

VETERANS AFFAIRS:

Pam Gardiner writes in glowing terms of the Vets trip to Singapore which cost only \$875 for an 8 day trip and included visits to a series of elite clubs offering 5 Star facilities including tennis, squash, gymnasiums, pools, saunas, dining facilities and one had 18 holes of golf under lights. The Gardiners and Doug and Margaret Napier were there from Hensman, and they were pleased to catch up with Marg Artingstall on this trip. * The Geraldton Vets tournament attracted the usual strong contingent from Hensman including Frank T, Kevin F, David Simmons, Pat Nazareth, Max H, John Spencer, Bart deRuwe, Pam Smith, Norm B, Randy R and Auriol Heary. A good weekend was had by all we gather. * The Vets State Championships resulted in wins for Randy and Rob Tuffin, Kerryl Chute and Vido Narustrang - congratulations.

TENNIS QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. 1900 was the first year played, and thus they are celebrating the Centenary in the coming season. 2. Our two representatives were Norman Brookes and Anthony Wilding.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to a new season. I hope it is one that brings us satisfaction, enjoyment, exercise, a little humour and a feeling of working together in a friendly club.

I haven't been very healthy lately but this hasn't prevented me from seeing the amount of work Board members have been undertaking to get our Club away to a successful summer season. In particular I would like to pay special tribute to our Vice President, Ken McIntosh for his efforts. As well as carrying out his tasks with our Junior Development, and as our delegate to Tennis West, Ken has somehow found the time to provide general assistance to other Board members and do a juggling job as "Relieving President."

The Board of 1998-9 appointed a Future Directions Committee, chaired by Dene Rundle, to examine all aspects and functions of the Club and devise steps to enable the Club to move into the future. The report of this committee was presented to the Annual General Meeting and, with minor adjustments, the principles and proposals were accepted and recommended to the new board. A number of the major projects

and ideas have been undertaken, and many others will follow throughout the season. My thanks to Dene for the work he put into the Future Directions Study and Report, and for the great assistance he is giving to the implementation of the recommendations.

Future Directions pointed to the need to increase membership numbers and to expand and give greater organization to our sponsorship programme. Clem Overheu and his committee are working hard on raising membership numbers, but they will need support and encouragement from us all throughout the year. When you see the opportunity to help, please take it. Our sponsorship committee, Ian Hutchinson and his committee have already achieved some extremely pleasing results. Now it is up to club members to play their part by supporting our club sponsors. When doing so don't be afraid to let it slip that you are a Hensman Park member.

Unfortunately our Social Play Director, Dick Ker has been very ill. I wish him a speedy recovery and would like to thank people, particularly Barry Bogaards, who are giving their support in this area. Our advertisement for a Club Co-

ordinator attracted a strong field in terms of quantity and quality. Following an interviewing process and much deliberation, Jenny Collett was appointed. I am sure everyone will find Jenny a friendly, knowledgeable person with a wide range of skills. However, the tasks we have allocated to her are not easy so members please help and co-operate with her in any way you can.

Our State League team has undertaken an intensive pre-season preparation under the guidance of coach, Phil Searle. I am confident they will have a big compact on the competition this season. Please let the players know you support them.

I can assure members that we have a dedicated, hard working group of people on the Board. Being human they will make some mistakes, and certainly, at times, make decisions which will not meet with approval from all. Please try to follow their reasoning and recognize the positives they bring. Supporting the Board we have a substantial group of "volunteers" who do things with no fuss because they are nice people who have the Club at heart. Have you noticed how the bar is restocked, organized

KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT

After more than 20 years as a member of HPTC Cec Gardiner's commitment to the Club and passion for tennis are as strong as ever. Off the court he has already proved his organisational ability, particularly during his earlier period of club captaincy, while as a player could be fairly described as fiercely competitive (he has the unique ability to intimidate his partners and opponents to an equal extent).

A truly W.A product, Cec was born in Bunbury but had the rare distinction of spending his first year of primary schooling at the exotic location of Rawlinna. The family then moved to Perth and the remainder of his education was spread over Nedlands Primary, Scotch College and Perth Modern School. He achieved his boyhood ambition to become a primary school teacher after qualifying through UWA and Claremont Teachers College. It was at the latter institution that he first met the attractive Pam Small. The fortuitous posting of both Pam and Cec to Kalgoorlie after graduation led to wedding bells 2 years later.

Cec's teaching career subsequently took him to Bruce Rock (5 years) Manning Primary and then back to Kalgoorlie for a year before returning to the city in 1970. In 1974 he made a professional change, electing to enter the field of teacher training. His lecturing career commenced at the scene of his student days, Claremont Teachers College and progressed through to the Mt. Lawley Campus of Edith Cowan University from which he retired in 1997.

From an early age, Cec displayed an intense interest in, and talent for, a wide range of sporting activities. At junior level he showed promise in the traditional sports of tennis, cricket and football (Aust. Rules). As a 15 year old member of Nedlands Tennis Club he filled in for the A grade pennant team on several occasions. The following year, cricket predominated, and once again he found himself promoted to the A Grade. He twice opened the batting for Nedlands senior team and had to weather the bowling of W.A's prominent shield players, Ron Gant and Keith Slater. With a top career average of less than one he decided to return to tennis.

Cec's football achievements with Claremont underage teams and later Teachers Training College side in the A division of the Amateur Association led to selection with the Claremont league side at the end of the 1956 season. He was posted to Kalgoorlie in 1957.

What may surprise most club members, however, is that Cec claimed two State boxing titles as a young teenage member of the Police Boy's Club, one at "atom" weight, the other at "paper" weight. Probably the highlight of an illustrious boxing career though was his challenge fight against "Kid Chocolate" in a boxing booth at the Royal Show during his final year at school. By surviving the compulsory 3 rounds the tall, skinny 17 year old Cecil Gardiner netted the princely sum of 8 shillings and 9 pence.

In his early adult years he continued to play football at both Kalgoorlie and Bruce Rock, later adding basketball, badminton and table tennis to his array of sporting activities. On the other hand, he faded out of the tennis scene during this period - apart from a few forays into Country Week Championships while at Bruce Rock - resuming the game after being enticed to join Hensman in 1975. Since then he, has more than made up for lost time, establishing an impressive competitive record, especially in veteran circles, and as an active contributor to the club in every sense.

As a footnote it should be added that, while tennis is now his main participative sport his passion for football, more correctly for Claremont Football Club - remains unabated. His reputation as a spectator is legendary and it is reported that he has been awarded the unofficial prize as umpire critic on each of the past 29 years he has been back in Perth.

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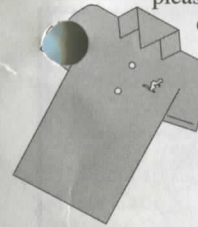
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25 YEARS AGO

Hensman runs the South of the River Schools Tournament for the 12th time since its inception in 1962. * Our Juniors go to Lake Leschenaultia for a picnic * A major fundraising effort saw car loads of members head for Bindoon and a day of grape-picking - suffice to say that with small grapes, large buckets and 20cents per bucket our coffers were not overflowing at the end of the long day *

CLUB UNIFORMS

We have some stock of shirts on hand that are being sold for \$10 (yes only \$10) - please take advantage of this special offer - a great opportunity to get that spare tennis shirt. Our very attractive Tracksuit Tops are also on sale, as are some blue shorts.



SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID ?

If you haven't attended to this, please assist by doing so now as subs became overdue on 1st October.

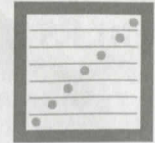
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

I will be organising a Junior Committee this year with the aim of spreading the work load during the summer and provide experience to someone to take over from me in 2000/2001 - the Committee will comprise juniors, members and parents. I have appreciated very much the support of many club members and parents in the past and express gratitude for this, along with the hope

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that your assistance and encouragement will continue this year - we really cannot function without such support.

Challenges for the season ahead :

- * Form a functioning Junior Committee
- * Improved co-ordination with Tennis Success
- * Increase junior membership by 20%
- * Improve Friday night coaching/training sessions
- * have more juniors play in senior League teams
- * have juniors of suitable standard welcomed into weekend social tennis
- * have more seniors prepared to hit up regularly with juniors
- * run a successful April 2000 Junior tournament

Don't forget:

Tennis League training Fridays 5pm - 6.15pm
and Sunday morning tennis from 9am to 11am.
Ken McIntosh

JOHN MILLER JUNIOR FOUNDATION

Life member John Miller has donated a sum of \$5,000 to establish the above Foundation in Hensman's 75th Anniversary year. The funds have been invested and the interest and capital are to be expended over a ten year period in appropriate ways to develop the junior membership of our club. The club extends its appreciation to John for his generous gesture.

MELBOURNE CUP DOUBLES DAY

This is a new innovation from our Committee and should be a good day for those able to share in some tennis in the morning, followed by lunch and a look at the big race on South Perth Retravision's big screen. We hope you can make it.



IAN HUTCHISON ROUND ROBIN

This is the sixteenth edition of this special day in Hensman's calendar. It is normally played at the end of the season, but is brought forward to November 7 this year to better accommodate all our other activities. It is a great day and if you haven't already got your group together do so now. Phone the Rundle's on 9364 4297 for further details if required.

LADIES CAPTAIN

Since commencing in this position much has happened to keep me busy, and I now find myself facing a dilemma when faced with decisions that are considered best for the club, whilst still trying to accommodate and keep members happy. I attended the recent Tennis West workshop on League issues and found this very helpful. Thanks to League committee members Erica Anderson and Lynette Gardiner for this input in selecting this year's League teams. Congratulations to Bojana Bobusic and Jana Cabak who are playing in our Division 1 team this year - please support them and make their transition to seniors a pleasurable one. Thanks to June Rundle for again organising the Ladies Midweek League teams.

Congratulations to our Ladies Div 3 team who won the Winter League. Leanne Bairstow, Natasha Ivanac, Nicole Pound, Debbie Napier and Denise Dalton were the members of the team and they were presented with their shield on Opening Day. Communication I have found is one of the best skills to have when trying to achieve a purpose and with this in mind I ask anyone who has any queries, suggestions or problems through the season to speak to me directly - I will try and help where I can. Enjoy your season and may it be injury free.

Denise Dalton

STATE LEAGUE

Phil Searle is the new Manager of the team for the coming year and says they will look resplendent in their new uniform. The squad of eight includes our two promising juniors Joel Moylan and Strahinga Bobusic, both of whom should benefit immensely from training with the team and forcing their way into the team in the not too distant future. Other members are Ashley Burton, Darren Fitzgerald, Ryan Offer, Mark Tory, Colin Napier and Phil Searle.

Watch this space for future news on Hensman's very own El Nino



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MEMBER'S BITS AND PIECES

Arnold and Jenny Jones celebrated their ruby anniversary with their four delightful children and families at Busselton recently * Noel Pearse was kept busy at the opening for business of the family's Upper Reach vineyard during the recent Spring in the Valley celebrations * Wayne Haley can provide details on the Claytons Millenium he is planning to celebrate * Celia

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Seniors:

John Collins
Patricia Haffenden
Dianne Pratt
Johanne Williamson
Jan Bosero
David Simmons
Allan Chiew

Frank Toth
Jan Mairata
Rita Michalczyk
Myfanwin Coombes
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Verna Dennis

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Lorraine Harford
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Andrew Tabi
Veronica Chiew

Juniors:

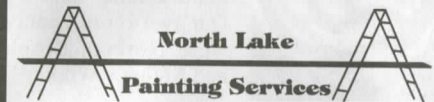
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Susan Fandry
James Little
Mitchell Ledger
Fred Goh
Brett Taback

Whitfield spent 5 and a half hours walking from Monte Carlo to Nice and has blisters to show for it * John Spencer is judging cattle at the Hobart show this week * Marlene Howes is back on the tennis court after foot surgery during the winter * John Cochrane and Bart deRuwe are conducting a Queensland exchange this year, we welcome John back and look forward to catching up with Bart in twelve months time * Auriol Heary enjoyed her school holidays visiting the Porongorups * Kerryl Chute visited Spain during our winter * Gwyn Thomas is to look after the match box for the coming Ian Hutchison Round Robin * Dick Ker is out of hospital and making steady progress from his recent surgery * The Bogaards are back safe and well after their trip to Bali * Norm Burkett and Randy Raux visited Rundle Mountain during their Tasmanian visit * Kevin and June Fitzgerald visited Penang during the winter * Manu McCrow is holidaying in the south of France * President Cec has been ultra busy guiding the club as it prepares for the new season and we wish him and wife Pam a speedy

return to A1 health * Garry Napier won the B Championships at Royal Perth Golf Club recently, meanwhile new daughter Kira says that Rhoda can return to the tennis courts very shortly *



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and run, how the hall hirings are handled, the club windows cleaned, the trophies polished, nets rolled and brought into the shed, the bins put out, the net posts painted, the gardens weeded, the nets mended, afternoon tea and lunches provided, the flag raised and lowered on playing days etc? Mainly the work of our "volunteers", without which a club like ours could not function.

I would like to encourage more members to become "volunteers" and try to discourage the tendency of some people to criticise without consideration of what they themselves could do to help the situation.

The 1999/2000 season will have its ups and downs but I hope members will be able to say at the end, overall we had a lot of fun, good competition, enjoyable company and the club itself made some progress.

Cec Gardiner

ROSTERS

We thank members for carrying out their allocated rosters during the season, and for assisting in the smooth and efficient running of our Club.

We know there will be an occasion when you cannot be available on the day allocated, and we remind you that it is then your responsibility to arrange a swap with someone else. Could we suggest noting the date of your roster in your diary and/or putting a reminder note on a fridge magnet Bar Rosters: Would all people rostered for the Bar, please prepare by not playing the last social of the week before the tag before the set drawn for 4.30pm

TENNIS QUIZ

In December Australia plays France in the final of this year's Davis Cup. What was the first year that the Davis Cup was played? What was the first year that Australasia won this competition and who were our two representatives.

Answers elsewhere in this edition.

OPENING DAY



The sun was shining and an excellent number of members turned up to get our last season of this millenium under way. In the absence of President Cec (recovering from a stay in hospital) Vice President

Ken McIntosh officially declared the season open. It was pleasing to see Suzanne Pierce (Mayor of South Perth) accompanied by Sally Cook and Ian Riou (Mill Point Ward Councillors) join us for the opening. The afternoon tea was superb and set the tone for a wonderful season ahead.

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NEW CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP

The members endorsed the new Social Membership category at this years AGM, which caters for those who only play occasionally but would like to participate in the social side of the club. For \$50 you receive \$20 in bar vouchers, 2 free vouchers to enjoy club social tennis, copies of the Herald, discounts on court hire and Tennis Success night leagues. Jim Davies has the honour of being the first to take out this membership and several others have followed.

We have a goal of increasing our membership this year so if you have a friend who plays tennis bring them along to Hensman Park.

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Congatulations to Ian Hutchison and his Sponsorship committee for arranging the above sponsorships and for establishing the attractive new court signs and the Sponsors Directory within the Clubhouse.

TENNIS TIPS

Playing in the wind: If the wind is behind you, take the ball early because the wind will be holding the ball away from you. It will also carry your shots deeper, so aim a little lower over the net and you may also put some topspin on the ball to make it drop a little faster into your opponents court. When serving don't toss the ball as high, and again apply topspin to increase the amount of control.



Playing against the wind: Conditions are reversed here, so hit your ground shots higher over the net than normal. Spin is not necessary as you can hit the ball flatter and higher. When serving take off some of your normal spin and hit it flatter so that it doesn't drop too soon and give your opponent an easy return.

FINANCES

The club has purchased "QuickBooks", a new software package to record all our financial transactions, and new Treasurer Marilen Silverio assures us that it will not fall victim to the Millenium Bug. The previous software is not Y2K compliant and had to be replaced. Thanks also to Mike Howes who has assisted in upgrading our computer and the word processing applications, to ensure that the new year comes and goes without a hitch!

