



TENNIS SENIORS QUEENSLAND INC.

2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have much pleasure in presenting my second 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. 2022 saw the resurgence after two years affected by the Coronavirus COVID-19.

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:

Sadly, for the second year in a row The Australian Teams Carnival scheduled to be held in Swan Hill did not go ahead due to the uncertainty for players being able to return to their states and some state borders still be closed due to COVID-19 situation. The TSA Individual Championships were conducted with very reduced numbers and the tournament being downgraded to an S700 due to the international border closures.

The 2023 Teams Carnival & Individual Championships will be held at Swan Hill in 8-20 January. 2024 will be held in Tasmania dates 14-26 January, more information will be forthcoming shortly.

Hall of Fame:

There will be no new inductees in January 2023. The HoF points can be viewed on the TSA website www.tenniseniors.org.au

Tennis Seniors Australia AGM:

The 53rd Annual General Meeting of Tennis Seniors Australia which was held on Thursday 13th January via Zoom. The meeting elected the following TSA Executive – Paul Moss (WA) President, Diane Cassel (NSW) Vice-President, Pat Moloney (ACT) Secretary, Treasurers was position vacant, Gail Bates (QLD) and Jon Aufder-heide (TAS) Committee Members. After the meeting Rob Hughes (VIC) accepted the Treasurer's position for another term. Pat as Secretary resigned in early February and Charlie Tulloch (VIC) was appointed in April, Jon Aufder-Heide resigned in September and the position was left vacant.

The National Selectors: Four Queenslanders were appointed - David Evans, Mike Ford, Karen Pearce & Jan Vick

2022 Australian Representative Players:

After two years in the wilderness Australia sent teams to the World Championships. The Queenslanders who were selected 35's Mirsad (Michael) Dedajic, 50's Martelle Coetzer-Botha & Julie Dybendahl, 60's Mike Ford & Peter Bilton, 70's Allen Hooper.

ITF:

In August 2022 the ITF Seniors changed the name of the ITF Seniors Circuit to ITF World Tennis Masters Tour with new branding and signage.

TSQ ITF Tournaments:

The TSQ Championships was upgraded to a 1000 due to the fact the Australian Championships were downgraded because of border closures. The tournament was marred by heavy rain two days out of the 4½ day tournament and save for four events all other events were finalised. This tournament had 286 participants. The TSQ Claycourt Championships at the George Alder Tennis Centre, Ipswich just escaped heavy rain the week before the event and the groundsmen did a fantastic job to keep the courts playable. The TSQ Sunshine Coast returned after two years away and was greeted with beautiful warm weather. Thank you to all players who competed in these events, looking forward to your return in 2023.

Special Note: The ITF TSQ Claycourts MT400 TD Gail Bates received a Tournament Recognition Award from the ITF for achieving exemplary player satisfaction and tournament delivery for the event in April 2022.

Queensland Senior Tournaments:

2022 saw an increase in the number of NRT tournaments with four new events to 16. 2023 will see two new tournaments at Rockhampton and Townsville. The senior events at the UQ Open AMT will also continue. Nambour and Murgon were cancelled due to wet weather. The majority of tournaments reported an increase in participants.

Subsidies:

We have increased the subsidy offer in 2023 to affiliated clubs conducting senior tournaments on a sliding scale of participating numbers to help with their costs of 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 with an increased number of 148 players. This has encouraged a number of the new players, who have later become full members.

The travel subsidy will continue in 2023 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 in 2023.

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

Sponsorships:

We would like to thank our 2022 sponsors for their generous support through the year, Living Choice Retirement Villages, Parkwood, G & L Formwork, Beenleigh and Elektra Magnesium, Gold Coast.

State Selectors and Awards:

The selectors are announced at the AGM each year.

The 2022 selectors were:-

30-45	Glenn Preston & Sharon Ogden
50-60	Kevin Bianchi & Karen Pearce
65-90+	Max Bates & Jan Vick

The 2021 Tennis Seniors Queensland Senior of the Year:

TSQ Senior of the Year was awarded to Geoff Arnell from Hervey Bay for his continued ongoing support of Senior Tennis in Hervey Bay and being the Tournament Director of the Hervey Bay Seniors Tournament over a long period of time. The 2022 Senior of the Year will be announced after the TSQ AGM.

Tennis Queensland:

The Tennis Queensland Awards night was held at Government House on 7 November and was an invite only affair to the finalists and partners. Sadly, there were no nominations for the Most Outstanding 30+ Senior.

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 2022 TSQ Committee. Gail, Jeff, Reg, Vicki and Frank for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and look forward to the coming year.

TSQ Membership:

TSQ membership held steady for the year. 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 each the year, ably backed-up by Michel Humair when Ian is off travelling the world. Also, to Aki Lepper for assistance at the Tewantin ITF. A special thanks to Vicki Perlic for continued support as our major tournament photographer. 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 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.