

## Senior Snippets – Monday January 28/Tuesday January 29

Teams' Finals Day produced some fine tennis. Congratulations to Queensland on winning the Teams' Trophy, with an average of: 57.02 with NZ 2<sup>nd</sup> on 56.25 – Very close! Well done to our NZ visitors! We trust they will come again! Queensland won four Age groups/Divisions, Victoria won four and New South Wales won seven.

Sorry, but no photos in the snippets – hardware problems. Even Steve couldn't solve! Gillian very kindly gave me her card reader, to get the pics off my camera, but to no avail. She is very nervously awaiting the results of the "long legs competition." (*Photograph in next issue.*) If you see Gillian you might ask her why she and Rob were driving out of the car park with their car boot UP!

A precious moment occurred as I was walking along the path to watch a match. Japanese man, Chabuco, was presenting Val and Max Byrne with a beautiful sheet of stamps, from Japan, that contained a photo of the two of them! 8 stamps, which are authentic (but you must post *from Japan*), and some very attractive stickers as well! What a beautiful gift.

For some reason, Adrienne got a little cranky while she and Denis (NSW, and TSA Pres), were at the Aussie Open (his fault). She had to go home to Sydney and he was heading for Wodonga to play in the Teams. She thought of a great idea to make him suffer, so she wrapped up her 10kg weights and put them in his tennis towel, then - into the bag!

He came to play in teams on Monday morning – heavy bag!! What's the story?

It kept falling off his shoulder – so he takes out: full water bottle, staminade, various books etc, trying to take down the weight. Nothing changes. He struggles to the court, ready to play tennis. Gets the towel out – and bingo! Out drop the weights! Nice one, Ade!

Best wishes to female Queensland visitor who had an unfortunate battle with the front gate on Sunday. A sudden gust of wind caused it to swing towards her, knocking her down and causing a gash to her forehead. An Ambulance was called, which took her to hospital for some stitches. She is now recovering quite well, we hear.

Mark Ryder has been here to play Seniors for the first time, son of Nola Collins. There is no Combined Mixed event, otherwise they might have played together. Nola is excited because in 23 years of attending these Championships, she has never before won a Gold medal in the Teams. Her Vic team won the 70s, against the NSW team! Congratulations to all the team members, but especially to Nola.

*Scenario 1: 1950. Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.*

*1950: Crowd gathers, Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up as mates.*

*2007: Police are called, SWAT team arrives and arrests Johnny and Mark. Mobile phones with video of fight are confiscated and used as evidence. AVOs are taken out and both are suspended even though Johnny started it. Diversionary conferences and parent meetings are conducted. Video shown on 6 Internet sites.*

*Scenario 2: 1960. Jeffrey won't sit still in class. Disrupts other students.*

*1960: Jeffrey is sent to the Principal's office and is given a good paddling. He returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt the class again.*

*2007: Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. Counselling to death. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADHD. School gets extra funding because Jeffrey has a disability. Drops out of school.*

Please come forward with any snippets to Robyn Castle, leave a note at the check-in desk or phone:  
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(So far I have not received ONE call. Someone told me I might even get a date if I put my phone number here!)

