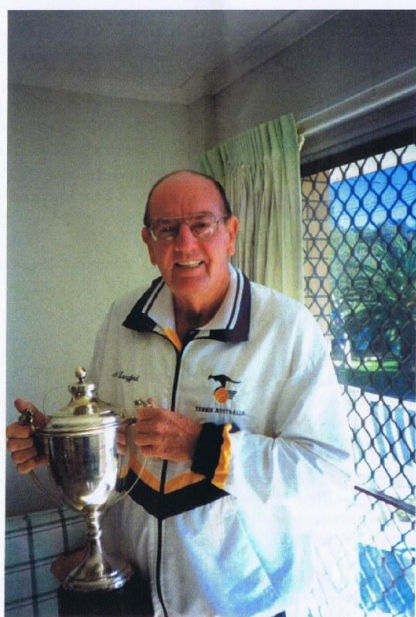




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In Loving Memory of



Neville James Langford

7.5.1933—25.3.2015

Neville James Langford was born on the 7th May 1933. 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.

His tennis playing career came in 1945 when 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 Peter Prickett. As a result of the exhibition matches the Australian Lawn Tennis Association 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. Nev partnered Neil Fraser to win the Australian Hardcourt Doubles Championships against Mal Anderson and Roy Emmerson. In the singles of the Championships Nev had a four set victory over Adrian Quist who, at that time, was the number one ranked player. In 1952 Nev travelled away to Adelaide with Queensland's U 19's Linton Cup team. During the event, he played Ken Rosewall losing 6/3 in the third set. By 1953 Nev was ranked the number one tennis player in Queensland.

Between 1955 and 1959 Nev took his love of tennis on the road becoming a professional tennis coach. In late 1997 Nev joined the world of 'veteran's tennis' which he took to with his usual enthusiasm as a player and an administrator/organiser.

In 1998 he was selected in the Australian Veterans Mens team to compete in Florida USA. In that event he and his partner Adrian Alle in the Men's Doubles met and defeated the number 1 seeds in the quarter final defeating the top seeds in straight sets.

From 1998 to 2014 Nev represented Australia in Veterans Mens teams on 9 separate occasions. From South Africa to Europe, from Asia to America. His tennis career highlight, from a team perspective, was being a part of Australia's Mens over 65's team including Max Byrne and Ollie Smith that won the Britannia Cup in Cape Town South Africa in 2000 and, from a personal perspective travelling to Japan on 4 occasions and winning the Japan Seniors doubles with Max Byrne twice. Nev passed away quietly and peacefully on 25 March

2015 at the Prince Charles Hospital from Metastatic Melanoma. During those difficult times, his constant query was 'When can I get back on the court'.