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped (a reflex return is allowed).
- If a player is unsure of his/her opponent's call, he/she can ask his/her opponent to show the mark. The player can then cross the net to look at the mark.
- If a player erases the mark, he/she is conceding the point.
- If there is a disagreement over a ball mark, the Referee (or assistant) can be called to make a final decision.
- If a player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the player who called "out" loses the point.

Players who do not fairly follow these procedures could be subject to the Hindrance Rule and the Unsportsmanlike Conduct provision of the ITF Code of Conduct.

Any questions on these procedures should be referred to the Supervisor/Referee.