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# MAY NEWSLETTER

**2005**

Newsletter of Tennis Veterans Queensland Association Inc.

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**TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:**

May 21-22	DAWSON CALLIDE VALLEY Biloela Contact: Clarice White Entries close:	R/R 07 4995 1128 14 May
June 11-13	BUNDABERG Contact: Alan Searle Entries close:	R/R 07 4155 2448 3 June
June 24-27	<b>QLD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> Gold Coast Contact: Gail Bates	R/R 07 3264 3556 Fax: 07 3264 7862 Email: mgbates@smartchat.net.au

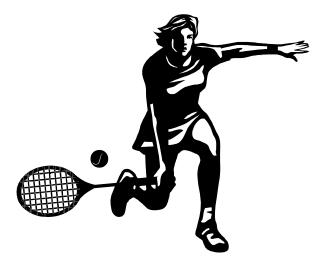
Entry Forms for the 2005 Queensland State Championships will be posted out this month.  
**CLOSING DATE IS WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE**

July 9-10	ROCKHAMPTON Contact: Des Campbell	R/R 07 4928 2870
July 23-24	GLADSTONE Contact: Yvonne Fallon	R/R 07 4978 4267

2005 ITF **Super Seniors** World Cup Competitions - TURKEY - 17-22 October  
 ITF World Individual Championships - TURKEY - 23-30 October

**DAVIS CUP QUARTER FINAL TICKETS**

Tennis Queensland has been given priority access to tickets to the Davis Cup Quarter Final—Australia V Argentina—to be held in Sydney 15-17 July 2005. Priority access to major event tickets is just one of the many benefits available exclusively to Tennis Queensland members. We invite all interested registered persons to apply for tickets to the Tie prior to their sale date to the public. An application form outlining application and payment details is available to all registered members—please ring Coral 3349 4339. **Applications close Friday 13 May 2005.**



## GYMPIE TOURNAMENT RESULTS- 18—20 MARCH

	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
<u>MEN</u>		
<u>35 MS</u>	David Smith <u>Special Event donated by Steve &amp; Joan Andrews</u>	Stephen Williams
40 MS	David Smith	Mark Nichols
45 MS	Kevin Smith	Ray West
50 MS	Denis Mc Keown	Bob Gibson
60 MS	Lee Taylor	Ollie Smith
65 MS	Ollie Smith	Ed Tonkin
35 MD A	Brett Cottrill/Greg Smith	Gary Petterson/Bruce Winther
35 MD B	Des Campbell/Barry Pettit	Trevor & Warwick Power
40 MD A	Tony Devine/Mark Nicholas	Michael Bandholz/Warren Arnell
40 MD B	Marco Mark/Nev Sauer	Greg Hampson/Bill Jones
50 MD	Denis McKeown/Phil Waight	Noel Cheshire/Len Gibbs
55 MD	Murray Irvine/Ivor Reynolds	Ray West/Noel Cheshire
60 MD A	Gary Johns/Ian Lorensen	Bob Johnston/Gary Schulz
60 MD B	Pat Hayes/Warwick Power	John Walker/Russell Prior
65 MD	Don Anderson/Alan Hocking	Graham Brown/Ron Hambleton
35 LD A	Ros Evans/Di Irvine	Sharon Ellis/Laurel Smith
35 LD B	Phillipa Scarborough/Shirlene Friske	Hilda Latcham/Carol Shaw
40 LD A	Ros Evans/Tammy Evans	Di Zelinski/Di Irvine
40 LD B	Hilda Latcham/Carol Shaw	Jessie Evans/Joyce Young
45 LD	Di Zelinski/Dawn Shepherdson	Tess Boyle/Peggy Wallace
50 LD	Jan Johns/Daphne Moni	Helen Bourne/Val Willett
55 LD A	Jan Johns/Donna Walker	Norma G-McGhie/Pat O’Gorman
55 LD B	Jessie evans/Mary Hawkins	Laraine Campbell/Gaynor Pettit
<u>35 XD A</u>	Len Gibbs/Di Zelinski <u>Special Event donated by Greg Hampson &amp; Nancy Franz</u>	Warren Arnell/Ros Evans
35 XD B	Marco Mark/Shirlene Friske	Greg Richards/Ann Eisenmenger
40 XD A	David Smith/Sharon Ellis	Rod & Dawn Shepherdson
40 XD B	Noel Toscano/Stephanie Johnstone	Bill Jones/Judy Cross
45 XD	Michael Bandholz/Di Irvine	Gary Petterson/Helen Lewis
50 XD	Stan Cuthbert/Alison Fanning	Dennis Biggs/Margaret Daniell
55 XD A	Kerry & Lin Cullinan	Geoff Legge/Donna Walker
55 XD B	Pat Hayes/Laraine Campbell	Russell Angove/Doreen Walsh
65 XD	Murray Irvine/Joy Rigter	Gary Bourne/Norma G-Mcghie
80 COMB MD	Geoff & Warren Arnell	Tony Devine/Dennis Luketic
120 COMB MD A	Don Anderson/Ed Tonkin	Ollie Smith/Ken Wollschlager
120 COMB MD B	Greg Richards/John Wakely	Trevor & Warwick Power
100 COMB LD	Jan Johns/Donna Walker	Ros Evans/Coral Vickers
110 COMB LD	Norma G-McGhie/Joy Rigter	Jessie Evans/Phillipa Scarborough
90 COMB XD A	Geoff Arnell/Pat O’Gorman	Gary Petterson/Ros Evans
90 COMB XD B	Greg Hampson/Shirlene Friske	Bill Jones/Jenny Kachel
110 COMB XD A	Noel Cheshire/Helen Lewis	Gary Bourne/Norma G-McGhie
110 COMB XD B	Marco Mark/Ada Kirkpatrick	Russell Angove/Cathy Maertens

### TO ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS

A Management Committee meeting will be held during the Bundaberg tournament on weekend of June 11-13 at the Clubhouse, Bundaberg. Please advise any items to be included on the Agenda.

All are welcome to attend but only nominated delegates of the Clubs are allowed to vote. If you have not already done so, please notify Coral of your Club’s delegate or nominate an alternative delegate who can be present at the meeting.



## LIGHTER MOMENTS

### GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don’t hurt.
3. Families are like fudge—mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4. Today’s mighty oak is just yesterday’s nut that held its ground.
5. Laughing is good exercise. It’s like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the joy .

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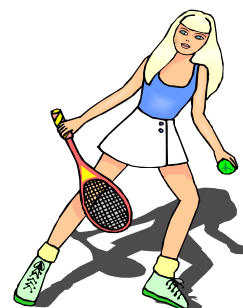
### EDITOR’S NOTE

If you have news or comments to share with your fellow veterans, please send to Coral for inclusion in the newsletter. Articles or Photos from tournaments or Clubs would be most welcome—either by post, fax or Email (see details on Front Page of newsletter).

### NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters have been sent to all those who are currently on the mailing list. A copy of the current newsletter as well as some previous newsletters can be viewed on our website: [www.tennisvets.org.au/qld](http://www.tennisvets.org.au/qld).

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## 2005 ITF SENIORS CUPS COMPETITIONS - TEAMS EVENTS

These competitions were played in Perth from Sunday 27 March. 130 teams from 23 countries competed for the ten ITF Seniors Cups.

Australia won 4 Cups, United States 3 Cups, France 2 Cups & Netherlands 1 Cup.

<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>NO OF TEAMS</u>	<u>FINISHED</u>	<u>WON BY</u>
LENGLEN CUP 35+	9	5th	FRANCE
YOUNG CUP 40+	12	5th	UNITED STATES
COURT CUP 45+	8	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>
BUENO CUP 50+	11	2nd	NETHERLANDS
CONNOLLY CUP 55+	8	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>
<u>MEN</u>			
ITALIA CUP 35+	13	5th	FRANCE
TRABERT CUP 40+	19	7th	UNITED STATES
DUBLER CUP 45+	18	4th	UNITED STATES
PERRY CUP 50+	16	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>
AUSTRIA CUP 55+	16	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>

Australia's four winning performances were as follows:

The **Margaret Court Cup** is presented annually to the winning team for women in the 45 Age Group. It was first presented by the Veterans Tennis Club of Western Australia, in honour of Margaret Court in 1994. Our winning team members were Ros Balodis (ACT) as Captain, Paula Bongetti (VIC), Gwen Weightman (VIC) and Kaye Nealon (NSW). This was Australia's second victory in this event.

The **Maureen Connolly Cup** is presented annually to the winning team for women in the 55 Age Group and was first presented by the Maureen Connolly Brinker Foundation in 1992. Our team members were Kerry Ballard (NSW) as Captain, Carol Campling (NSW) and Liz Allan (NSW). These girls won this Trophy last September and this back to back victory makes our third win over the years.

The **Fred Perry Cup** was donated in honour of the late Fred Perry in 1991 for competition for men in the 50 Age Group. Australia won this Cup last year after being runner-up in the previous three years!!! This back to back victory gave a lot of pleasure to team member Andrew Rae (VIC) who played in all of these five occasions. Bruce Osborne (VIC) was Captain this year and the other team members were Wayne Pascoe (NSW) and Rod Wurtz (VIC).

The **Austria Cup** was first presented by the Austrian Tennis Federation in 1977 for competition for men in the 55 Age Group. Our first victory for eleven years, Australia has now won this prestigious trophy six times. Team Members were Alan Gooch (WA) as Captain, Lito Alvarez (WA), **Max Bates (QLD)** and Peter Rigg (WA).

Match details are available on the ITF's Seniors Website [www.itfseniors.com](http://www.itfseniors.com)



### JUST FOR FUN SIGN ON A NOTICEBOARD

This Committee does not require a physical fitness programme. Every one gets enough exercise jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, running down the President, flogging dead horses, knifing friends in the back, dodging responsibility and pushing their luck.

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### SOME DEEP QUESTIONS OF LIFE

Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?

Why do we call it a TV Set when you only get one?

Why isn't "phonetics" spelled the way it sounds?

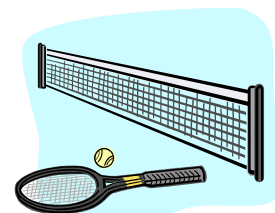
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Behind in repayments, a customer wrote to a bank saying he would gladly pay off his debt as soon as he returned money he owed his mother. He received a reply in the mail a few days later:

"Dear Sir

After checking our records, we have concluded that we have done more for you than your mother ever did—we've carried you for 15 months".

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## 2005 ITF SENIORS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

The following provides details of the excellent results from our Australian players in the above Championships held in Perth from 2-9 April. We extend our congratulations to Singles winners Ros Balodis, Elizabeth Allan and Patrick Serrett and to our doubles winners Ros Balodis/Kaye Nealon, Lyn Mortimer/Susanne Walter and Elizabeth Allan/Kerry Ballard and Bruce Osborne/Andrew Rae. Full details can be seen on website [www.92computing.com](http://www.92computing.com)

### WINNERS

|                   |                                                                                                     |             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 40 MENS SINGLES   | Patrick Serrett (NSW) def Val Wilder (USA)                                                          | 6/7 7/5 7/6 |
| 45 WOMENS SINGLES | Ros Balodis (ACT) def Diane Fishburne (USA)                                                         | 6/0 6/3     |
| 55 WOMENS SINGLES | Elizabeth Allan (NSW) def Adrienne Avis (NSW)                                                       | 6/4 6/0     |
| 45 WOMENS DOUBLES | Ros Balodis(ACT)/Kaye Nealon (NSW) def<br>Yukie Koizumi (JPN)/Beatriz Villaverde (ARG)              | 6/3 6/4     |
| 50 WOMENS DOUBLES | Lyn Mortimer (VIC)/Susanne Walter (VIC) def<br>Frances Candy (GBR)/Pauline Fisher (GBR)             | 6/2 7/5     |
| 50 MENS DOUBLES   | Bruce Osborne (VIC)/Andrew Rae(VIC) def<br>Wayne Pascoe (NSW)/Heiner Seuss (GER)                    | 6/4 7/6     |
| 55 WOMENS DOUBLES | Elizabeth Allan (NSW)/Kerry Ballard (NSW) def<br>Carol Campling (NSW)/ <b>Dianne Zelinski (QLD)</b> | 6/3 4/6 6/2 |

### CONSOLATION

|                   |                                                   |         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 35 WOMENS SINGLES | Natalie Cutcliffe(NSW) def Caroline Frenette(CAN) | 7/6 6/2 |
| 40 WOMENS SINGLES | Sally Adamson (WA) def Lyn Bellamy (NSW)          | 6/0 6/0 |
| 40 MENS SINGLES   | John Campbell (WA) def Peter Hiscock (NSW)        | 6/3 6/1 |

### RUNNERS-UP

|                 |                                                                                             |              |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 50 MENS SINGLES | Alan Rasmussen (DEN)def Wayne Pascoe NSW                                                    | 6/2 5/7 6/4  |
| 55 MENS SINGLES | Bob Litwin (USA) def Lito Alvarez (WA)                                                      | 6/2 3/0 ret. |
| 35 MENS DOUBLES | Matthias Huning (GER)/Frank Potthoff (GER) def<br>Daniel Ahl (GBR)/ <b>Glen Philp (QLD)</b> | 7/5 6/4      |
| 40 MENS DOUBLES | Glenn Erickson (USA)/Mario Tabares (USA) def<br>Robert Kilborn (NSW)/Neil Smith (NSW)       | 6/7 6/4 6/2  |
| 55 MENS DOUBLES | Neal Newman (USA)/Larry Turville (USA) def<br>Lito Alvarez (WA)/Peter Rigg (WA)             | 2/6 6/4 6/3  |

### CONSOLATION

|                 |                                             |                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 35 MENS SINGLES | Bruno Pfund (SUI) def Paul Kleverlaan (VIC) | 6/4 4/6 TB 10/8 |
| 50 MENS SINGLES | Johan Botha (RSA) def Ray Bray (VIC)        | 6/3 6/4         |

## LETTER FROM OUR GLOBE-TROTTERING PLAYER FROM TOOWOOMBA QLD

Joan & I are very disappointed that we'll be unable to be in Newcastle for the Australian Vets Championships. I had intended playing in the 80's. However, we don't arrive home from USA until the 12 April and we doubt that we'll be fully recovered in time for Newcastle. Our airfares & accommodation are paid for our trip to Palm Springs, where I will again Captain the Rest of the World team of 90's to play against a 10-man team from USA. Each team member plays singles one day & doubles the next. We are allowed to play a full third set if necessary, which all the players welcome.

The third day we start the USTA Hardcourt Championships at Mission Hills. We were treated very well last year and are looking forward to this year's trip. I'll be 92 next year, but perhaps if there is an 85 competition at next year's Australian Championships, I may be able to play down with the "kids".

Best wishes to all our tennis friends. We'd love to see you. Enjoy yourselves.

Yours sincerely, Bill Rogers.

## 2005 ITF SUPER-SENIORS CUPS COMPETITION— Manavgat, TURKEY

### 17 to 30 October

Teams for the above Cups have been selected and were announced at Newcastle. However they are subject to approval from Tennis Australia.

### WOMEN

#### MARBLE CUP 60+

**Marilyn Davis QLD**

Judy Hancy VIC

Heather Barwick VIC Captain

**Jill Taylor QLD**

Bev Eddington NSW Reserve

#### GODFREY CUP 65+

Margaret Wayte NSW

Mary Gordon NSW

Lesley Heumiller NSW

**Nola Collins QLD Captain**

#### Gibson cup 70+

Ann Fotheringham VIC

Alison Ide ACT #

Margaret Robinson WA Captain

Lorice Forbes VIC

Peg Hoysted NSW Reserve

#### QUEENS CUP 75+

Elsie Crowe WA Captain

Pat Ubrihien NSW

Sylvia Pingiaro VIC

Beth Lown NSW #

Gwen Sumpton VIC Reserve

### MEN

#### VON CRAMM CUP 60+

Alan Walsh NSW

Murray French VIC Captain

Phil Higgs ACT

**Lee Taylor QLD**

Ian Davis NSW Reserve

#### BRITANNIA CUP 65+

**Peter Froelich QLD Captain**

**Derek Schroder QLD**

Ian King NSW

Gordon Waygood NSW

Bruce Rehn SA Reserve

#### CRAWFORD CUP 70+

**Neville Langford QLD Captain**

**Alan Hocking QLD**

Ray Woodforde SA

**Graham Brown QLD**

Hugh Bloink VIC Reserve

#### GRANT CUP 75+

**Adrian Alle QLD**

Ron de Costa NSW

Doug Corbett NSW Captain

Brian Stuart VIC

Colin Luck NSW Reserve

#### MULLOY CUP 80+

**Neville Halligan QLD Captain**

Frank Pitt NSW

Arthur Newnham VIC

**Dick Wilson QLD**

**Neale Hook QLD Reserve**



**RESULTS 2005 AUSTRALIAN TENNIS VETS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**NEWCASTLE - 11 to 22 APRIL**

Congratulations to the winning State in the Teams Event —NEW SOUTH WALES.  
FINAL POINTS FOR THE STATE TROPHY are as follows:

|     |          |        |     |
|-----|----------|--------|-----|
| NSW | 41 Teams | 61.90% | 1st |
| NZ  | 12 Teams | 56.65% | 2nd |
| VIC | 15 Teams | 48.09% | 3rd |
| QLD | 25 Teams | 47.50% | 4th |
| ACT | 9 Teams  | 45.89% | 5th |
| SA  | 16 Teams | 38.95% | 6th |
| WA  | 17 Teams | 35.26% | 7th |
| TAS | 1 Team   | 28.90% | 8th |

Winning Teams for Queensland were:

|                         |                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>MEN 55 Section 1</b> | <b>MEN 70 Section 1</b> | <b>MEN 70 Section 2</b> |
| <u>QLD 1</u>            | <u>QLD1</u>             | <u>QLD 3</u>            |
| Max Bates (Capt)        | Ollie Smith (Capt)      | Les Hodson (Capt)       |
| Ian Gallagher           | Don Anderson            | Kerry Burke             |
| Ian Somers              | Graham Brown            | Reg Payne               |
| Wally Teis              | Alan Hocking            | Alan Searle             |
| Ray West                | Nev Langford            | Garth Wenck             |
|                         |                         | John Whitlock           |

Teams that were Runners-up in their Sections were:

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>WOMEN 50 Section 2</b> | <b>WOMEN 65 Section 1</b> |
| <u>QLD 2</u>              | <u>QLD 1</u>              |
| Jenny Griggs (Capt)       | Nola Collins (Capt)       |
| Ann Cosgrove              | Norma Godbolt-McGhie      |
| Lorraine Fogarty          | Pat O’Gorman              |
| Annette Pratt             | Joy Rigter                |
| Jenny Young               | Coral Vickers             |

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS— QUEENSLAND PLAYERS.**

**MEN**

|       |                                                                                                                                              |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 35 MS | Iggy Jovanovic (WA) def <b>Ian Malpass (BRISBANE)</b> 3/6 7/6 7/5<br><b>Chris O’Mara (Toowoomba)</b> was beaten in the Semi-Final by winner. |
| 55 MS | <b>Max Bates (BRISBANE)</b> def Terry Payton (VIC) 6/2 5/7 6/1                                                                               |
| 60 MS | Alan Walsh (NSW) def <b>Lee Taylor (SUNSHINE COAST)</b> 6/1 7/6<br><b>Terry McLellan (BRISBANE)</b> lost in Quarter Final to winner          |
| 65 MS | Bob Howes (NSW) def <b>Derek Schroder (BRISBANE)</b> 6/2 6/0<br><b>Kevin Crump (GOLD COAST)</b> lost in Quarter Final to winner.             |
| 70 MS | <b>Ollie Smith (ROCKHAMPTON)</b> lost in Semi Final to R-up Ken Taylor                                                                       |
| 80 MS | <b>Richard Wilson (GOLD COAST)</b> def Arthur Newnham (VIC) 6/1 6/4                                                                          |

**WOMEN**

|          |                                                                       |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 35/40 WS | <b>Mi Ran Kim (GOLD COAST)</b> lost in Semi-Final to R-up             |
| 60 WS    | <b>Marilyn Davis (GOLD COAST)</b> def Heather McKay (ACT) 0/6 2/2 ret |

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to thank all competitors who represented Queensland at the Championships. The Opening Ceremony at the Basketball Stadium was very entertaining. The young talent on display was a delight and was appreciated by all the players. The young jockeys & horses were definitely a hit and the singers were of excellent standard.

Queensland State Dinner was not without problems, mainly because of the extra people who turned up on the night. The caterers did a superb job in providing extra food. However, seating was difficult. In future, this function will need to be by prior booking if we are to avoid the embarrassment of not having enough food or seats for people.

We should commend the commitment of Max Bates who competed in Perth for two weeks followed by another two weeks in Newcastle culminating in his win in the 55 Mens Team Event and the 55 Mens Singles in a tight three-setter. Congratulations to Max—he’s like the well-known paint—he keeps on keeping on!.

**TEAMS PRESENTATION**

**DINNER DANCE**

Individual Trophies are presented to each Age Group at this function and were won by the following:

**WOMENS TROPHIES**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| OVER 70 YEARS    | - VIC 1  |
| OVER 65 YEARS    |          |
| Section 1        | - NSW 1  |
| Section 2        | - NSW 2  |
| Section 3        | - WA 2   |
| OVER 60 YEARS    |          |
| Section 1        | - NSW 1  |
| Section 2        | - VIC 2  |
| OVER 55 YEARS    |          |
| Section 1        | - NSW 1  |
| Section 2        | - VIC    |
| OVER 50 YEARS    |          |
| Section 1        | - NSW 1  |
| Section 2        | - NSW 2  |
| OVER 45/50 YEARS | - NSW 1  |
| OVER 35/40 YEARS | - NSW 35 |

**MENS TROPHIES**

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| OVER 75/80 YEARS | - NSW 1 |
| OVER 70 YEARS    |         |
| Section 1        | - QLD 1 |
| Section 2        | - QLD 3 |
| OVER 65 YEARS    |         |
| Section 1        | - NSW 1 |
| Section 2        | - NSW 3 |
| Section 3        | - NSW 5 |
| OVER 60 YEARS    |         |
| Section 1        | - NSW 1 |
| Section 2        | - NSW 2 |
| Section 3        | - WA 2  |
| OVER 55 YEARS    |         |
| Section 1        | - QLD 1 |
| Section 2        | - VIC   |
| OVER 50 YEARS    | - SA    |
| OVER 45/50 YEARS | - NZ    |
| OVER 35/40 YEARS | - NSW 1 |

**VETERAN TROPHY**

for Champion State/Territory -  
**NEW SOUTH WALES**

**TVA VETERAN OF THE YEAR**

(Player)

Carol Campling (NSW)

**(Administrator)**

**Gail Bates (QUEENSLAND)**

Congratulations to Gail—this award is a recognition by Tennis Veterans Australia of her hard work and dedication to Queensland Veterans tennis.

**COME TO THE 2006 AUSTRALIAN TENNIS VETS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NEW ZEALAND**

**CHRISTCHURCH - 8 TO 20 JANUARY.**

TVA have provided the following information regarding the above Championships.

**AIR FARES.** It will be necessary for early bookings to ensure reasonable fares. Last month, travel costs with Qantas, Melbourne to Christchurch were about AUS\$340 return, which is maybe half of a "normal fare". You should keep on eye on the Qantas webpage and keep checking to get the optimum deal.

**ACCOMMODATION.** Along Papanui Road just 1/2km from the CBD there are about 15 to 20 Hotel/Motels. This location seems admirable from a convenience viewpoint, just 2 kms to the Hagley Park Tennis Club, 4 kms to Wilding Park Tennis Centre and 6 kms to the Cashmere Tennis Club.

Accommodation costs vary. Older, smaller accommodation is cheaper with the newer units available at the other end of the scale. Bookings would probably need to be made at the latest by mid-year. Singles accommodation will be available at Canterbury University, bed and breakfast, but we will need to make a group booking. If interested, please call Coral 3349 4339.

Obviously it may help you to chat with your favourite tourist agent, who is in the position of providing brochures and maybe suggest other options. Additionally if you have thoughts of touring after the Championships there are many possibilities available.

**TENNIS.** The main center will be Wilding Park (46 courts). Other centers to be used will be Hagley Park (30 courts) and Cashmere (13 courts).

**TRAVEL.** David Blackwell (NZ) suggests that it will be difficult to justify providing a comprehensive transport service. However, this matter is under review. His recommendation is that taxis are readily available and small car hire starts at about NZ\$25 a day.

**FINANCE.** Currently the Australian dollar will buy NZ\$1.08 or Aus\$0.92 to the NZ\$.

For those players interested in nominating for 2006, you will require a passport to travel to New Zealand. Nomination forms will be forwarded at the end of June. A list of accommodation provided by TVA is included with this newsletter. TVQ may have some further information on accommodation at a later date—please contact Coral.

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**ENJOY TENNIS IN NZ PRECEDING TEAMS IN CHRISTCHURCH 2006**

The most picturesque and hospitable town of Wanaka, 1 hour's drive from Queenstown, will conduct two tournaments—Open on 3-4 January and Vets on 5-6 January prior to start of the Teams Championships.

Travel from Christchurch can be by air to Queenstown, pick up and return will be arranged, or by coach 5 hours through scenic country.

Entry forms will be available on [www.wanaka-tennis.net.nz](http://www.wanaka-tennis.net.nz) or ring Alison Ide 02 6249 7976.

Definitely recommended for the tourist.



**OBITUARY**  
**LESTER HANCOCK**  
**1912 TO 2005**

With the passing of Lester Hancock in March, Queensland tennis has lost one of its most beloved players and administrators.

Lester first made his mark as a player but, like many of his era, his playing career was curtailed because of World War II.

Lester won the first Queensland Schoolboy Championship in 1925 and represented Queensland in the Linton Cup for three successive years. In 1937, he replaced Gar Moon as Queensland's No 1 Ranked player, a ranking he held until the outbreak of the war.

Lester achieved a footnote in tennis history in 1938. In that year's Australian Open, he lost 6/2 6/3 6/4 in the first round to Don Budge. Budge went on to win the tournament, defeating John Bromwich 6/4 6/2 6/1 in the Final. Budge then won the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open to become the first player to win the Grand Slam. *Thus Lester was the first leg of the first Grand Slam.* Budge was so dominant that, of the 24 players he defeated to win the Grand Slam in 1938, only 6 were able to win more games than Lester and only 4 were able to win a set.

Lester started his career in tennis administration around 1945. In that year he became the Central Qld Delegate on the QLTA (Tennis Queensland) Country Board and was elected as a QLTA Councillor (positions he held until 1984). He served on the State Selection Panel from 1945 to 1982 (38 years). Lester was also a long term member of the QLTA Board of Directors (until his retirement in 1982).

Lester was the Queensland Manager of the Spalding Sporting Goods Co for many years. He also worked as a tennis journalist and radio commentator.

Lester's contribution to the game of Tennis was recognized by Tennis Qld in 1979 with Honorary Life Membership and in 1988 with a short biography in "The Administrators" section of its centennial book *A Century of Queensland Tennis.*

Thanks to Doug Bergman of Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis for this material from their newsletter.