

Hensman Newsletter: Issue 1 September

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Opening Day October 4, 2003 (weather permitting)

It's time to find the racquet, put on your tennis shoes and head to the courts. The summer season is starting. Organised social tennis to start at 1.30 pm. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. Stay for Pizza and icecream dinner.

From the President

Welcome to the new season. After a long, cold winter I look forward to seeing everyone, old and new, for another enjoyable year of tennis and socializing at Hensman Park Tennis Club.

This year is shaping up to be a really good one. We have made good progress in increasing our junior numbers and we hope to have a good representation both socially, at the club, and in the junior pennant competition. Mark Leuba, our new club coach, has been instrumental in this area and Mark, together with Jason Weir and Craig Ellis, is working extremely hard to help us attract greater numbers of juniors to our club.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members of our Board, Shirley Davies, Jenny Coad and Craig Ellis who, along with all Board members, have been working hard over the winter months for Hensman Park Tennis Club in an effort to make this season a success. Thanks go out to the retiring Board members, Cec Gardiner, Ken McIntosh and Barry Barrett for their contribution over past seasons. Well done to those members.

At this stage our grass courts appear to be coming along well. Unfortunately, we seem to have struck a problem with our hard courts but it is now under control and under the care of Alan Disley with the guidance of Doug Napier.

We have a great spirit at Hensman Park Tennis Club and it is reflected in our members and the support they give to all our events throughout the year. I look forward to catching up with everyone on opening day, 4 October 2003. See you there!

Joan Bonser

Please help cut costs by providing your email address so that we can send you information direct.

Courts

Members would have noticed that a number of 'bumps' have appeared in certain areas on the synthetic courts. At present we are working

through this concern with the installing contractors. It appears below surface water has caused the road base beneath the courts to break up. When the cause is determined a course of action will be taken, if possible, to fix the problem. The contractors have stated they will not 'walk away' from this issue.

The grass courts have been heavily verti-cut over the last few weeks, sprayed for weeds and fertilised. If we get some nice warm weather in the next week or so they should be in good condition for the start of the new season.

Social Tennis Report

Winter has found a group of stalwarts coming down to play in all types of weather and enjoying a most pleasant social time afterwards. The people on sets roster have been most responsible and I would like to thank them all for their help.

At present we are on hard courts, which on some of the older bodies causes a little discomfort but we have been assured that the grass courts will be opened as soon as they are ready. Summer tennis will start at 1:30pm on Saturdays and we are hoping to get the Sunday tennis up and running also. Could those people who want to play on Sundays let the Club know so that I can get a roster organised. We do intend to have social events following the Sunday tennis as well and the more players the merrier.

The sets roster for Summer will be sent out soon and I thank you in advance for your help. Looking forward to seeing you all on October 4th.

Shirley Davies

Subscriptions Are Now Due.

A reminder that if you pay your membership subscription by Opening Day you will go into a draw (to be made on Opening Day) for a free membership for 2003/2004 (i.e. your paid subscription will be refunded).

Your help is also needed to find two members who have paid by direct deposit into our bank

account. We don't know who you are! Please let either Julie Strack or Jenny Collett know so you can go into the "Opening Day" draw.

Junior Tennis is Starting

- Contact Mark Leuba 0418 861 929 or Craig Ellis 0414 539 879.
- Starting Friday 17 October 2003 and then every Friday.
- Time: 4:00-5:30pm.

News from our Club Coach

Mark Leuba's Tennis Challenge is now at Hensman Park Tennis Club. Contact Mark 0418 861 929 or Jason Weir 0439 901 086 for information regarding:

Night and Day Court Hire
 Coaching for Adults and Seniors
 Social Tennis Evenings
 Raquet Restringing
 Ladies Mornings
 Equipment Hire and Pro Shop

Ladies Morning

Mondays & Fridays; 9-10:30am. Half an hour of coaching then organised social play. \$15.00 pp

Social Tennis Evenings

Organised social tennis Monday-Friday 7-8:30pm. \$15.00 per person

Night Competitions

Contact Mark Leuba depending on numbers Mon-Fri. 7-9pm @ \$15.00 per person per night

General News

- Jenny Collett will be away in England visiting her son for 6 weeks from 1 October and will be missed on Opening Day. Julie Strack will be helping out while Jenny's away.
- Some of our members are already in training for the summer season! Congratulations to Joan Bonser, Jade Flindell, Samantha Taylor and Dale Raynes who completed the "City to Surf" this year.
- Our WA girls won the Reid Cup after going through undefeated. Bojana was undefeated for the whole event.
- Our WA boys did extremely well in the Reid Cup by defeating NSW and only just missing out getting to the final by a small games won percentage.
- Kerryl Chute is now a GRANDMA!!!!!! Jamie and his partner Debbie have a daughter named Olivia. All are well - even Kerryl.
- Barry Daniel is a GRANDDAD.
- Janelle Marargon (one of our junior girls) has been in SA representing WA in the softball championships.

New number for the combination lock on the hardcourts is 169

Event	Date
Opening Day Pizza & Icecream Please bring a plate of afternoon tea	Saturday 4 October 1:30pm
State Division Pro-Am Mixed Doubles Day Fish & Chips & Drumstick	Sunday 26 October 1:00 pm
Melbourne Cup Tennis	Tuesday 4 November
State Division Sausage Sizzle	Saturday 8 November
Twilight Tennis BBQ & Salad	Sunday 16 November 4:30pm
State Division Sausage Sizzle	Saturday 6 December
Twilight Tennis BBQ & Salad	Sunday 14 December
Christmas Party	Saturday 20 December
Champagne Brunch	Sunday 18 January
Cinema Night	TBA in Jan or Feb
Games Night	Saturday 14 February
Interclub Social Tournament	Sunday 22 February
State Division Sausage Sizzle	Saturday 6 March
Tennis League MVP Awards Night & Dinner SD Player of the Year	Friday 26 March
South of the River Junior Tournament	13-16 April
Ian Hutchinson Day	Mid April - TBA
Annual Club Dinner	Saturday 8 May