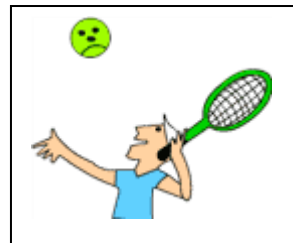


## BSTC PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011



I would like to start my report by firstly thanking our 2011 committee. Whilst our current function within Brisbane Seniors Tennis Club is to implement and manage a fixture format, it does on occasions seem like a thankless task.

On behalf of all the players, I would like to thank the committee for their efforts and input over the last 12 months.

Dennis Biggs – Vice President  
Julianne Daniel – Secretary  
Keith Kropp – Treasurer  
Val Balnave – Committee member  
Margy Daniell – Committee member  
Donna Walker – Committee member  
Annie Ferris – Committee member  
Joyce Young - Committee member

Two of our long standing committee members are standing down from their positions within the committee and I want to thank them for their input and dedication in assisting with the management of our club. Both Dennis Biggs and Val Balnave are taking time out to attend to individual and family commitments and I hope that we will see them back on the committee later down the track.

I particularly want to thank Dennis Biggs for his role within our club as Vice President. Dennis has, over the last two years also taken on the task of Tournament Director of the Brisbane Seniors Claycourt Tournament held at George Alder Tennis Centre at Ipswich. Both Dennis and Val will be greatly missed and I wish them both the very best for 2012.

Shortly after commencing our season in February, we immediately received feedback from some of the players that they were not happy with the scheduling of matches at Cleveland and Redland Bay. We had hoped to be able to accommodate the wishes of all teams with match scheduling but this was not possible due to permanent commitments at two of the inner Brisbane Centres, namely Brookfield and Morningside.

The committee has been working throughout the year to try and secure tennis courts more central to Brisbane. I am happy to say that we have now overcome the problems we encountered with Brookfield and can now schedule many more matches at this centre in 2012. That will mean that more often than not, teams will be split between two centres but this is unavoidable.

Early in 2011, we entered into discussions with Morningside Tennis Centre in the hope of securing a partnership agreement which would allow us to play most of our matches at this centre. The early indications were favourable with the intent being that we would offer financial assistance to Morningside in the resurfacing of two hardcourts into synthetic grass giving the centre a total of 6 synthetic grass courts. This would have allowed us to play most of our matches for all three divisions at Morningside.

Unfortunately, negotiations broke down after the previous President stepped down and a new President was appointed. The new President wanted to take the centre in a different direction and was not interested in what Brisbane Seniors had to offer.

They have since secured a State Government grant and with this funding, they now plan on building two additional hardcourts mid year in 2012. TQ have advised me that they believe Morningside may still resurface two of the older hard courts but that may depend on further funding later down the track.

The committee will continue to utilise the current centres at Deagon and we will also look at scheduling matches at Wynnum so we have more than one option when having to split matches with Brookfield. Nothing is concrete at this stage as we will need to check on availability with each of the centres early in 2012.

Brisbane Seniors conducted the claycourt tournament again this year on the last weekend in October as opposed to August as we did last year.

Whilst the tennis was enjoyed by all who entered, we were extremely disappointed at the lack of participation by our own club members. We understand that the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast have more to offer when looking at playing tournaments but we ask everyone who would normally play such events to consider supporting your own club in 2012. Without your support, we will not be able to continue running this event. Whilst we have still not completed the financials for this tournament, we believe we may have made a small profit, thanks to financial contribution of TQ, and our major Sponser, Greg Ploetz who also participated in some of the events.

As I mentioned earlier in this report, some of our committee members are stepping down and we need your assistance and input by getting on the committee and being a representative of the players and offering ideas as to how we can make our club bigger and better for the future. You may not want to commit to this today but please give the matter some serious thought and contact me or one of the committee if you feel you would like to contribute. Our constitution allows 4 Executive positions and 6 committee members. Unfortunately, we have only received nominations for three of the Executive positions and three committee.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate the teams who made it to the finals and to those teams who were able to win their matches today.

On behalf of our committee, I would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on court again in 2012.

Chris Lewis  
President 2011