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MARCH NEWSLETTER

1. 2015 Aust.
Teams Carnival
results;
2015 TSA Awards
Presentation

2015 Australian Teams Carnival held in Canberra ACT 5 to 9 January. Queensland had 12 teams competing at the Teams Carnival and our twelve teams managed to come 2nd in the overall Teams event. Victoria were the winners.

QLD had only two winning teams:

Womens 60/1 team: Jenny Griggs (Capt), Ann Cosgrove and Annette Pratt of Toowoomba; Helen Richardson of Gold Coast and Heather Van Peperzeel of Bribie Island.

Womens 60/2 team: May Muggleton (Capt), Robyn Smylie, Shirley Wilkinson & Lyn Stamper of Gold Coast; Val Willett of Toowoomba and Vicki Perlic of Redland Bay.

2. Results Qld
players at Aust.
Seniors Individ.
Champs
2015 AUST. TEAMS
selected for ITF
SENIORS
CUPS 50+ to 60+
& SUPER-SNRS
CUPS 65+ to 80+

Final points per State:	State	Total teams	Sets Won	Sets Played	Trophy %
	VIC	12	453.5	744	60.95
	QLD	12	410	752	54.52
	ACT	12	372	736	50.54
	SA	11	343	688	49.85
	WA	10	315	640	49.21
	NSW	29	853.5	1816	46.99
	NZ	1	14	56	25.00
	TAS	1	15	64	23.43

3. 2015 TSQ
Seniors
Tournament
Calendar

Presentation Dinner Dance was held at the Hellenic Club at Woden. Medals were presented to the winning Captains and State Trophy was presented to Gail Jones, Secretary of Tennis Seniors ACT.

TSA Awards were presented for three categories this year:

TSA Player of Year went to Glenn Busby of Victoria for a fantastic year when he was ranked No 1 in the World in both Singles and Doubles;

TSQ Administrator of Year was awarded to Gail Jones of ACT for her dedicated work over many years for seniors tennis.

TSA Player Recognition Award was awarded to Nola Collins of Victoria.

This is a new category to be awarded to a player who has shown any of the following:

- significant improvement in their standard of tennis over the past year;
- remarkable recovery from a severe injury which prevented tennis participation;
- continued involvement in 35+ seniors tennis over a prolonged period of time and has shown a high level of integrity.

4. Tennyson
Championships;
2015 China tour

5. 2015 T/ment
Results:
GAYNDAH
HERVEY BAY &
TSA Life
Membership
Award

6. 2015 T/ment
Results:
GYMPIE &
2015 Aust.
Masters Games
Adelaide Oct

7. Eulogy – Neville
Langford

8. 2016 AUST.
TEAMS CARNIVAL
SHEPPARTON
TEAMS &
INDIV.CHAMPS



QLD Womens 60/2 team:
Vicki Perlic, Shirley
Wilkinson, Lyn Stamper &
Robyn Smylie.
Gail Jones (ACT Secy)
TSA Administrator of Year
Award



RESULTS OF 2015 AUSTRALIAN SENIORS - INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – QLD PLAYERS

WINNERS

70+ Mens Singles	Lee Taylor (Gold Coast)	4/6 Ret'd
85+ Mens Singles	Adrian Alle (Gold Coast)	4sets24/2sets14
60+ Womens Singles	Lyn Mortimer (Gold Coast)	7/6 6/3
35+ Mens Doubles	Michael Walters (Brisbane) & Alfonso Sammassimo (VIC)	6/4 7/5
45+ Mens Doubles	Chris O'Mara (Toowoomba) & Rino Traforti (SA)	6/1 6/3
55+ Mens Doubles	Mike Ford (Gold Coast) & Peter Hampton (NZ)	6/4 6/3
80+ Mens Doubles	Claude Wenzel (Gold Coast) & Norm Richardson (NSW)	6/1 7/5 10-8
35+ MixedDoubles	Paul Macknamara (Gold Coast) & Julie Golightly(VIC)	5/7 6/3 10-4
80+ Mixed Doubles	Claude Wenzel (Gold Coast) & Margaret Fisher (NSW)	4sets24/1set13

RUNNERS-UP

45+ MS	Chris O'Mara (Toowoomba)	35+ XD	Chris O' Mara & Nicole Pinchbeck (NSW)
45+ WS	Karen Pearce (Toowoomba)	65+ XD	Ray West (G/Coast) & Helen Worland (NSW)
75+ WS	Norma Mc Ghie (Gold Coast)	95+ MD	Reg Baxter & Kevin Bianchi (Brisbane)
45+ MD	Paul Macknamara (G/Coast) & Michael Walters (Bne)	140+ CMD	Mike O Keeffe (Sunshine Coast) & Frank Mc Donald (NSW)
65+ MD	Max Bates (Brisbane) & Bruno Renoult (France)	150+ MD	Garth Wenck (Sunshine Coast) & Ron Moulton (SA)
70+ MD	Lee Taylor & Terry Mc Lellan (Brisbane)		
35+ WD	Karen Pearce & Susan Rheinberger (Sunshine Coast)		
75+ WD	Joy Rigter & Norma Mc Ghie (both Gold Coast)		

2015 ITF CUPS SENIORS TEAMS for 50+ to 60+ selected to represent Australia Venue is La Baule FRANCE from 8 to 13 June: Individual Championships from 14 to 21 June

WOMEN

MARIA ESTHER BUENO CUP 50+

Narelle Raftery	ACT
Dianne Cassel (Capt)	NSW
Fiona Medina	VIC
Leanne Scott	VIC

MAUREEN CONNOLLY CUP 55+

Ros Balodis (Capt)	ACT
Wanda Howes	VIC
Fiona Walker	VIC
Leanne Swaysland	NSW

ALICE MARBLE CUP 60+

Sue Walter (Capt)	VIC
Lesley Walton	QLD
Sara Goddard	NSW
May Howard	ACT

MEN

FRED PERRY CUP 50+

Simon Arms	VIC
Martin Warwick (Capt)	VIC
Malcolm Pearson	VIC
Ian Anderson	VIC

AUSTRIA CUP 55+

Mike Ford (Capt)	QLD
Bruce Ferguson	VIC
Eddie Myers	VIC
Ron Evans	VIC

VON CRAMM CUP 60+

Andrew Rae (Capt)	VIC
Michael Collins	VIC
Wayne Pascoe	VIC
Colin Holgate	ACT

2015 ITF CUPS SUPER-SENIORS TEAMS for 65+ to 80+ selected to represent Australia

Venue is Umag & Novigrad, CROATIA from 21 to 26 September: Individual Championships 27th Sept to 4th October

WOMEN

KITTY GODFREE CUP 65+

Kerry Ballard (Capt.)	NSW
Helen Worland	NSW
Adrienne Avis	NSW
Carol Campling	NSW

ALTHEA GIBSON CUP 70+

Judy Hancy (Capt.)	VIC
Margaret Harris	VIC
Julie Pratt	NSW
Bev Eddington	NSW

QUEENS CUP 75+

Nola Collins (Capt.)	VIC
Bobbie Edwards	WA
Norma Mc Ghie	QLD
Joy Rigter	QLD

DORIS HART CUP 80+

Ann Fotheringham	VIC
Margaret Fisher (Capt.)	NSW
Kaye Joubert	VIC
Marj Niccol	NSW

MEN

BRITANNIA CUP 65+

Max Bates	QLD (Capt.)
Ramon Funtera	VIC
Roger Davey	SA
Robert Bickmore	SA

JACK CRAWFORD CUP 70+

George Collins	VIC
Terrence Mc Lellan	QLD
Alan Walsh (Capt.)	NSW
Hayden Rees	VIC

BITSY GRANT CUP 75+

Bob Howes (Capt.)	VIC
Don Biddle	NSW
Bruce Rehn	SA
Michael Parslow	NSW

GARDNAR MULLOY CUP 80+

John O'Brien	NSW
Max Byrne (Capt.)	TAS
Claude Wenzel	QLD
Alan Hocking	QLD

2015 SENIORS TOURNAMENT CALENDAR.



This calendar is now available on our website—www.tennisseniors.org.au/qld under Tournaments.

ITF Tournaments and National Ranking Tournaments are shown in BOLD.

Entry forms will be posted on the website as they become available.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

GYMPIE GOLD CITY SENIORS TSA Nat. 6	March 20-25	Warren Arnell warrenarnell@gmail.com	0418 715 148
SUNSHINE COAST VETERANS TSA Nat.6	April 10-12	May Young mayyoung56@hotmail.com	07 5445 9332 0415 625 144
ITF TSQ TENNYSON CHAMPIONSHIPS ITF 3	April 17-20	Coral Vickers tsq.tennis@bigpond.com	0429 487 823
GOLD COAST SENIORS TSA Nat.6	May 8-10	Anne-Marie Lawlor tournaments@gcstennis.com	0416 160 356
MOOLOOLABA SENIORS (NEW) TSA Nat.6	May 15-17	Gavin Reeves gavin.reeves@tonkin.com.au	0409 441 508
DAWSON CALLIDE VALLEY SENIORS	May 23-24	Clarice White 0439 071 507 claricenoel@hotmail.com	07 4995 1128
KALYNDACHASE (NEW) KEENAGERS OPEN	May 30-31	Tim Robinson kalyndachasetennis@outlook.com	0457 041 074
BUNDABERG SENIORS TSA Nat. 7	June 6-8	Alan Searle tdloeskow@farmall.com.au	07 4155 2448 0419 744 934
PALMER COOLUM RESORT SENIORS	June 12-14	Jamie Fletcher jamie.fletcher@palmercolumresort.com.au	0412 667 327
ITF TSQ Championships at GOLD COAST—ITF Grade 2	July 3-6	Coral Vickers tsq.tennis@bigpond.com	0429 487 823
INNISFAIL SENIORS TOURNAMENT (NEW) TSA Nat. 7	July 18-19	Wayne Fielder baselinetennis@gmail.com	0421 200 160
BRISBANE SENIORS TSA Nat.7	August 8-9	Julianne Daniel secretary@bstc.org.au	0414 393 670
MURGON SENIORS	August 29-30	Dianne Zelinski dianne.acrelivestock@bigpond.com	0407 097 109
NOOSA SPRINGS YOUNG SENIORS DOUBLES OPEN (NEW)	September 4-6	Glenn Irwin tennis@noosaspings.com.au	0414 494 645
REDCLIFFE MASTERS TSA Nat.7	Sept 12-13	To be advised redcliffemasterstennis@gmail.com	
ITF TSQ Sunshine Coast Championships at TEWANTIN—ITF Grade 3	Sept 18-21	Coral Vickers tsq.tennis@bigpond.com	0429 487 823
TOOWOOMBA SENIORS TSA Nat.7	October 3-5	Alison Naumann alisonnaumann@bigpond.com	07 4634 2842
ETI CALOUNDRA CITY SENIORS TOURNAMENT (NEW)	October 16-18	Matt Deverson matt@elitetennisinternational.com	0407 642 864
WARWICK SENIORS TOURNAMENT(NEW)	Nov 20-22	Nathan Costello nathancostello@bigpond.com	0403 630 510

There are two Open tournaments in Queensland that offer 35+ events which also attract **TSA National Ranking points.**

Bruce Lynton BMW Rosebowl Champs TSA Nat.6	August 15-16	Sarah Weise tennisgoldcoast@bigpond.com	07 5532 8566
University Open Championships TSA Nat.6	July 18-26	Doug Bergman admin@uqtc.org.au	07 3371 4974 0409 090 299

2015 TSQ TENNYSON CHAMPIONSHIPS – NEW TOURNAMENT

The TSQ Tennyson Championships will be held at the Queensland Tennis Centre from 17th to 20th April, 2015 and will replace the TSQ Claycourt Championships, normally held in August. Whilst Ipswich was a Grade 4 tournament, the Tennyson Championships has been upgraded to a Grade 3.

We are hoping to attract up to 150 players. Entry forms are now available on www.92computing.com.au and www.ipin.itftennis.com

The Centre is an \$82 million facility completed in 2009, located adjacent to the Brisbane River. Most of the courts (23) are plexicushion, the surface used for the Australian Open. However, there are also 4 clay and 2 grass courts. Men over 65 and women over 60 will be playing on the clay and/or grass courts. The tournament will host IPIN singles for all age groups, and a range of age doubles events.

This is a wonderful facility and indeed we are fortunate that the management have agreed to make it available for this event. No seniors event has been held in Brisbane for some time, a situation we have wanted to rectify. We are pleased that we will be able to stage some finals on the Pat Rafter centre court. We believe this tournament will appeal very strongly to numerous players

The **Plexicushion** System combines the consistent bounce, sure footing, and outstanding durability of Plexipave with the innovative shock-absorbing properties of EPDM Rubber cushioning. The result is a sure-footed surface that dynamically responds to body impact and reduces fatigue on player's legs ankles and feet. The multi-layered resiliency lengthens the orthopaedic life of players of all ages, from juniors who are just starting to play competitively, to seniors who are enjoying the game in their golden years.

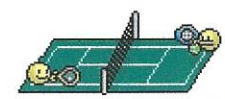
The centre hosts the ATP World Tour "Brisbane International" which has been won previously by Roger Federer, Andy Murray, Lleyton Hewitt, Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova as well as Davis and Federation Cup ties. The centre court is named Pat Rafter arena, after the grand slam Queensland winner.

The centre is well located to the city with bus and train transport nearby, and obviously ample accommodation. The attraction of the city of Brisbane and the centre itself, should draw players from all age groups and we are confident that we can have a highly successful event.

Kind regards

Phil Waight

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President Tennis Seniors Queensland



CHINA TENNIS TOUR 2015

With Judy Dalton

BEIJING

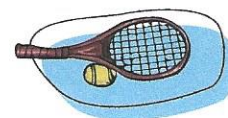
October 9-14

SHANGHAI

October 14-20

After the success of previous tours, join the legendary JUDY DALTON on a wonderful Tour of China featuring Semi-Finals at the China Open and the Shanghai Masters watching the world's best. Experience China's great culture, history and sights including the forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, The Great Wall of China and more as well as a post-tour option to Shanghai including Tennis club matches in both cities.

For bookings and enquiries please email: sportstours@olympictravel.com.au or
Call 1300 878 131 or 02 9233 8508 www.olympictravel.com.au



2015 GAYNDAH SENIORS TOURNAMENT - 28 February to 2 March

This was the first of our new Seniors tournaments for the year. 40 players participated and included players from Bundaberg, Murgon, Sunshine Coast, Hervey Bay and Gympie.

<u>RESULTS:</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>	
35 MS	Ken Stokes	Ben Slack	3sets24/2sets17
40 MS	Bill Bailey	Ken Stokes	5sets30/4sets29
60 MS	Ralph Amitrano	Ken Colier	3sets24/2sets19
65 MS	Ken Mc Grath	Ken Colier	3sets24/2sets17
35 MD	Bill Bailey/Lex Webster	Greg Baker/Ben Slack	3sets24/2sets22
50 LD	Robyn Andersen/Lyn Udris	Barbara Ball/Peggy Sack	2sets16/1set9
55 LD	Robyn Andersen/Lyn Udris	Lauren Pinwill/Dawn Shepherdson	3sets24/2sets23
35 XD	Rob & Trish Bygrave	Lex Webster/Judy Skilton	3sets24/2sets21
40 XD	Bill Bailey/Robyn Andersen	Ralph Amitrano/Barbara Ball	3sets24/2sets22
70 CMD	Ralph Amitrano/Ken Mc Grath	Eric Warren/Lex Webster	3sets24/2sets20

2015 HERVEY BAY SENIORS TOURNAMENT - 6 to 8 March

Last year this tournament was moved from June to this earlier time. However numbers were down for this year to 40 players. Sunshine Coast players numbered 10 and other players came from Gladstone, Bundaberg and Brisbane.

<u>RESULTS:</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>	
35 MS	Troy Pearsall	Trent Austin	3sets24/1set16
40 MS	Peter Bilton	Bill Bailey	5sets30/4sets29
55 MS	Ken Stokes	Reg Baxter	4sets32/3sets27
60 MS	Ken Stokes	Serge Vatovey	3sets24/2sets20
65 MS	Serge Vatovey	Ralph Amitrano	3sets24/2sets19
35 MD	Col Jobe/Michael Mc Dougall	Trent Austin/Peter Meyer	4sets24/3sets22
50 MD	Geoff Arnell/Bill Bailey	Peter Bilton/Peter Webb	4sets24/2sets21
55 MD	Wayne Gray/Ken Stokes	Reg Baxter/Peter Webb	3sets21/2sets22
35 LD	Jane Collings/Aki Lepper	Lori Mc Dougall/Carole Thompson	3sets24/2sets16
35 XD	Trent Austin/Aki Lepper	Michael Mc Dougall/Leanne Evans	4sets24/2sets18
40 XD	Peter Bilton/Jane Collings	Mark Wayte/Lois Baverstock	5sets30/4sets24
45 XD	Michael Bandholz/Brenda Strachan	Gary Joubert/Daphne Moni	3sets24/2sets21

Tom Hancy awarded Life Membership of Tennis Seniors Australia

At the Oceania Regional Championships dinner at Kooyong in Melbourne, TSA President Reg Trevaskis announced the award of Life Membership of TSA to former TSA Secretary Tom Hancy. Tom now joins Carl Anjou as one of our two current Life members.

Reg said that Tom had done an enormous amount of work for tennis over a long period of time, not only Seniors tennis, but also in his various roles over 30 years at Ringwood and Park Orchards Tennis Clubs. He became TSA Secretary in 2009 and served in that role for 4 years - a time when the very large percentage of the work on the Executive was done by the Secretary. It was estimated that over that time, Tom had devoted about 8000 hours of his time to tennis duty. The President added that, as required by the Constitution, delegate member votes had been received as secretly as possible, and he was delighted that it was such a pleasant surprise for Tom - and so very well deserved.

In his reply, Tom thanked everyone concerned for the honour and reflected on the enjoyment he has received from his tennis involvement, and the many friends he had made over the years



2015 Gympie Gold City Seniors Tournament - 20 to 22 March.

Entries reached 104 for this tournament. Players came from Bundaberg, Biloela, Hervey Bay, Kingaroy, Toowoomba Brisbane and Gold Coast. First day was a scorcher and some players were affected by heat namely Dennis Biggs of Ipswich. First time Dennis would have come off the court because of the conditions. More rain on Sunday held up play for a while but matches were moved around and all were finished.

On Sunday, Warren Arnell made a presentation to new Secretary of Gympie Cooloola Seniors, Kym Ireland. She had been nominated for the annual TSQ Senior of Year Award and the Honour Board was presented to her at Gympie. Kym is recuperating from a hip operation but is hoping to be back on the court soon.

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>WINNERS</u>	<u>RUNNERS-UP</u>	
35 MS	Michael Craig	Guido Schouteten	3sets24/2sets21
40 MS	Michael Craig	Graham Melville	4sets24/2sets12
45 MS	Mike Ververka	Jeffrey Trevarthen	FINAL 6/1
50 MS	Danny Hovey	Peter Bilton	6sets30/5sets28
60 MS	Max Bates	Allen Hooper	FINAL 7/0
65 MS	Max Bates	Allen Hooper	5sets30/4sets25
70 MS	Garth Wenck	Len Larsen	4sets24/2sets15
35 MD	Kevin Bianchi/Greg Ploetz	Reg Baxter/Peter Webb	5sets30/4sets26
40 MD	Michael Craig/Gary Tonks	Peter Bilton/Michael Bandholz	3sets24/2sets17
45 MD	Steve Banney/Marco Masciadrelli	Kent Elliot/Wayne Jensen	4sets24/2sets18
60 MD	Leslie Apolloni/Neal Healy	John Rivers/Phil Waight	3sets22/3sets20
65 MD	Max Bates/Allen Hooper	Ralph Amitrano/Ken Mc Grath	5sets30/3sets21
35 LD	Brenda Davison/Susan Rheinberger	Ros Evans/Margaret Lea	3sets24/2sets23
40 LD	Ros Evans/Susan Rheinberger	Daphne Moni/Donna Walker	3sets24/2sets21
55 LD	Linda Love/Alison Peters	Julie Graham/Vicki Perlic	5sets30/4sets24
35 XD	Gavin Reeves/Brenda Davison	Trent Austin/Aki Lepper	3sets21/3sets20
40 XD	Kevin Bianchi/Ros Evans	Peter Bilton/Jane Collings	5sets30/4sets27
45 XD A	Peter Webb/Margot Dickson	Michael Bandholz/Karen Christoff	4sets24/3sets22
45 XD B	Marco Mascriadelli/Katharine Stuckler	Bill Jones/Jenny Kachel	4sets24/3sets22
50 XD B	Steve Banney/Margaret Gillett	Marco Mascriadelli/Cathy Maertens	2sets12/1set10
60 XD	Ken Mc Grath/Barbara Ball	Leslie Apolloni/Alison Peters	4sets24/3sets23
90 CMD	Warren Arnell/Wayne Gray	Reg Baxter/Greg Hampson	4sets24/3sets15
110 CMD	Marco Mascriadelli/Ron Ostwald	SelwynBath/Michael O'Keeffe	3sets20/2sets19
130 CMD	Leslie Apolloni/Neal Healy	Noel Cheshire/Terry Mc Lellan	3sets18/2sets15

15th AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES - 3-10 October 2015.

This is Australia's greatest multi-sport festival with close to 60 sports on offer and a social program with the Games Village indoors in the heart of Adelaide's CBD at the world-class Adelaide Convention Centre. The Village will feature great food, drinks and nightly entertainment.

This will be a week-long festival of sport and celebration.

Tennis Competition dates are from 3rd to 7th October – entries open March 2015.

Venue: Tennis Seniors South Park Complex, Greenhill Road, Adelaide.

Age Groups: Singles – 35 to 80+ and Doubles 70+ to 130+

Register NOW at www.AustralianMastersGames.com

VALE - NEVILLE JAMES LANGFORD – 7.5.1933 – 25.3.2015



Neville was born on 7th May 1933 at the family home in Days Road, Grange – the first child of James and Violet Langford. On 22nd August, 1934 he became big brother to his beloved sister, Beverley and the Langford family unit was complete. His early childhood involved his family and tennis with a tennis court right beside the house in Days Road. He could be found from the age of 3 hitting a ball for hours on end up against a weather-board garage. Nev's early primary education was completed at the Wilston State School where he excelled at both tennis and cricket. He represented his school in the Metropolitan Tennis Finals in both 1945 & 1946 and winning both. He was also the school's opening batsman and a recognised slow bowler. In his last game for the school he scored 79 in the first innings, 76 in the second and took 6/29 with the ball. But after being hit in the face and having his glasses broken, his cricket playing days were at an end.

An early turning point in his tennis playing career came in 1945 when the Army which had occupied Milton during the war returned the area to QLTA. To re-open the tennis centre, the QLTA organised a series of exhibition matches between the leading Davis cup players of the day, Queensland's top amateur and junior players including Nev and Robert Prickett. As a result of these matches, the LTAA organised a 6-week tour of Australia involving Gloria Blair and Betty Bligh, the National Grass Court and Hardcourt Champions respectively; Laurie Ridgway and Nev at the ripe old age of 13. These exhibition matches were held in NSW, VIC, SA & TAS. At 14 years of age, in 1946, Nev commenced his secondary education at Brisbane Boys Grammar, where he was an above average student and represented the school at the elite level. At that time Nev's father purchased a further block of land behind the existing tennis court and a second court was built for Nev. 1950 was a milestone year for Nev, both in his working and sporting life. In that year he commenced work at Robinsons Sports Store in Brisbane and he was approached by Slazenger to both string racquets and play tournaments using Slazenger's equipment. And at night he did promotional film shows for both tennis and his other passion, golf. Being the first to use the 16mm Bell Howell projector which he later used to show such events as the 1953 Davis Cup at the Brisbane City Hall. In that same year Nev partnered Neale Fraser to win the Australian Hardcourt Doubles against Mal Anderson and Roy Emerson. In the singles, he had a four-set victory over Adrian Quist who at that time was the number one ranked player. In 1952 he travelled to Adelaide with Qld's U/19 Linton Cup team where he lost 6/3 in the third set to Ken Rosewall. By 1953, Nev was ranked the number one tennis player in Qld. Between 1955 and 1959 he took his love of tennis on the road becoming a professional tennis coach in Townsville, Ingham, Ayr, Home Hill and Charters Towers.

Nev was married in late 1961 and had two children – Greg, born in 1962 and Craig born in 1969. He rejoined Slazengers in 1960 and was later promoted to Sales Representative, where his territory extended as far as the Solomon Islands and PNG. In 1970 he was promoted to Qld Manager and in that capacity he had the opportunity to escort Bobby Locke both prior to and during the Australian Open Golf Championships which was held at Royal Qld. Nev also got to play some tennis and a round of golf with the great Jack Nicklaus. In 1980, Nev left Slazengers and bought the Northgate Tennis Centre. He started coaching – both at the Centre until it was sold in 1996 and also at St Margaret's until 1997. Then he joined the world of "veterans tennis" which he took to with his usual enthusiasm as a player and an administrator/organiser. Nev was also involved as a National Selector from 2001 to 2014 and a Qld selector 1969 to 1985.

In 1998 he was selected in Australian Veterans Mens team to compete in Florida where he and his partner, Adrian Alle, defeated the No 1 seeds in the Quarter final in straight sets. From 1998 to 2014 he represented Australia on 9 separate occasions from South Africa to Europe, Asia and America. The highlight was being a part of Australia Mens over 65's team including Max Byrne and Ollie Smith when they won the Britannia Cup in Cape Town, South Africa in 2000. He travelled to Japan on 4 occasions and won the Japan Seniors Doubles with Max Byrne twice.

Nev was a fierce competitor on the court but a gentleman off the court and greatly admired by those whose lives he touched during his work, sporting or social life.

Nev passed away quietly and peacefully on 25 March at Brisbane's Prince Charles Hospital from Metastatic Melanoma. His battle with this insidious disease began 9 years earlier in 2006. Through all the surgeries and the drug therapies that he endured during those difficult times, his constant query was "When can I get back on the court".

(Thanks to Greg Langford for this history of his father's life)

2016 AUSTRALIAN TEAMS CARNIVAL - SHEPPARTON, VIC .

Australian Teams Carnival - 10 to 15 January; Australian Individual Championships - 17 to 22 January.

Join us for a week of competitive yet social tennis at the Australian Teams Carnival. Play on the beautiful grass courts for which central Victoria is renowned. Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club, one of Victoria's premier grass court tennis venues, boasting twenty-two top quality grass courts, will be the main host venue for events. Set in a spectacular location adjacent to the recently redeveloped Victoria Park Lake and alongside the Goulburn River, the club is within walking distance of many motels, hotel, apartments, caravan parks and Shepparton's central business district.

Mooroopna Sports Precinct

The Mooroopna Recreation Reserve will be the secondary host venue for the Australian Teams Carnival. Located within 10 minutes drive of the Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club, 40 grass courts will be set up on the sports ovals in Mooroopna which have recently undergone a major reconstruction. The courts are within a short 5 minute walk of the Mooroopna central business district providing an ideal location for participants to play, rest and be entertained.

ACCOMMODATION. For information on accommodation go to www.discovershepparton.com.au

For all updates on arrangements go to www.tenniseniors.org.au/nationals.htm

QUEST SHEPPARTON (This is the advice received)

Although we do not have any rooms on the website, we do have rooms put aside for the Tournament guest. So if you would like to book you would have to book directly with us. Should you wish to proceed with the reservation, all we need is a credit card number to guarantee the reservation. Please note all accommodation will need to be **pre-paid 14 days prior to arrival**. Please also be aware we do have a **minimum night stay of 7 nights over the Tennis tournament period**.

Contact:

Mandy Corby **Front Office Manager** **or** **Gina Zoukis – Guest Services - Sales**
Quest Shepparton – 177-183 Welsford St, Shepparton VIC 3630 - Tel: +61 3 5814 4800 www.questshepparton.com.au

TEAMS CARNIVAL.

Enter a team with your friends through your State, or nominate in your State and be selected in a team. The Australian Teams Carnival is a wonderful opportunity to compete against teams and players from all over Australia and overseas; Teams, men's and women's should ideally consist of 5-6 players;

Doubles are played in a round robin format;

Teams are grouped in 5 or 10 year age brackets (from the age of 35 years onwards) and placed in divisions according to team strength;

Team members must play in matching State or National shirts or tops;

Teams may play two matches per day, morning and afternoon, with a time limit of 2.5 hours per match. Matches consist of 4 doubles and are played using the best of two-set format;

Social functions are organised during the week and there is an official opening on Sunday afternoon 10 January, 2016.

INDIVIDUAL SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The prestigious Australian seniors Championships will follow the Teams Carnival;

This event is an ITF 1 category tournament, offering singles, doubles and mixed in 5 year age brackets;

Non-ITF sanctioned combined age doubles events and Consolation Singles are also included in the programme;

Entries will open in October 2015;

For entry procedures, follow the guidelines on www.tenniseniors.org.au/nationals.htm

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