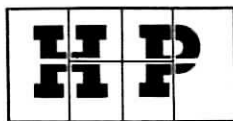


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our new-look Hensman Park Tennis Club has been going through a settling-in period over the past few months. On reflection the club has achieved the direction given to the committee by members almost four years ago.

Members can now enjoy tennis seven days of the week, all year round — and play at night if they desire. Coupled with this we have a remodelled clubhouse, enabling us to enjoy a greater social atmosphere together. All this for very little increase in subscriptions.

Tennis is a great game and H.P.T.C. is certainly a great place to enjoy it.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The Kempe Hutchison Club Championships will be held over three weekends - 7/8, 14/15, and 21/22 March and entries close this Sunday 22nd February. Forms are available from the Captains office.

The Club Handicap tournament will be held on the weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 March and entries for these events close on 7th March. We hope all members will take the opportunity to join in these events, and remember handicaps are designed to give each entry an equal chance of winning!

CAPTAINS V PRESIDENTS MATCH

This entertaining afternoon will be held this Saturday, 21st February. All players are allocated to a team on arrival and much fun is had by all. Be in it!

BUMPING BOARD

Those members wishing to improve their club ranking and position in pennant teams should make a study of the Bumping Board Rules which are displayed clearly in the Captains room. It is open season now, so see Captain Garry and arrange your challenge matches - remember there is only a week or so at the start of the season to arrange team selections, so play those matches now while everyone is in the groove and relieve the pressure on yourselves and the Captains when next season gets under way.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EVENT

There will be some top tennis at Hensman on the weekend of the 11th & 12th April when we host the above. Club Champions from all metro clubs and some country clubs will be playing to determine who is greatest of them all!

KEMPE HUTCHISON ROUND ROBIN

SUNDAY, 6th APRIL

Entry forms are now out for Hensman's day of the year — a great day's tennis in an ideal time of the year, an excellent lunch and 36 excellent prizes go to winners of the various events. Don't forget there is a special team prize too.

Get a group going to Hensman on Sunday 6th April — two men and two women per team. Entry forms are available from the Captain's office.

SHIELD MATCH TEAMS

Eleven of our fifteen teams reached the semi-finals of this year's competition. Six of the eleven graduated to the grand finals and the results are as follows:

Ladies Saturday Division 4	—	WON
Ladies Saturday Division 6	—	WON
Boys 14s	—	WON
Girls 18s	—	LOST
Men's Sunday Division 12	—	WON
Men's Veterans Division 1	—	LOST

THIS AND THAT

Congratulations to **John Turner** and **Joanne Treasure** on their recent engagement * **Stewart Alexander** celebrated his 39th birthday in grand fashion recently with several tennis members joining him * **Alister Boyes** attained his majority recently — incidentally he's taking time off from work this year to commence study at W.A.I.T. or as some would have it C.U.T. * **Colin Napier** on the other hand has finished study and commenced work **Wayne Haley** has been transferred to Sydney — we look forward to welcoming you back into the club when you return to the West. * The **Rundles** were in S.A. recently for the launch of Dene's family history book.

MALAYSIAN VISIT

John Miller was recently in Kuala Lumpur and took the opportunity of calling on the Postal Tennis Club whose members visited us last year. John reports that he was greeted warmly by the members and was asked to convey their very best wishes back to Hensman Park members.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined our club in the period since our last issue of the Herald.

Max Tan, Ian Knox, Peter Johnson, Craig Hunt, Brian Clarkson, Wayne Hewitt, Robert Wasley, Anthony McLaughlin, Vanessa Day, Pia Inverarity, Belinda Moody, Nano Atkinson, Joan Blair, Sandy Churcher, Robyn Gibson, Sally Jones, Anna Mairata, Claire Morton, Pam Smith, Gail, Anne Wrightson, Dianne Bond, Sharon Gordon, David Bligh, Norm Burkett, Geoff Ivanac, Stephen Kempin, Robert Robinson, Jim Syme, Donald and Deb Knapp, Leo and Veronica Ntoumenopoulos, Peter Robinson and Gavin Healy.

VISITORS — MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

For the benefit of our new members we would ask that you observe the following when inviting friends as visitors to the club.

1. A visitors fee of \$3 is payable (on weekdays leave the money in the chute at the front of the Captain's room). A fee of \$1 is payable for juniors under 19.
2. Visitors are permitted three times per season.
3. Approved tennis clothing and proper sandshoes must be worn at all times.



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TOURNAMENTS

Erica Smith did well at Bunbury being runner-up in the ladies singles and teaming with **Tracy Thompson** to win the doubles. **Alan Andersson** and **Erica** went down to **Peter Overheu** and **Diane Thomson** in the mixed doubles final.

The Mittons planned social weekend in Bunbury turned out to be anything but, with both Ceili and Grant reaching the finals of their divisions of the singles, and Grant winning his. **Tim Reynolds** and **Graeme Rundle**, fresh from viewing the Davis Cup in Melbourne, were inspired enough to take off a division of the Mens Doubles.

Rodney Skipworth performed well again at York.

A large contingent from Hensman will venture to Busselton, whilst the young-at-heart will move into the wheatbelt town of Cunderdin for the forthcoming March long weekend tournament.

MISS TENNIS

Jan Truscott



NEWS FROM COACH KEITH

Hiring of the courts is now well underway and most week nights the five courts are being used. Keith has been incredibly busy with his coaching programmes and particularly popular have been the adult intensive classes running for five nights for one and a half hours per night. Some pupils from Singapore have been in Perth for additional coaching from Keith — he first made contact with them on his visits to their country last year. The racquet shop is now attractively set out with a wide range of racquets available to choose from — also the prompt stringing service can be availed of from Keith's shop. We hope members will continue to support Keith in his venture and referring friends to him will assist in building it into a viable full-time venture with benefits for both the club and coach.

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Treasurer **Bob** continues to take good care of our club's financial affairs. There are a few remaining subscriptions and we ask all members to make Bob's job as easy as possible by attending to this now.

PLAYGROUND

Planning is underway for this welcome addition to our club which will make it that much more comfortable for the growing number of youngsters joining the ranks. A plan of the area (adjacent to the workshed and behind the grandstand) is shown hereunder.

ROSTERS

BAR — AFTERNOON TEA — SETS

Please check the various lists for both Saturday and Sundays and if you are unable to carry out your Roster on the appointed day, it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with another member.

WANTED

PROVISIONAL JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR FOR NEXT YEAR

Margaret Kingsbury has done a wonderful job with our provisional juniors (we now have 51 in this group) for a number of years, but will be standing down at the end of this season. She would be pleased to pass on the benefit of her experience to her successor in the remaining weeks of this season.

Any seniors interested in becoming involved with our Junior Development programme are invited to contact **Margaret** or Secretary **June Rundle**.

The *rewards* are many for anyone taking on this very fulfilling and satisfying position in our club.

The Objects of the Provisional Junior Club are:

1. To encourage interest in the sport of tennis.
2. To encourage juniors to play their best tennis at whatever level they are capable.
3. To introduce the rules of tennis etiquette.
4. To encourage sportsmanship.
5. To reinforce the rules of Tennis.
6. To encourage juniors to develop their tennis skills sufficiently to graduate to the club's social play.

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PERSONAL PARS

The Mens and Ladies Veterans gathered on the foreshore for their traditional fish and chips to celebrate the end of the pennant season. * Bruce Fielding and two Associates recently formed an Investment Company. * Andrea Mitchell was the Manager of the winning Girls 12 years team that won the Australian title and Margaret Court Cup for W.A. - well done Andrea * Kerry Wright is back teaching again after a stint in Administration - she has joined Andrea Mitchell at Kent Street High School * Susie Lee and Stewart Alexander leave at the end of March to continue their round the world travels * Margaret Kingsbury is off shortly to Tasmania for a holiday * Noreen Ince is on the sick list and we wish her a speedy return to health * Sue Boyes has to rest from tennis for the balance of this season due to wrist problems * Catriona Cameron commences her Arts course at Uni shortly * Julie Bell has been helping Coach Keith in the office on occasions *

COMING EVENTS

TWILIGHT TENNIS - WEDNESDAY
25th FEB.

COMMENCES AT 5 P.M. - followed by Chicken Dinner. Please! Please ! give your names to Andrea (3842252) or Dot (3645489) if you are able to attend. These are great nights and should not be missed. A nominal charge is made to cover the food.

QUIZ NIGHT - This is coming up on 31st March - organize your tables now as these are great fun and quizmaster Frank Thomas always has an interesting and balanced set of questions that are to the liking of our members.

CLUB DINNER

Mark Friday night 10th April in your diary now for our Final social event of the season - an enjoyable dinner/dance - to be held at the club.

FROM THE MINUTES

- * The Chartered Accountants are hiring our courts for their annual tennis carnival on 12th and 19th March.
- * Our club is to enter the McDonalds "Tennis Club of the Year" award.
- * Five nets with holes are being repaired.
- * The laneway between the synthetic and grass courts is to be levelled and grassed.
- * Our wooden stack chairs are still for sale at the very cheap price of \$14.50 each. They are an ideal way of having adequate supplies of seating for those summer parties that you have.
- * Empty drink cans are now being dumped in the wool bales and sold for approximately \$12 per bale. Members are requested to ensure only cans go in these bales.
- * Our club is to hold the City of Perth tournament next December in the period between Christmas and New Year. Sponsorship is being sought and anyone with thoughts on this matter should contact Mrs Gwyn Thomas.
- * A further quote was being obtained for some new kitchen cupboards.

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CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL

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A delightful chicken and salad tea was enjoyed by all — although only due to the ingenuity of our social committee organizers who had to do the proverbial two fishes and five loaves trick when ninety turned up after sixty had indicated they would be attending! Members are asked to be mindful of the chaos that is caused when you do not put your names down for these social events, so please assist in the future and do the right thing by our hard-working social committee.

The Miss Tennis Balls Quest followed amidst much amusement and at times uproar from the onlookers. A very emotional **Alice Andersson** was crowned this year's winner, and she looked a delight in her tousled blonde hair and black outfit, together with some cheap lipstick which highlighted her all-embracing smile. It was a difficult job for the judges **Kerryl Chute**, **Clem Overheu** and **Bill Artingstall**. **Leila Miller** looked positively sexy in her black slinky outfit and then there was **Charlene Pickett** (who was emphatic that she preferred men who were short and bald!) in her bright red Barbarella's outfit. Last year's winner of the inaugural quest **Miss Herpes Turner** spoke in soft and glowing tones of the enjoyment she gained from her year as Miss Tennis Balls, and she then tried (unsuccessfully we might add) to assist in the crowning of the 1986 winner, Alice.

The Social Committee of **John Turner**, **Alan Andersson**, **Dot** and **Andrea Hickey** are to be congratulated on arranging such an enjoyable function.

Good to see **Phil Searle** in attendance after his nine month overseas sojourn, and also **Doug** and **Coralie Webster** with their rapidly growing family. There wasn't a more proud Granddad than **Frank Thomas** when he took baby **Bradley Willoughby** up to see Father Christmas.

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These awards go to the Shield Match players who have recorded consistently good performances and is based on the percentage of games won and lost. The names of the winners will be announced shortly.



HIRE OF SYNTHETIC COURTS

The courts will be available for hire each evening of the week until 10.00 p.m. and to 10.30 p.m. on the weekends. Hire charge is \$8.00 per hour per court or \$20 for the three-hour evening session. A party of say eight people would have to contribute \$2.50 each for an evening's tennis, which is considerably cheaper than other entertainments on offer. The day-time rate of hire is \$4.00 per hour. Members pay for the night-time use of the courts and lights, and may use the synthetic courts without cost during the day-time if they are not hired to the public. Under the arrangement with our coach **Keith Begley** he will supervise all hiring of the courts and pays the club a set lease figure each quarter plus the electricity for the lights. Each afternoon during the week the five courts will be available exclusively for the use of members for three hours, and those wishing to use them outside this period will need to check first with Keith as to availability. In this initial period between now and 30th June next year there will no doubt be small matters to be ironed out for the mutual benefit of the coach and the members and we appreciate your understanding of this situation.

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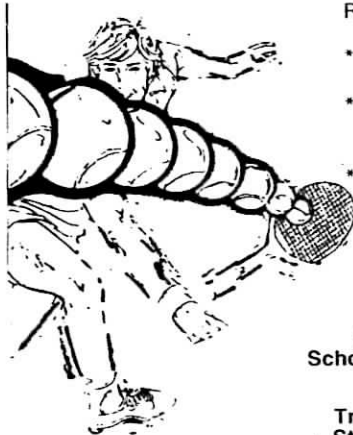
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