



TENNIS SENIORS QUEENSLAND INC.

2021 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting my first President's Report. Tennis Seniors Queensland's aim is to create a friendly and sociable atmosphere for any player who is aged 30 and over through the promotion and encouragement of seniors' tennis throughout Queensland. Also working with TQ, our Member Association, our members, affiliated clubs/associations and tournaments. 2021 has been affected by the Coronavirus COVID-19 again which affected our ITF tournaments throughout the year.

The TSQ Executive for the past year was Greg Ploetz (President), Gail Bates (Vice-President), Reg Baxter (Secretary), Jeff Trevarthen (Treasurer), Vicki Perlic and Frank Byrnes (Committee Members).

The Past Year:

Australian Teams Carnival & Individual Championships:

The Australian Teams Carnival and Individual Championships were to be held in Canberra ACT, however, due to COVID-19 situation it was rescheduled to Easter. Easter was also ruled out as the situation had not improved. It was then decided that the Teams Carnival would not be held in 2021 and was subsequently cancelled. TSA asked if any state would like to take up the opportunity to conduct the TSA Individual Championships. Queensland accepted the offer and planned to hold the event in September, however, that too was cancelled due to ongoing border closures and restrictions at the time.

The 2022 Teams Carnival & Individual Championships to be held at Swan Hill in January, has unfortunately been cancelled. TSVIC have been given the opportunity to hold the events again in 2023, and at present 2024 will be held in Hobart, Tasmania. TSA will be calling for Expressions of Interest to conduct the ITF Individual Championships at another time during 2022.

Hall of Fame:

Mary Gordon (NSW) and Brenda Foster (NSW) were inducted in January 2021. The HoF points can be viewed on the www.tenniseniors.org.au

Tennis Seniors Australia AGM:

The 52nd Annual General Meeting of Tennis Seniors Australia which was held on Saturday 9th February via Zoom. The elected TSA Executive was Noel Jensen (QLD) President, Diane Cassel (NSW) Vice-President, Pat Moloney (ACT) Secretary, Rob Hughes (VIC) Treasurer, Jeff Trevarthen (QLD) and Ian Worland (NSW) Committee Members.

It was decided as there were no World Championships held in 2020 the National Selectors were to stay the same as the previous year. Three Queenslanders who were reappointed are; David Evans, Kerryn Cyprien & Karen Pearce.

On a sad note Noel Jensen and Jeff Trevarthan both resigned from the TSA Executive in June.

2021 Australian Representative Players:

Due to our International borders being closed to overseas travel, no Australian Representative Teams were selected for 2021.

ITF:

In 2021 the ITF Seniors introduced two new age groups 30+ and 90+ - Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, with these age categories will also be added to the ITF Seniors World Individual Championships from 2021. The ITF also announced the men's and women's 85+ age category of the annual ITF Seniors World Team Championships will be named the Lorne Main Cup and Angela Mortimer Cup from 2021. The World Championships did go ahead this year however without a lot of countries participating.

TSQ ITF Tournaments:

Only one ITF event was able to be held in Queensland in 2021. The TSQ Claycourt Championships at the George Alder Tennis Centre, Ipswich in April. The TSQ Championships were two days out of starting when Queensland was thrown into a 4 day lockdown, and the TSQ Sunshine Coast Championships were unable to be conducted due to major works on the courts. TSQ also applied to conduct The Australian Tennis Seniors Championships in September due to the cancellation of the event earlier in the year in ACT. This too fell prey to the COVID curse as well.

Queensland Senior Tournaments:

There were 12 Round Robin senior tournaments scheduled for 2021, plus some senior events at two AMT tournaments. Brisbane and Bundaberg were cancelled due to another lockdown and rescheduled to September and October. All tournaments reported an increase in participants.

Four new tournaments are on the Calendar for 2022, Cairns, Home Hill, Mackay and Yeppoon

TSQ XD Teams Classic:

Due to the cancellation of the TSA Teams Carnival in January, TSQ decided to conduct a Mixed Teams Classic on the Gold Coast 13-16 January. The event was very well received and 35 teams with 200 players entered. TSQ have been asked when it will appear again on our Calendar.

We bid a sad farewell to the Dawson & Callide Valley Seniors, due to dwindling numbers has been unable to continue as a club. We thank Clarice & Noel White and Stuart Anderson and their committee for all their hard work over the years and wish them well in their retirement.

Subsidies:

We continued to offer a subsidy to affiliated clubs conducting senior tournaments on a sliding scale of participating numbers to help with their costs conducting an event.

The \$10 tournament levy for players who only compete in one tournament a year and is a financial member of the club conducting the tournament continued. This has encouraged a number of new players, who have later become full members.

The travel subsidy will continue in 2022 for Queensland players residing 500km outside the ITF tournaments venues towards their expenses.

Funding to Queensland players who are selected to represent Australia will continue, when the overseas travel is reintroduced.

The TSQ Membership Fee will remain at \$20 per annum.

Sponsorships:

We would like to thank our sponsors for 2021, Major Events Gold Coast, Living Choice Retirement Villages, Parkwood and G & L Formwork. We thank them for their generous support, it is greatly appreciated.

State Selectors and Awards:

The selectors are announced at the AGM each year.

The 2021 selectors were:-

30-45 Warren Arnell & Sharon Ogden

50-60 Kevin Bianchi & Karen Pearce

65-90+ Max Bates & Joy Rigter

The 2020 Tennis Seniors Queensland Senior of the Year:

It was decided that due to the interruption with the tournament year due to COVID-19 there would not be a 2020 TSQ Senior of the Year.

Tennis Queensland:

The Tennis Queensland Awards night will be conducted electronically this year. The winner of the Most Outstanding 30+ Senior was Kerry Cyprien, two other members of TSQ reached the final Frank Byrnes and Mike Ford. TSQ Member Geoff Arnell was the winner of Excellence in Officiating Award. The Living Choice Mooloolaba Seniors Tournament made the final of the Most Outstanding Tournament. Congratulations to all winners and nominees. The awards will be presented at a function at Government House in early December.

TSQ maintain a close working relationship with TQ as the governing body of Tennis in Queensland. We thank TQ for their assistance during the year and look forward to working closely together in the future.

TSQ Executive Committee:

I would like to thank the 2021 TSQ Committee. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and look forward to the coming year.

TSQ Membership:

Despite the Covid-19 restrictions and regulations this year, it is very pleasing to report that the membership of TSQ has increased by 203, this is a fantastic result. I would like to congratulate all players and event coordinators who have participated in tournaments and fixture competitions during the year.

Thanks to Ian Somers our webmaster and facebook manager, who maintains the TSQ website and facebook page throughout the year, ably backed-up by Michel Humair when Ian is unavailable. Vicki Perlic and Ian also contribute as our two main photographers. Thank you to all the other players who contribute photos for our facebook photo album during the year.

TSQ would like to extend our condolences to all family and friends who have lost loved ones during this very difficult year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all TSQ members and friends a merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

Greg Pleetz

TSQ President.