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2008 Australian Tennis Seniors Championships—Wodonga, Victoria

Queensland won the Teams Trophy for the first time since 2003. Final points for Teams Trophy were as follows:

STATE	TEAMS	SCORE
QLD	17	57.02
NZ	8	56.25
VIC	18	55.46
NSW	22	53.31
SA	14	40.59
ACT	11	39.31
WA	10	37.77
TAS*	1	62.50
JAPAN*	1	61.71

* A State or Territory must have a minimum of 5 teams to be eligible to participate.

The winning Division is decided by the best percentage (%) of sets won and credited against sets played and credited during the round robin matches by all teams from that Division, including all playoff finals.

WINNING TEAMS

MEN 55/1

Ian Somers ©; Brian Savage; Ian Gallagher; Kerry Cullinan; Ed Tucker; Gary Thompson

MEN 60/2

John S Walker ©; Ed Dodd; Mick Fogarty; Bruce Hallt

MEN 75/80 Section 1

Alan Hocking ©; Neville Langford; Graham Brown; Adrian Alle; Barry Headland; Claude Wenzel

MEN 75/80 Section 2

Snow Hall ©; John E Walker; Neville Halligan; Les Hodson; Leo Dingle

It is worth noting that Queensland had three teams in Men 55 Division and all three made the semi-finals, coming first, second and fourth.

RUNNERS-UP TEAMS

MEN 55 Sect 1 Neal Healy ©; Geoff Voller; Ian Argent; Jim Gillespie; Les Apolloni; Fred Beven

MEN 60 Sect 2 Dennis Biggs ©; Luke Bond; Stan Cuthbert; Murray Irvine; Ed Vincenzi

MEN 60 Sect 3 Laurie Wyvill ©; Peter Marshall; Mike Golds; John Nowland; Wayne White

WOMENS 55 Jenny Griggs ©; Ann Cosgrove; Judith Rodins; Annette Pratt; Lorraine Fogarty; Jenny Young

We also had five teams in 3rd position. So a great effort by all teams—well done. We hope you will continue to represent your State in 2009 in Adelaide and hope we can interest more players to nominate for the teams event.

For full results go to our website; www.tenniseniors.org.au/qld



**TENNIS'S
COMPETITION**

“Indoor cricket, netball and soccer are experiencing a surge in popularity. People looking to keep fit and socialize with their friends and workmates are signing up to play these team sports at their local Indoor Sports Centre.

These sports are perfect for people who enjoy exercise, fun and laughter during the working week. Busy professionals with a tight schedule appreciate the shorter hours of play.”

Excerpt from Courier-Mail Saturday 16-17 February

Seniors also play for exercise, fun and laughter and we do it in the fresh air.

We need to promote our sport as one that can be played at any time of life.

To illustrate the point, we still have players well into their eighties still playing competitively.



INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

WINNERS

40 MENS SINGLES	Chris O'Mara (Toowoomba) def Rodney Wilson (VIC) 6/1 7/5
70 MENS SINGLES	Peter Froelich (Gold Coast) def Ian King (NSW) 6/3 7/6
40 MENS DOUBLES	Chris O'Mara (Toowoomba) and Andrew Schuelke (SA) def Bradley Hubbard (Chinchilla) and Michael Russell (Brisbane) 6/3 6/2
70 MENS DOUBLES	Peter Froelich (Gold Coast) and John Powless (USA) def Tony Harkin (NSW) and Ian King (NSW) 6/3 6/3
75 MENS DOUBLES	Graham Brown (Brisbane) and Alan Hocking (Sunshine Coast) def Max Byrne (TAS) and Neville Langford (Brisbane) 2/6 6/4 7/5
150 MENS DOUBLES	Graham Brown (Brisbane) and Alan Hocking (Sunshine Coast) def Max Byrne (TAS) and Neville Langford (Brisbane) 7/5 7/6
130 WOMENS DBLES	Joy Rigter (Gold Coast) and Margaret Harrigan (ACT) 3 wins/2 wins

RUNNERS-UP

40 MENS DOUBLES	Brad Hubbard (Chinchilla) & Michael Russell (Brisbane)
50 MENS DOUBLES	Mike Ford (Gold Coast) and Steve Packham (Victoria)
60 MENS DOUBLES	Terry McLellan (Brisbane) and Lee Taylor (Gold Coast)
140 MENS DOUBLES	Kevin Crump (Gold Coast) and Tony Harkin (NSW)
60 WOMENS DOUBLES	Donna Walker (Brisbane) and Robyn Castle (NSW)
70 WOMENS DOUBLES	Joy Rigter (Gold Coast) and Joyce Rogers (VIC)
120 WOMENS DOUBLES	Donna Walker (Brisbane) and Judith Rodins (Brisbane)
35 MIXED DOUBLES	Chris O'Mara (Toowoomba) and Natalie Cutcliffe (NSW)
60 MIXED DOUBLES	Lee Taylor (Gold Coast) and Beverley Eddington (NSW)
75 MIXED DOUBLES	Les Hodson (Brisbane) and Pat Ubrihien (NSW)

SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Tennis Seniors Australia have advised that the following players have been appointed to our National Selection Committee. The responsibilities of these personnel become effective as from 1 March, 2008 for a period of twelve months.

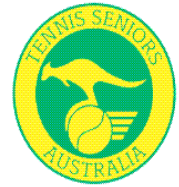
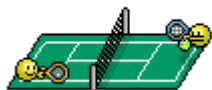
SENIORS	MEN	MIKE FORD PAUL KLEVERLAAN ANDREW RAE MARTIN RICHARDS	(QLD) (VIC) (VIC) (SA)
	WOMEN	KERRY BALLARD ROS BALODIS BRENDA FOSTER LYN MORTIMER	(NSW) (ACT) (NSW) (VIC)
SUPER-SENIORS	MEN	ALAN GOOCH DENNIS HAUPT BOB HOWES NEVILLE LANGFORD	(WA) (SA) (NSW) (QLD)
	WOMEN	NOLA COLLINS MARILYN DAVIS LESLEY HEUMILLER MARGARET ROBINSON	(VIC) (QLD) (NSW) (WA)

**TEAMS SELECTED TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA
IN THE 2008 ITF SENIORS CUPS COMPETITIONS**

Tennis Seniors Australia have advised that the following players have been selected to represent Australia in Turkey next October.

WOMEN

LENGLEN CUP 35+		NO TEAM SELECTED	
YOUNG CUP 40+		NO TEAM SELECTED	
COURT CUP 45+	1	BRENDA FOSTER	NSW
	2	LEANNE SWAYSLAND	NSW ©
	3	SUZY ELLIS	NSW
BUENO CUP 50+	1	ROS BALODIS	ACT
	2	LYN MORTIMER	VIC
	3	KAYE NEALON	NSW
		Sue Walter	VIC Reserve
CONNOLLY CUP 55+	1	KERRY BALLARD	NSW ©
	2	HELEN WORLAND	NSW
	3	ADRIENNE AVIS	NSW
		Sue Walter	VIC Reserve
 <u>MEN</u>			
ITALIA CUP 35+	1	BRENDON ROSE	NSW ©
	2	MARTIN RICHARDS	SA
	3	RINO TRAFORTI	SA
		Paul Kleverlaan	VIC Reserve
TRABERT CUP 40+	1	CHRIS O'MARA	QLD ©
	2	RODNEY WILSON	VIC
	3	ANDREW SCHUELKE	SA
		Greg Westwood	NSW Reserve
DUBLER CUP 45+	1	ROGER GRANT	WA ©
	2	SIMON ARMS	VIC
	3	VLADIMIR EJOV	SA
	4	SHANE SMEDLEY	WA
PERRY CUP 50+	1	GLENN BUSBY	VIC ©
	2	MIKE FORD	QLD
	3	BRUCE OSBORNE	VIC
		Stephen Whitecross	QLD Reserve
AUSTRIA CUP 55+	1	ANDREW RAE	VIC ©
	2	RUSSELL WATTS	VIC
	3	MAX BATES	QLD



**GOLD COAST
HOLIDAY
RENTAL
2008**

Apartment available for rent at RUNAWAY BAY from late April to late July.

2 B/room ensuited apartment with water views, dishwasher, laundry, tennis court & pool.

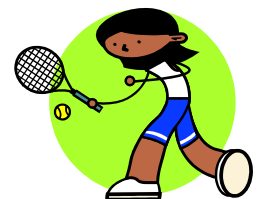
A block from the beautiful broadwater.

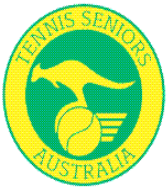
Close to Harbour Town—ideal for Seniors playing May & July tournaments

Free wireless broadband, local & STD calls, car available.

Contact:
LYN MORTIMER
Mob: 0427 583 576

Email:
racquetman13@hotmail.com





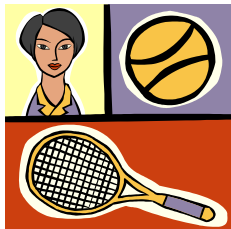
**TAXES ARE TAXES
WHEREVER YOU
PAY THEM.**

Here are a few personal messages found on income-tax returns.

Gentlemen:
Why don't you simplify the form? Just ask:
Whatdja make?
Whatdja spend?
Whatdja got left:
Send it in!!

"Gentleman, I have not been able to sleep nights on account of worrying about not having reported on a good deal of income. So I'm enclosing my cheque for \$1,000. If I find I still can't sleep, I'll send the rest of it."

I'm telling you guys for the last time! My wife's relatives *are* an organized charity.



**TEAMS SELECTED TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA
IN THE 2008 ITF SUPER-SENIORS CUPS COMPETITIONS**

WOMEN

MARBLE CUP 60+	1	CAROL CAMPLING	NSW ©
	2	DENISE LEAVENS	NSW
	3	KERIN TULLOCH	VIC
	4	LOU GRIFFITH	VIC
		Marilyn Davis	QLD Reserve
GODFREY CUP 65+	1	LYNNE NETTE	VIC
	2	JUDY HANCY	VIC
	3	HELEN MUIR	WA ©
	4	JILL TAYLOR	QLD
		Bobbie Edwards	WA Reserve
GIBSON CUP 70+	1	LESLEY HEUMILLER	NSW
	2	NOLA COLLINS	VIC
	3	JOYCE ROGERS	VIC
	4	JOY RIGTER	QLD
QUEENS CUP 75+	1	MARGARET ROBINSON	WA ©
	2	PEG HOYSTED	NSW
	3	ELSIE CROWE	WA
	4	SHIRLEY WHITAKER	VIC
		Barbara Godfrey	VIC Reserve

MEN

Von CRAMM CUP 60+	1	ALAN GOOCH	WA ©
	2	LEE TAYLOR	QLD
	3	TERRY MC LELLAN	QLD
	4	DON MC INDOE	NSW
		Hayden Rees	VIC Reserve
BRITANNIA CUP 65+	1	BOB HOWES	VIC ©
	2	ALAN WALSH	NSW
	3	DENNIS BINDON	NSW
CRAWFORD CUP 70+	1	IAN KING	NSW ©
	2	IAN MACDONALD	QLD
	3	KEVIN CRUMP	QLD
	4	TONY HARKIN	NSW
		Ray Woodforde	SA Reserve
GRANT CUP 75+	1	NEVILLE LANGFORD	QLD
	2	ALAN HOCKING	QLD ©
	3	BERT BARWICK	NSW
	4	GRAHAM BROWN	QLD
		John McCarthy	NSW Reserve
MULLOY CUP 80+	1	DOUG CORBETT	NSW ©
	2	WARD HILLIER	VIC
	3	NEVILLE HALLIGAN	QLD
	4	NEALE HOOK	QLD
		Colin Luck	NSW Reserve

A MESSAGE TO ANYONE GOING TO TURKEY IN OCTOBER

If you are interested in making up a group and having a 7-9 day tour from the south to Istanbul via Gallipoli, please contact Kerin Tulloch: Phone 03 9882 1493 or email: kerintulloch@hotmail.com

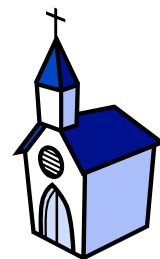
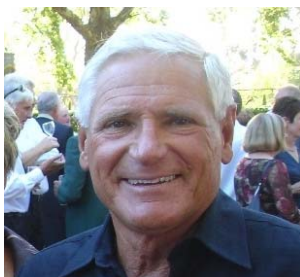
VALE - JOHN BYRNE - 6.8.1941—31.1.2008

John was born in Brisbane and attended Nundah Primary School where he was selected to represent tennis in the annual interstate competition against New South Wales. This was a huge honour but maybe not all that surprising as his Dad was a fine player. John's early introduction to tennis led to a lifetime of passion for the game and many successes. He was a member of the 1st IV at Church of England Grammar School for three years and captain in 1959. He also won many titles throughout his career but the highlights were probably being ranked 10 in Queensland in 1968 and holding match point against Australian Davis Cup player Dick Crealy in the Queensland Open Grasscourt Championship. On matriculating from Churchie in 1959, John commenced working full-time and undertook Accountancy studies at University of Queensland part-time at night, completing them in 1966. In 1963 John commenced work at Payen, Byrne & Blackford the company started by his father during the war. Unlike the sons of some well-known media magnates, he actually worked his way through many positions before becoming General Manager on his Dad's retirement in 1976. He held this position until 1985 when he resigned following the takeover of the company.

John seized the opportunity to establish his tennis coaching academy successfully merging his passion for the game and his business skills. John always believed that sport is a great guide to a successful lifestyle and it was an attitude he carried into his coaching business when he left the corporate world. Coaching for him wasn't just about teaching a child how to hit a tennis ball, it was also a philosophy of life and a lesson in psychology. It was very much about building character that would last a lifetime. The tennis academy that he ran operated at over 20 schools and at four tennis centres at one time or another. He would have taught in excess of 10,000 students during his 22 years as coach—no mean feat of patience. He coached a number of successful players, some who made it into the professional ranks.

John and Wife, Barbara were married in 1979 and John found himself father to two teenage daughters. It became obvious that Barbara possessed the same great generosity of spirit as John which enabled them to form a most successful blended family. To this family was added a son, Christopher who shared with us some anecdotes of life with his father. John was loved and respected deeply by his family and was the first they would turn to for advice, help or comfort. Tolerance and respect were important family values and these qualities blended beautifully with the innate characteristics of an outgoing personality, generosity of spirit and the ability to laugh readily, often at himself.

We say farewell to John Byrne and let us remember him as a GOOD MAN who was a man of passion, determination and courage who lived life to the full—a man who earned respect in all walks of life and a great friend to many. He will be greatly missed by the tennis community. As an active member of a range of tennis associations, he contributed with positive impact at many different levels. Ian Ruffles also shared his memories of his cousin John with us and quoted these words of proverbs, "Good men must die, but death cannot kill their names." John Byrne's name will be forever carried in the hearts and minds of all those who knew him.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

My thanks to Christopher for providing the information on his father's life. He is to be commended for presenting a beautiful eulogy to his father, not an easy task under the circumstances.

This is a brief outline of a remarkable life and we thank Christopher & other members of John's family for sharing many happy memories with those of us privileged to have known him.



2009 Australian Seniors Tennis Championships

Teams Week 11th to 16th January on 80 courts

Individuals Week 18th to 23rd January on 40 courts

Held at—Headquarters, South Park and various Lawn Tennis Clubs

**Located on the Glenelg to Adelaide tram line and within walking distance
of the City Centre.**



Following the recent successful championships in Wodonga Victoria, we are delighted to invite you again to participate in the 2009 Australian Seniors Tennis Championships in Adelaide.

Whilst the event is still some 10 months away, we have an enthusiastic committee working hard to ensure, that we can guarantee you one of the largest and most enjoyable championships ever conducted.

Your tennis and social experience is going to be enhanced by—

- Top tennis played on Adelaide's best natural lawn (75%) and synthetic grass (30%) surfaces
- An innovative and entertaining Opening Ceremony with finger food and refreshments to be held at the Memorial Drive Stadium Many exciting innovations are planned to make this a memorable night.
- A great night is guaranteed for the Presentation Dinner Dance, featuring the best dance band we can find playing your favourite dance music. We have selected the superb Donato Centre to be our venue, catering for 660 people with a large sunken dance floor and fabulous stage area.
- A complete range of value accommodation offers central to the Tennis headquarters and City of Adelaide is now available on our website including Apartments, Motels, University Accommodation and Caravan parks.
- Following the promotions of this event to date both in Australia and Overseas, the feedback and early accommodation bookings received, gives us confidence that our goal of increasing the number of teams competing to 170 or more, will be achieved. Importantly, this means that teams can be allocated into their correct divisions (1,2&3), so that even competition is possible, for your enjoyment.
- Transport will be provided to all venues and major social activities, departing from our Headquarters.
- Full catering and bar facilities will be available at the major venues
- Various happy hours, BBQ nights and other social activities will be arranged
- For accompanying persons tours of the major South Australian attractions will be available
- Friendly host volunteers will be available to ensure your needs are catered for

We are confident of achieving a good sponsorship outcome that will enable us to provide you with exceptional value for money across our full range of social and catering activities. Many new initiatives and surprises that will add to your enjoyment are currently being finalized.

We will be keeping you informed of our progress in further issues of this newsletter or you can visit our special 2009 Championships page on our web site— www.tenniseniors.org.au

So please mark your diary now and reserve the dates to—HEAD for Adelaide and Shine in 2009!!!!

From Brian Dew—Chairman 2009 Organising Committee

ADELAIDE 2009 Accommodation Details

1. **Apartments**

- Ranging from single/double to triple bedrooms
- All within Adelaide City area 2kms from tennis headquarters
- Full details of rooms, facilities and prices, are with all State secretaries
- States/individuals are encouraged to book early as other events coincide
- When booking mention TSA Championships to access special rates

Adelaide Oakford Apartments

Apartments being held and rates applicable until March 31 2008

Contact Josie Procter, admin@oakford-adelaide.com.au

Oaks Group—Liberty, Horizons and Embassy

Apartment rates quoted will be honoured as long as there is availability—no “cut off date” but also not being held

Contact Kym Stratton, kym@theoaksgroup.com.au

Franklin Central Apartments

Apartments held at quoted prices until February 29th 2008

Contact Shaylee Hower, sales@franklinapartments.com.au

City South/Adelaide Regent Apartments

Unfortunately rates quoted are not definite

Contact Parita Patel, sales@adelaideregent.com.au

Quest

- King William—will be held until May 2008, rates will also be honoured after this date for any available apartments

Contact Chris Jones sales.kingwilliam@questapartments.com.au

- Sturt -

Contact Daniela Tassone queststurt@questapartments.com.au

Adelaide City Fringe

On hold for unspecified time

Contact John Majeric info@accommodationadelaide.com.au

Saville

On hold for unspecified time

Contact Jenna jenna.randell@savillehotelgroup.com

Pacific

On hold for unspecified time

Contact Gill Hedges gill.hedges@stellagroup.com.au

Miller

On hold for unspecified time

Contact Leigh Kentwell leigh@millerapartments.com.au

Apartments on Pulteney

On hold for unspecified time

Contact Leanne Sandow sandow@chariot.net.au



NATIONAL RANKINGS

These can be located on the Tennis Seniors website at www.tennisseniors.org.au

Rankings are based on the number of tournaments played and how well you performed.

Gail Bates (Qld) is National Singles Ranking Co-ordinator and reminds all players competing in ITF Seniors tournaments, they **MUST** notify her for their points to be added to the Australian Seniors Singles Ranking System.

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2. Motels (all within 3kms of tennis headquarters)

Tiffins on the Park—176 Greenhill Rd, Parkside—Phone 08 8271 0444

2 bedroom \$199.00pn www.arkaba.com.au

Chifley on South Tce—226 South Tce, Adelaide—Phone 08 8223 4355

Single/Twin rooms \$151pn Triple rooms \$178pn www.constellationhotels.com

Hotel 208 by Constellation—208 South Tce, Adelaide—Phone 08 8223 2800

Single/Twin rooms \$160pn Triple rooms \$187pn www.constellationhotels.com

Country Comfort—208 South Tce, Adelaide—Phone 08 8223 2800 www.constellationhotels.com

3. Caravan Parks (within 6kms of tennis headquarters)

Adelaide Caravan Park—46 Richmond Rd, Hackney—Phone 08 8363 1566

31 powered sites \$30pn for 2 people; 44 cabins www.adelaidecaravanpark.com.au

Levi Caravan Park (big4) - 60 Lansdowne Tce, Vale Park—Phone 08 8344 2209

68 powered sites \$33pn for 2 people; 36 cabins www.levipark.com.au

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

It is good to see a member of the Brisbane Tennis community get some well-deserved recognition in the **Lord Mayor's 2008 Australia Day Awards**.

Coral Vickers received the **Australia day Sports Medal** for her dedicated work for Tennis in Brisbane over the last 20 years.

Coral's involvement with Tennis administration has been with a number of organizations including the Brisbane Ladies' Tennis Association, Brisbane Seniors Tennis Club, Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis Association and Tennis Seniors Queensland.

THE BLUE LIGHT DISTRICT

A policeman found three girls crying their eyes out at the Railway Station. So he took them into the buffet and bought them a large pot of tea and a plate of cakes. They dried their tears and smiled. Then he plonked the teapot into the centre of the table and asked: "Now who's going to be mother?" And they all burst into tears again.



Constable: You've got a nice lot 'ere, haven't you? Dangerous driving, disregarding my signals, no lights, two flat tyres, no driving licence, no number plates, no windscreen wipers and no indicators.

Drive to accomplice: There—I told you it wasn't worth pinching, didn't I?"

