

# Senior Snippets

## Thursday, January 18 – Day Four Week Two

More Family: Mother, Father & Son! Helen and Brian Dew were joined by their son, David. (Are there any more out there?)

Did you hear about the Irishman? (KA) He was driving home from the hotel (late at night) when back seat passenger heard a clinking sound. "Is that the wine bottles rolling round in the boot of the car?" "No!" says the Irishman, "they are safely under my foot." "Aren't you worried they might get caught under the pedals?" - "No, this car is automatic, no clutch!" Does he know about the BRAKE and the accelerator??

"Mr Plod" is alive and well in Perth. Ask Victorian, Lou G. She was bamboozled by the sight of the constable in her rear view mirror, and took off through a red light! \$95 and 4 points! Ouch! Also, CB (NSW) had an unfortunate fine slapped on him for parking in the Clearway one afternoon!

The Japanese and Canadian visitors are having a good time at the Championships. Many Japanese (men and women) still in the Consolation Singles - well done!

Maryanne G (CAN) sits quietly watching her compatriots in various events. RW went close to causing an upset against PG (Vic) in the 50+ Singles. PB had a great match yesterday against the top seeds in the Mixed, playing with EM (NSW).

It seems that MG cannot get enough of Perth. She represented Canada in the inaugural Margaret Court Cup, played in the World Championships in 2001, the Aust Championships in 2003, 2005 the Worlds', here again in 2007 and she is hoping that Perth will host another World Championships in 2009. Good on you, Mary Ann.

VA (NSW) saw someone in the clubhouse who looked exactly like Pauline W (SA). "I bet that's P's mother!" WRONG - it was her sister, Anne. Oops!

Who was the 50+ NSW man who was surprised how friendly all the men were at the night club? (SH) - He found out that it was a gay club. (More tomorrow on night clubs)

A note from Kevin Winter's collection on "exercising".

- The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier
- I have to do my exercises early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I am doing

## Wednesday, January 17 – Day Three Week Two

Senior Tennis - it's a real Family Affair! Did you know we have Mothers & Daughters.: Mary G (ACT) & Lucy G (QLD), Mary G (NSW) and Stephanie B (NSW). Mothers & Sons: Margaret R (WA) and Kurt R (WA), Dawn S (QLD) and Rod S (QLD)

Heaven help us when we have Father & son DA and WA from VIC

And what about this? (DC) was being watched by four generations of his family - wife, daughter, grand-daughter and great grandson! And he played the match of his life. (His ex-wife was even there).

We also have one Mother running around with a daughter 17 (NSW) She must be on a very long training programme! (DC & SC)

RW reports that he witnessed a group of Super Seniors in a huddle, discussing sex. One said that he had it 5 times a week, another, 3 times a week. A third said he had it nearly every day. Wow! Really? Yes, nearly on Monday, nearly on Tuesday, nearly on Wednesday, nearly on Thursday etc etc .....

A group of Seniors went to hear our famous Margaret Court the other day. The word is - she was most inspirational, and worth listening to.

Who was the 60+ Men's Captain who was mistaken for the 80+ Captain by JM (NSW) in Turkey?

How to win a point without keeping your racquet in your hand? Ask WS (NSW) He dropped his on the court, the rally continued, then he picked it up again just in time to put away a winner!

Congratulations to the injured player from NSW (AJ) who made it to the court, and even won a ladies doubles match yesterday. She praised her partner for protecting her backhand throughout the match.

"Drug Free Pain Relief" man Tony L was seen at Mt Lawley with a cigarette in one hand and a beer in the other.

A BLONDE SENIOR MOMENT: Two ladies in the 55+ WS.

The score was 6-2 7-0 They had both lost track of the score and they played an extra game. (Both from the Eastern states).

Any more snippets? Hand them in to Control desk - thanks, RC

## **Tuesday, January 16 - Day Two Week Two**

This is what Senior Tennis is all about!

A group of young women (5) shared a flat in London in the Sixties, and tripped around together in a Kombi van. There was no tennis, just touring. Here in Perth a lady from Canada, Lesley, recognised Lou G, and asked: "were you in London in the 60s?" They had not seen one another for 38 years! What a reunion.

One drawback to winning your inaugural Teams' event. (Ask NSW 35/40 player AP). His team says he is not usually a party animal, but out with the guys to celebrate, he changed like a chameleon. On his arrival home, in the pre-dawn hours, his wife said: "You stink, roll over and go to sleep, and you can get up to the kids in the morning."

Have you ever seen Tassie's David T? He serves right-handed and rushes the net to volley and smash left-handed.

One spectator (BA) at 7 pm last night was seen sitting with a glass of wine in each hand - one white, one red. When challenged he said: "well I'm not sure which one I prefer."

When is a lemon not a lemon? Ask Derek A. He paid good money for a new battery for the car they've borrowed and it wasn't even the battery!

Watch out for the "Bed bugs!" Rob & Pamela Muir had to change apartments, and get onto antihistamines!

Senior Moment of the week:

55+ lady prepares a banana sandwich. She butters the bread, peels the banana, walks around the apartment eating the banana and comes back to find the 2 slices of bread sitting on the plate.

Don't forget - hand in any snippets you have to the Control desk!

## **Monday, January 15 - Day One Week Two**

Another sad snippet to start the day! NSW players went to the clothes line at Brownlea Apartments only to find that their washing had been stolen, JP & DB have lost shirts, undies and socks. Strangely, some of it was still hanging, and there were two ODD socks.

Who was the ex-husband who foxed the balls for his ex-wife? He did an excellent job, and even applauded her good shots!

What Qld lady has lost some weight, and was worried all week that her skirt would fall off? (NGM)

Lady player coming off the court after her Mixed on Sunday was asked: "How did you go?" - "Down 6-love, 6-love, and it wasn't that close!"

In the 60 Men's Singles, a man said he had a win against Les Darcy. (Not the boxer). N'starzy? You beat Nastase? No, not today that was back in 1971, I beat him in a Doubles match! (Qld R.W.)

They say it's pretty much an honour to play for Australia, and they give you a free uniform, which includes a pair of bottle green shorts. One player (M60) does not feel comfortable in his (they always feel untidy), so he goes to Lowe's to find another style, (with a drawstring). Some schools have them, and he tries the Marist Brothers - no good, the logo is too big. Aha! St Ursula's has a pair, with a logo you can turn into the hem. He has someone lined up to do the sewing and bingo! He's set - off to Turkey in St Ursula's shorts.

More on shorts... Qld has finally given permission for their women to wear shorts. One lady doesn't like the length and width of hers, so she had a friend alter them. Some may think that they were too short, but others think they are just right. (NC) We have heard of throwing the baby out with the bath water but this takes the cake! TS from NSW

We have heard of throwing the baby out with the bath water but this takes the cake! TS from NSW put out the rubbish, fine. Her friends then asked, where's the red wine T? Oh no, out with the rubbish! A few minutes searching the bins and guess what? T reappeared with 3 bottles of red wine!

Margaret K (WA) has very creative ways of losing her watch. The first time she found it in her racquet cover, (where she never puts it.) The next time, it was found on a tennis court tied up in a hanky.

Young grandson (5) was late to Pre-school one day and was asked why he was late. He responded with "Oh, I've been scuttering around in disarray."

The same boy was admiring the trophies at Nanna's house, believing they were his uncle's. He is told, "Oh no, they are Nanna's." - "Nanna do you play SPORT?"

Lost last Sunday by Frances Hill, her reading glasses. You'll never guess where they were located - under the bed with her husband's slippers!

Can you believe these guys are so naive? Man 65+ comes out of the toilets at A.P. saying: "Wow, they think of everything here. They even provide salt tablets for the players." (They were the deodorisers!)

West Australia is setting the standard for Hospitality! 2 visiting female players and 4 Tassie men were treated to:

- A scenic tour in luxury vehicle
- Dinner at home with wine from the cellar (Visitors' choice)
- 5 hours of music and dancing (15-foot wide plasma screen for video) - choice of Rock n Roll, Rap dancing etc.....

This WA person was a Tassie resident years ago, now living in Perth. (GJ)

***From the mouths of babes*** - Master 4 and a half is at preschool and the teacher asks "how are you today?" "Oh, I've got short term memory loss." WA 45+ Captain (JK) was looking everywhere for her "Prince" drink bottle. Someone MUST have taken it by mistake! Guess what? She arrived home to find the bottle sitting on the kitchen bench. Still nice and cold, and full.

What Senior man "pulled his back out" putting on his socks? He spent the next half an hour hugging a pole in the hope he could put it right.

Update on NZ lingo. Not only do they have a "Chilly Bin" not an Esky, but they wear "Jandals" instead of "Thongs". Seems their "thongs" are actually "G-strings" - hmmm..... interesting!

An amazing thing happened at Robertson Park. 45+ ladies were playing in front of the clubhouse, when all of a sudden during an extended rally, the ball hit the top of the net, and the net dropped down to the ground!

## **Thursday, January 11 - Day Four**

Any resemblance to the truth in any of these stories is strictly accidental.

Some teams we hear, have been praying for rain. Could they please stop it or ask Hughie to redirect it to the farmers?

Our "Broome tourists" are in the news again. This time they both went to tennis without knickers and skirt!

Somebody thinks she can play tennis without her racquet! Susan P left hers at Alexander Park.

Great music at the Club last night had many people on the dance floor. But who was it that got into Wanda's pants? It's a first for 2007. (It was just that she got hot dancing, and traded them for a skirt.) "Lose 6-love and you drop your pants" - What if you are down 6-love, 5-love and save ten match points? You pray for a miracle, and they got one - the whistle blew! (NSW 65Men)

35/40 women just play harder when down 5-love. The motivation? Knickers are in poor condition!

Is there a seamstress out there who wants a job? The ACT girls are struggling to keep their skirts down in the wind. Performing "Marilyn Monroes" and trying to play tennis is VERY tricky! They need lead weights sewn into their hems.

No word yet from "Regal Apartments" re: the imminent birth. Next thing we know there will be unusual noises for another reason .... Like making baby No. 2. ?????

Robyn Castle

### **Wednesday, January 10 - Day Three**

Tennis West and the Hopman Cup organisation have just completed the Amateur Hopman Cup. Congratulations to the two WA Seniors who won it. PATRICK ROWLAND and ANNE NENER.

How to be considered "Sunsmart"? Be a volunteer helper at Robertson Park and put up the Sunsmart sign on Court 7 UPSIDE DOWN! - Now who was that? Some people think they are "too smart" to make it into this column, by being goody goodies. BM from S.A. is one of them.

Danielle, 35-yr old from WA. You have made it, by being the first lady to shower in the Men's. How did we find out? The men told me they had to wait forever, till you came out!

There's some discrepancy about the Captain's right to limit the social activities of his/her team members. One such person issues the order "NO SEX". A lady's response: "that's a foregone conclusion!" One man supported it: "women weaken legs".

Whatever you do, don't leave your wallet in the Motel room and go back for it prior to your first match of the day. Two ladies had this experience and ended up heading for Broome! They thought the scenery looked a little remote. Not only that, but when they did a U-turn, they almost got bogged in the sand! Their Captain was not worried.. she had four players at the courts ready to start!

Did you know? New Zealand competitors don't bring their food in an "Esky" - they pack a picnic lunch in a "Chilly Bin"! Watch out for the photo soon on the web! Pieter from Canada warns: "watch out that the Canucks (Canadians) Gaskin and Walker, behave themselves! They are party animals."

Advertising must work..... As a pedestrian was passing, he asked the Transport guys for some sunscreen as he had forgotten to apply before he left home. Being a good sort, the Transport guy sent him to the Seniors centre to get some - complimentary!!

Don't forget, hand in any gossip to the match control desk at the centre you are playing at, it does not have to be the truth!  
Thanks, publicity officer, Robyn Castle

### **Tuesday, January 9 - Day Two**

Lots of excellent tennis was played on Monday, and all centres provided quality food and drink, prepared by a band of enthusiastic volunteers. A great start to a fantastic week.

Monday night - Frantic efforts by most players to get to their respective State Dinners!

Captains were heard to issue statements like:

- I surround myself with good young players
  - Grey hair - "s--- happens"
  - My team is awesome
  - Remember the "F" word - "focus"
  - Don't mess with me. My initials are "TNS"
- (Take No S---)

What about this!! Some players received a letter under the door of their unit which reads:

"Dear Guest, I would like to inform you that in the next day or so, one of the residents close to you will be giving birth in her apartment. So if you hear any unusual noises, please don't be alarmed."

Which Queensland Captain 60+ had a smile on his face when Qld lady team member was seen wiping sunscreen that was spilled over the front of his shorts?

This publication will be issued daily - so please hand any interesting bits of gossip to the match control desk at the centre you are playing at.

Thanks, your new publicity officer, Robyn Castle  
**Monday**

## **Tennis Seniors Australian Championships 2007 – Perth**

### **“Press Release”!**

We are all welcome in the beautiful City of Perth! 134 teams from all over the country plus our friends from “across the ditch” in New Zealand, and players from Canada!

Robertson Park is looking a picture, as we are all able to take advantage of the magnificent courts for practice, and then the air-conditioned bar area, for more “practice”, of a different kind! Alexander Park and Mt Lawley will be open from Monday, providing more top quality courts and amenities.

### **“Today’s goss”**

It started at the airport, Perth. Our first publicity stunt – by a 50+ lady.....

The quarantine beagle poised attentively beside her cabin bag! What did it sniff out?

THE APPLE. Mmmmm – confiscated. (How embarrassing!)

Then a 60+ man got into the act..... A salad sandwich. So he ate it!

A plane from Sydney arrived without two of its scheduled passengers. They missed the boarding curfew. “No bag check” – “No boarding”!

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