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Player Recognition Award – NOEL CHESHIRE

Noel is 76 years of age and has been playing Seniors Tennis in Queensland for the past 33 years (since 1989).

He played his first seniors' event in Bundaberg and entered six events. His words were, "I certainly paid for it the next day". Noel has suffered 3 serious injuries during this time and, after each, has made a comeback to Seniors Tennis.

- 2015 - His left hand was crushed in a cattle grate. Could not play tennis as he could not hold a ball in his left hand.
- 2018 – had a stent inserted in his heart and another in 2019
- 2019 - Playing in the Hervey Bay Tournament he slipped and injured his knee and snapped his right shoulder ligament, requiring two operations. He was out of tennis for months and came back to tennis serving underarm as his shoulder was still not strong.
- 2021 - On his farm, while moving cattle, a cow charged him and pinned him to the cattle yard rail. Both his legs were severely damaged. He lost so much blood that it was thought by the hospital staff that he may not make it. It was considered that his "fitness" is what saved him. He had an operation that required 147 stitches and two skin grafts. He was, once again out of tennis for months.
- 2022 – November – Noel had another trip to the Bundaberg Hospital suffering from an infection and dehydration for a few days

His nominee (TSQ) noted that:

"At 76 years of age, nothing seems to keep this man down!! His love of the game and the determination to get back on the court must be admired immensely."

