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## Welcome to the October Newsletter

### ITF World Super Seniors Teams Championships

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One New Zealand team participated this year in the ITF Super Seniors World Teams and Individual Championships which was held in Umag, Croatia in September.

Ten teams from around the world participated in the Doris Hart Cup for the women's 80+ and while the team did not win their first few contests, most matches were decided on tiebreakers. Playing Great Britain first up, Jean Stevens played a deciding tiebreaker losing 8-10—Margaret Hall played a 2nd set tiebreaker losing 4-7. Their next contest against France was a similar story with Jean losing the deciding tiebreaker 8-10, Margaret won a deciding tiebreaker and Margaret & Mary Durham lost the doubles on a 2nd set tiebreaker. Not easy when you cannot come out on the right side of the tiebreaker.

**80+ team**—Jean Stevens, Margaret Hall, Mary Durham & Mary Walsh

All results can be viewed on the TNZS website [www.tenniseniors.kiwi](http://www.tenniseniors.kiwi) scroll down the home page until you come to the information from Umag, Croatia.

### GOLD for Jean Stevens

Congratulations must go to Jean Stevens on her outstanding achievements in the ITF Super Seniors Individual Championships.

In the 85+ singles Jean won her first match against Yvette Laubus (FRA) on a deciding tiebreaker 10-5. Had a good win in the next round but once again in the 3rd round beat Wil Sevenstern (NED) in a deciding tiebreaker 10-5 then went on to win the final against Odile Noix-Chateau (FRA) 6-4 6-2.



Jean is the first New Zealander since Mose Harvey won the ITF 70+ singles in 2007.

In the 85+ mixed doubles, with her partner Claude Wenzel from Australia won the final beating Ann Williams (GBR) and Robert Barwick (AUS) 7-6(3) 6-1.

Margaret Hall, Mary Durham, Mary Walsh and Stephen Temple also participated in the individual championships. Margaret (80+ singles) reached the quarter finals - Margaret and Mary (80+ doubles) reached the quarter finals.

More photos from the team on the following page.



# ITF World Super Seniors Teams & Individual Championships



## ITF Seniors World Championships Future Dates

**ITF Young Seniors World Teams Event (35-49)**  
 Umag, Croatia  
 13-29 September 2020

**Individual Championships**  
 19-26 September 2020

Closing date for applications with TNZS 24 April 2020



**ITF Seniors World Teams Event (50-64)**  
 Bota Raton & Palm Beach Florida  
 26 April—2 May 2020

**Individual Championships**  
 2-9 May 2020

Closing date for applications with TNZS 13 December 2019



**ITF Super Seniors World Teams Event (65-80+)**  
 Mallorca, Spain  
 11-17 October 2020

**Individuals Championships**  
 17-24 October 2020

Closing date for applications with TNZS 24 May 2020



## Tennis NZ Seniors National Championships 2020



### TNZS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 25—Wednesday 29 January 2020

Hosted by Waikato Seniors Tennis Club

#### Venues

Waikato Tennis Centre

Hamilton Squash & Tennis Club, St Peters Tennis

Club

#### Courts

Artificial Grass & Hard

Information

## Tennis NZ Seniors National Teams Event 2020



### TNZS NATIONAL TEAMS EVENT

Friday 10 April—Sunday 12 April 2020

Hosted by Tennis Seniors Hawkes Bay

#### Venues

Hawkes Bay & Havelock North Tennis Clubs

Greendale & Nelson Park Tennis Clubs

#### Courts

Artificial Grass & Hard

Information

Go to [www.tenniseniors.kiwi](http://www.tenniseniors.kiwi)

## Players participating in ITF tournament overseas



Throughout the year many of Tennis NZ Seniors players travel around the globe to participate in a number of ITF Seniors Events. Below is an update from our last Newsletter in April. Please notify the National Administrator if you are aware of any players not listed but have been playing away from home. Email: [tnzseniors@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tnzseniors@xtra.co.nz)

*Stephen Temple  
with partner Fritz  
Rajmakers from*

*Holland —  
winners of the  
M65 doubles in  
Mallorca*



7-13 Oct	Stephen Temple	ITF Mallorca Seniors Open, Spain	MD65 <b>W</b>
8-14 Sept	Stephen Temple	Antibes Riviera, Biot, France	MS65 Qtr/F, MD65 <b>W</b>
4-7 Sept	Philip Seeman	Hungarian Int, Keszthely, Hungary	MS55 Qtr/F, MD55 <b>W</b>
1-7 Sept	Jeanette Elley	Tennis Club Avignon Montolivet, France	WS60, WD50 RU
25-31 Aug	Jeanette Elley	Periqueux Open BNP Paribas, France	WD60, XD60 RU
25-31 Aug	Philip Seeman	Periqueux Open BNP Paribas, France	MS55 RU, MD55 <b>W</b>
25-31 Aug	John Lawrence	Periqueux Open BNP Paribas, France	MS60 <b>W</b> , XD60 <b>W</b>
21-25 Aug	Philip Seeman	Karlskrong Int Seniors, Sweden	MS55 RU, MD50 RU, XD50
5-10 Aug	John Lawrence	ITF Valencia Seniors Tourn, Spain	MD60 <b>W</b>
28-30 May	Stephen Temple	European Seniors Open, Baden, Germany	MD65 Runner up
12-16 May	Stephen Temple	JSH Hotels Collection Champs, Cervia, Italy	MD65 Runner up
19-24 Apr	Jeanette Elley	ACT Seniors Tennis Tourn, Canberra	WS60, WD55, XD60 Qtr/F
15-20 Apr	Stephen Temple	Classio Italy International Championships	MD65 Runner up

## Labour Weekend Tournaments around the country

Tennis Seniors Auckland, West Coast Seniors and North Otago Masters all held a very successful tournaments over Labour Weekend. Players enjoyed some beautiful sunny weather along with some very competitive tennis. Listed below are the winners—for more complete results go to the TNZS website for a link to Clubs Results. [www.tenniseniors.kiwi](http://www.tenniseniors.kiwi)

Auckland		North Otago Masters		West Coast	
35+MA	Andrew Lobb/ Pranil Ranchod	35+MA	Mel Lesquillier/ Glen Claridge	35+M	John Honeywell/ Terry Lee
35+MB	Makem Albert/ Utu Tuima	35+MB	Jon Saxton/ George Carnoutsos	60+M	Robert Bennett/ Evan Johnston
60+M	Drew Hoffman/ Mike Purcell	120+M	Peter Meehan/ Albert Voschezang	50+W	Alison Coates/ Lyndsay Dick
35+WA	Deanne Alter/ Julie Heaton	35+WA	Belinda Hirst/ Angela Fitzgerald	60+W	Norma De Zwart/ Ngaire Simmons
35+WB	Marcia Warren/ Lyudmila Yermolayeva	35+WB	Ann-Marie Halliday/ Leianne O'Brien	70+XD	John Honeywell/ Wendy Cooper
35+WB	Trish Craven/ Sue Jamieson	120+W	Denise Cooney/ Helen Crossan	120+XD	David Brydon/ Alison Coats
35+XDA	Pranil Ranchod/ Glynnis Carolissen	35+XDA	Stuart & Belinda Hirst		
35+XDB	Wayne Delport/ Chris Davies	35+XDB	John Saxton/Liz White		
		120+XD	Brett Martin/ Marlene Martin		

**Check for all results on the TNZS website**  
[www.tenniseniors.kiwi](http://www.tenniseniors.kiwi) Clubs, then click on "Clubs Tournament Results"

## Tournaments coming up during the next few months

Nov 2-3	Gisborne Seniors	Gisborne Tennis Club	<a href="mailto:jh.gis@xtra.co.nz">jh.gis@xtra.co.nz</a>
Nov 10	WBOP Super Seniors	Tauranga LTA	<a href="mailto:tswbop@gmail.com">tswbop@gmail.com</a>
Nov 20	Thames Valley Seniors	Te Aroha LTC	<a href="mailto:jan.baker.nz@outlook.com">jan.baker.nz@outlook.com</a>
Nov 16-17	Cashmere TC Seniors	Cashmere Tennis Club	<a href="mailto:admin@cashmeretennis.org.nz">admin@cashmeretennis.org.nz</a>
Dec 7-8	Masterton TC Seniors	Masterton Tennis Centre	<a href="mailto:mast.tennis@gmail.com">mast.tennis@gmail.com</a>
Dec 28-30	South Island Teams	Blenheim	<a href="mailto:glenys.mitchell@xtra.co.nz">glenys.mitchell@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>2020</b> Jan 3-5	TS Western BOP	Tauranga Lawn TC	<a href="mailto:tswbop@gmail.com">tswbop@gmail.com</a>
Jan 9-10	Wanaka Seniors 35+	Wanaka Tennis Club	<a href="mailto:jlyness@xtra.co.nz">jlyness@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Jan 25-29</b>	<b>TNZS 2020 National Championships– Hamilton–</b>		<a href="mailto:tnzseniors@xtra.co.nz">tnzseniors@xtra.co.nz</a>
Jan 25-26	TKHP TC Seniors	Hagley Park	<a href="mailto:info@TKHPtennis.nz">info@TKHPtennis.nz</a>
Feb 1-2	Otumoetai Waitangi	Otumoetai Tennis Club	<a href="mailto:tournamentsecretary@otumoetaitennis.co.nz">tournamentsecretary@otumoetaitennis.co.nz</a>
Feb 15-16	Thames Valley Seniors	Te Aroha Tennis Club	<a href="mailto:jan.baker.nz@outlook.com">jan.baker.nz@outlook.com</a>
Feb 22-23	Waipawa Seniors	Waipawa LTC	<a href="mailto:d.kittow@ruralkiwi.com">d.kittow@ruralkiwi.com</a>

## Tennis Seniors Australian Championships

Check for the Entry Form on Tennis Seniors Australia website for the 2020 Australian Seniors Championships being held in Western Australia - Busselton & Bunbury, January 2020




## TENNIS SENIORS HAWKES BAY OPEN TOURNAMEN


Hawkes Bay Seniors had a thoroughly enjoyable Tournament recently held on the 5-6 October, despite the wind & overnight rain on the Saturday night —some of the results below

EVENT	WINNERS	RUNNER UP
Men's A Grade	Luke Donovan/Jono Spring	Russell Broughton/Andrew Reynolds
Men's B Grade	Tom Cary/Ari Nel	Mark Dobson/Ervin McSweeney
Women's A Grade	Delwyn Guilford/Karen Cranston	Norma Ching/Jane Wylie
Women's B Grade	Ngair Hunt/Sue Williams	Lisa Chapman/Chrissy Kibblewhite
Mixed A Grade	Jane Wylie/Russell Broughton	Victoria Kerrison/Larry Seales
Mixed B Grade	Vicky Wutzier/Mark Hurlly	Jane Davidson/Tom Carey


For more results check out the TNZS Website under "Clubs Results" [www.tennisseniors.kiwi](http://www.tennisseniors.kiwi)

### FOOTWORK TIPS

 If you ask a player what their favourite practice drills are, the answers are typically predictable. Most love hammering forehands, nailing volleys and pounding down serves. How about footwork? It is unlikely to get a mention. Yet the reality is without good footwork a player will struggle to master all other parts of their game. Getting to the ball early to execute a shot of choice is one of the most important and underrated skills to practice.

 **THE FIRST STEP:** It all begins with the first step. A split step as it is known, sets a player up to make an explosive movement towards their next shot. The purpose is to ready the body to push off quickly into any direction. A split step needs to begin a split second before an opponent makes contact with the ball. A common mistake, especially with junior players, is to wait until they see where their opponent is hitting their return before moving. By this stage, it is too late. They are now at risk of not making it to the ball, or if they do, being unbalanced and mistiming their strike. There is no time to wait and watch, the best players anticipate and make sure they are ready to play their next shot. The most important footwork is done when the ball is not near you, that is when you should be getting into a position to execute a quality return.

- ◇ *Effective tennis footwork begins with small steps, not long strides*
- ◇ *When on court, keep your feet moving by shuffling or bouncing on your toes after hitting the ball*
- ◇ *Using a skipping rope or agility ladder during a warm-up is an effective way to improve footwork and reaction times. Practising shuffling and sidestepping movements also helps.*

 **STEP IT UP:** Improving footwork is an ongoing challenge, even for the world's best players. It might not be the most exciting part of your game to practice - but it is important. Every player should aim to incorporate some agility drills into their daily warm-up exercises and make time to do specific movement pattern drills on the practice court.

### Correction to August Newsletter (2019/3)

ITF World Seniors Individual Championships - Portugal 2019

John Lawrence, Philip Hempstead, Philip Seeman, Jane Geldard and Penny Smith all reached the second round of their singles competitions.

## HELLO WORLD TRAVEL 35+ MIXED TEAMS EVENT

A very successful first Seniors event for Mount Maunganui Tennis Club was held. The inaugural Hello World Travel 35+ Mixed Teams Event was held over Labour Weekend enjoying excellent weather and good competitive tennis.

Results from the weekend -

Winners were "All Boks"      Sussa Bailey, Amanda Jonker, Judy Randell & Merissa Venter  
 Runner Up "Mix N Match"    Sean Perry, Meto Snegirev, Tania Martin-Phillips, Margaret Young  
 3rd Place "H-TWN Hit Squad" Jonathan Haly, William Wong, Violet Skipper, Raewyn Watson  
 4th Place "Highly Strung"    Paul Isaac, Kevin Joe, Alloy Tipiwai, Trish Baird, Ngaire Double, Lynda Flemming

