



The 2013 TSQ Claycourt Championships – 9-12 August – Ipswich.

AAAAHHH QUEENSLAND BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY PERFECT THE NEXT, was exactly how the weather was for the recent TSQ Claycourt Championships in Ipswich. A number of our Super-Seniors used the claycourt championships to get some important practice on the clay before heading overseas to the Czech Republic and Austria next month to compete in the ITF World Teams Championships and Individuals the following week.

Peter Froelich, Bitsy Grant Cup 75's played down two age groups to get some valuable match practice against the younger 65yo players, and Wendy Gilchrist, Alice Marble Cup 60's won the 60 ladies singles without dropping a set.

Von Cramm Cup 60's Men's team member Max Bates won the 60 Men's Singles and Doubles with Ian Gallagher, Max had a tough first set in the final against Felix Mangunpromoto from Indonesia 7/6 however, prevailed to take out the second set 6/1. Max and Tournament Director wife Gail celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday.

This year the singles, doubles and mixed were played as IPIN events and although the numbers were down from last year, the 85 participants enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the George Alder Tennis Centre and some excellent tennis was played in perfect conditions on the lovely clay courts. Ex tour player Michael Tebbutt was runner-up to Chris O'Mara in the 40 Men's Singles and Ipswich local Scott Barlow took out the 35 Men's Singles. Other singles winners were 45 Men's Singles Leo Pijnacker from the Netherlands, now living in the Gold Coast hinterland, Leo has proved a strong addition to the Men's events in Qld. Reg Baxter won the 50 Men's Singles while Mike Ford took out the 55's, also Lee Taylor won the 65 Men's Singles, John Gradwell won the 70 Men's Singles and Diane Cassel won the 45 Ladies Singles.

Thanks to Leon and Elly and staff from the tennis centre for all their help over the week-end maintaining the courts and keeping the players well fed. Also thanks to ITF Silver Badge Referee Scott Ray standing in for our usual ref Moya who was enjoying her honeymoon. A big thanks to Coral and Nev Vickers for their ongoing help to TD Gail, back after both have just spent time in hospital, greatly appreciated.

Let's make this tournament a "not to be missed event" on the Seniors Calendar, see you all next year.