

WODONGA SNIPPETS

Thursday 24 January

Fantastic media coverage from TV and the Border Mail. Last night's stars were Andrew Rae, Derek and Angie Arthurs and Neville Halligan, who did us proud. Thanks to them for their tolerance, especially as some were just about to play or had just finished when they were interviewed. There'll be more tonight – watch channel 7 at 6 and then WIN TV 9 at 6.30 for the local news.

* Phew! I just watched Queensland 1 60s lose by 4 games in high quality squeaker. Vics Hayden Rees and Peter Keller won both sets in the second match, while teammates Gavin Hogben and Graeme Heath narrowly lost both sets. How the tide can change! Queensland were ahead 3-1 after the first matches, but the final set score was 4-4. The Queensland team played superbly – Lee Taylor, Terry McLellan, Ray West, Noel Cheshire and Ray Cush. I admired your talent too. Tough luck. It was time to relax last night for some of the Vic team.



(l to r) Rob McLauchlan, Gavin Hogben, Graeme Heath and Graeme Addison.

* Birthday girl, Jill Anjou, yesterday. '21 today', but add 50', Jill told me. She was feted at the AGM last night at the Three Monkeys Tavern, where also many players were seen dining and dancing.



* Delighted to hear that Anne Harliwich from New Zealand was the winner of the \$1000 cash draw at the Commercial Club in Albury on Tuesday night and that her win caused great excitement on her table. Wish I'd been there to hear the impromptu singing too of several players who seized their moment of fame. Bert Barwick from NSW jumped to his feet to sing 'The Lady is a Tramp', then to change the tone of the evening Mart

McCone from Queensland followed with 'How Great Thou Art'. Finally Jon Auferheide from Tasmania raised the roof with 'A Beautiful Mumma'. Good work, fellas!

* What's this about several men at the NSW State Dinner running around with balls tied around their waist, having to knock something over in a fun competition? Sounds dodgy to me, but must have been funny to watch. Wish I could have directed the TV crews to this.

* Looking fit and impressive on her electric bike is local woman, Helen Milton.



* New grandfather, Bert Faux, (below) delighted with his first granddaughter – the first girl for ages. Bert and Kathy have 3 boys. Bert (r) is with Noel Cheshire 1, Vic.



* Our visitor from Ireland, who comes every year to spend time with his friends, the Arthurs, Frank Aitken, has been a great help to the organising committee in many ways. International cooperation. Thanks, Frank.

* Robyn Castle, NSW, the usual Snippets editor, is back from her holiday in South America, so she will bring her own flavour from now on. Welcome back, Robyn. Just watched her starring in an all NSW match.

* Compliments to Steve Longworth, both for the quality of his Australian-developed tennis management software package, Computer Assisted Tournaments (CAT) used at this tournament, but also for his patience in dealing with the many requests and complaints which are thrown at him in the office. Sitting close by, doing this newsletter, I hear him in action.

* Feedback about the changed method of determining the participants in the finals would be appreciated, as I hear there are strong views held on this topic. Captains could give written feedback to Tom Hancy at the desk, who will pass these on to the Tournament Director, Ian Roberts, for his report for the National Executive.

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