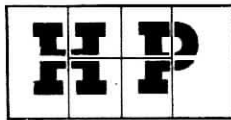


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

No one could say tennis is in the doldrums at Hensman. The last Saturday in October saw over 140 people playing tennis and 90 were there for the Chicken Smorgasbord that evening. Congratulations to the Social Committee for a great night and also for organizing the night at Freds. I was told the Vets table was definitely the noisiest - I hope we're invited next time! Several other social functions are on the drawing board and your continued support will ensure that Randy and his team will not lose their enthusiasm.

It was good to have W.A.L.T.A. president, Harry Spilsbury along to present the Winter "A" Grade shield to our Ladies team. The winning team comprised Erica Andersson, Tracy Thompson, Glenys Barber, Keryl Chute, Marlene Pritchard and Sharon Gordon - well done, ladies. Blake Mardon and Diana Cameron were presented with the Brian Flynn Memorial trophies for their selection as the most improved juniors in the 1986/87 season. Congratulations and keep up the good work. Mrs. Ruth Reid and her tennis team visited Hensman on October 8 to play games. A light luncheon was enjoyed by all and a letter of appreciation has been received from Mrs. Reid, with a challenge for a rematch to avenge their defeat.

The club didn't fare so well against the Veterans Association and ended up being beaten by a few games. Next year we might have to call on some of our state grade players to boost our strength! Several people visiting the club lately have complimented us on the appearance of the club and the number of improvements that have been made. This is largely due to the loyal members who have come along to the busy bees and attended to so many jobs that needed attention - often at the expense of getting their own household jobs done. I thank all these people most sincerely.

Congratulations and thanks to the 'dads' and others who were involved with the children's playground. It looks really good and with the 'instant' grass is a real asset to the club. Someone commented that there were more adults in there than children, but I'm sure that was an isolated time. Thanks also to those who donated a toy box and toys for the children to use. Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to supervise the children in this area.

Pennants are now well and truly underway - 8 teams on Saturday, 3 on Sunday morning, 9 on Sunday afternoon and 2 mid-week teams. The club is hiring courts at Wesley and Penrhos and 4 Saturday teams use them as their home courts. In spite of this we have had over 100 people playing social tennis on Saturdays. The captains are doing a marvellous job coping with the numbers and we ask that members be patient during the pressure times on Saturday.

There is not only a lot of tennis in front of us in the next few weeks but also extra commitments with the City of Perth Tournament and Country Week Carnival. We will be looking for ALL members support the committee.

Sincerely,

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BALI JOTTINGS

VISIT BY LADY GOVERNORS

TEAM

Our ladies were hosts to the Governors wife, Mrs Ruth Reid and her team at a very enjoyable mornings tennis on October 8th. Our ladies were successful (78 games to 75) even though some of our more loyal subjects seemed a bit embarrassed at the victory. The morning concluded with a delightful luncheon in the clubhouse.

VETERANS PREPARING FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

We had a good morning of tennis on Sunday 11th October when the W.A. Veterans club visited Hensman. With the big carnival scheduled for Perth in January, we are expecting a large number of veterans entries in our City of Perth tournament in December and special events have been scheduled to cater for this preparation. We wish the Veterans Club all the best for the Australian carnival.

PROVISIONAL JUNIOR CLUB

This group under the guidance of Barb Whitely and a willing band of adult supervisors is up and away again this year. There are many promising young players shaping up here, but more importantly is the amount of enjoyment all seem to be getting from their time at the club on Sunday mornings.

Hensman sent off its first international team in October, winning a memorable tennis match against the staff of Bali's Dept of Tourism. Actually golf was the sporting theme during the first week, which was spent at the Handara Resort, some 50 kms from Denpasar and nestling in a delightfully extinct volcanic crater some 7000 feet above sea level. Some of the highlights were Clem Overheus (now bearing the name "The Bali Bandit") took all before him winning the golf trophy and bringing his handicap down from 25 to 16 in the one week ** Barb Whitely starred on the tennis court using deft placements from the net to telling effect ** they call it the luck of the Irish - who else but Paul Whitely could hit a ball into a bunker, land it on a stone and have it bounce out finishing adjacent to the pin ** Marg Napier wasn't quite correct when she indicated a lack of enthusiasm to go to Bali because "they pinch your balls up there" in fact John Ince hooked one ball into thick jungle imagining never to see it again, only to have it offered back to him two minutes later by a pint sized local lad for 500 Rupiahs ** the 'resident rodent' led the Overheus a merry dance one morning - can you picture the scene at 1am with Clem and two house boys on their hands and knees trying to ferret out their nocturnal visitor and Faye wrapped in a white sheet on a triple sized double bed wondering if it ain't some awful dream she is having - the whole affair would have done the Fawltys proud ** "Bagus sekali ... bagus sekali !!" came the cry from the massage table as John Ince put his second fluent language into practice on the local masseuse. John has been studying Indonesian this year and acted as unofficial interpreter for the group during the stay **

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CLUB IMPROVEMENTS:

A new public address system has been acquired at a cost of \$2000 and this is working admirably * the childrens playground has now been completed and is in use - thanks to Alec Whyte and his team of fathers who carried out this work * the laneway has now been levelled, pergolas erected under the guidance of John Carroll, paving has been laid and reticulation to cover the grassed section of this laneway has been installed - this will be a very attractive area of the club in time to come.

KNOW YOUR MEMBER

Bob Howman is one of the most likeable members at Hensman and after talking with him, one is left in no doubt that tennis has been a very enjoyable part of his life. He continues to get enjoyment from the occasional game plus of course his involvement as Treasurer at the club (he was quick to point out he gets more fun out of writing receipts than cheques!)

Bob was born in Northam, and later he and his family moved to Kalgoorlie. He joined the Post Office there at the age of 14, and spent the next 45 years with that organization. Five years were spent in the Army and Air Force, and then Bob accompanied by his bride Margaret were transferred to Albany. He was Club champion there for four years in a row. Bob represented Loton Park in pennants for a number of years, and recalls with a wry grin the time he was in the team that beat Hensman in a pennant final!

From 1953-70 he played for Southern Suburbs, representing the Carrington team in A grade pennants. In 1971 he and Margaret joined Hensman, and they have both been actively involved here ever since. Bob has represented W.A. four times in the Interstate Postal Carnivals, but his biggest thrills were in his youth in the Goldfields. He represented the goldfields in junior teams in Perth (along with Frank Thomas) and in 1938 reached the semifinals of the State Under 19s. In 1940 he partnered John Bromwich in the State Hardcourt championships, losing the final to Max Bonner and Max McDermott. He even played in some exhibition tennis during the war years, however with no TV around very few of us heard about it. We understand the matches were sponsored by a bloke called Lassetter!

Bob has been on the committee at the club, vice captain for two years and now Treasurer for the past three. In addition he has attended to dozens of handy man jobs at the club over the past few years. In all this he has been ably supported by Margaret and we wish them both many happy years of involvement at Hensman.

BARRY TOGNOLINI

Barry has been a member of Hensman for 15 years, and in practically every one of those he has been a member of our number one team. His photo appears with the other members of our victorious 1986 State Grade team. Barry has a young family and has recently accepted the position of coach of the Canning Club. His resignation is accepted with regret, however club members applaud his contribution to the standard of tennis in our club and particularly his very fine attitude and approach to the game and the wonderful example he has set for the junior members of our club.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome with pleasure the following new members, who we trust will have a long and happy association with Hensman. Alison Shier, Deborah Thomas, Carol Angland, Alison Bamford, Madge Bicknell, Susan Reilly, Anne Smith, Jennifer Smith, Lianne Valentin, Tracey Volaric, Chris Sutherland, Judy Baverstock, Dennis Gillespie, Michael Enriques, Chris Lavendar, Ian Backhouse, John Deligeorges, Robert Hensel, William Mardon, Noel Ryan, Grant Vernon, Graeme Law-Davis, Ross Carrick, Don and Helen Langsford, Rick and Judy Kelly, Ernie and Jenny Kay.

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COMING EVENTS

TWILIGHT TENNIS - WEDNESDAY
9TH DECEMBER 1987

CHRISTMAS PARTY - SUNDAY
20TH DECEMBER 1987

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST - SUNDAY
10TH JANUARY 1987

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FUN NIGHT AT FRED'S

The Social committee organized a delightful Sunday evening dinner at Freds in early November. Needless to say we booked the whole restaurant and Fred turned on his usual sumptuous Wiener Schnitzel and other dishes. The evening got off to a flying start, everyone being greeted with a glass of champagne as they arrived. It was great to see a number of our newer members joining into the fun of the evening.

HOW TO TELL A WINNER FROM A LOSER

A WINNER says "Let's find out"
A LOSER says "Nobody knows"



When a WINNER makes a mistake, he says,
"I was wrong"

When a LOSER makes a mistake, he says,
"It wasn't my fault"

A WINNER goes through a problem
A LOSER goes around it, but never past it.

A WINNER makes commitments
A LOSER makes promises

A WINNER says "I'm good, but not as good as I
can be"

A LOSER says "I'm not as bad as a lot of others"

A WINNER says "There ought to be a better way"
A LOSER says "That's the way it has always been
done."

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to the Stewarts on the arrival of Ben and to the Ntoumenopoulos' on the arrival of their daughter Alyce. Gerry and Shelley Daniew are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby daughter. * Beryl Hobson has become a grandmother again.

ON THE SICK LIST

Lexie Goetze is having back trouble and is on leave of absence from the club this year - we hope to see you down at the club during the happy hour Lex * Dick Coward was a regular and talented member of our club for many years, and is currently in hospital after a bad fall * Virginia Correll was involved in a serious car accident and best wishes go to you Virginia for a speedy return to good health.

MID WEEK PLAY

There has been a significant increase in the number of players attending Wednesday morning social tennis and as a result we have negotiated with Keith Begley to have the use of 4 synthetic courts to supplement the 4 grass ones presently in use. Keith will have the use of some grass courts for coaching on Saturday morning in exchange. It is not possible at this stage for the groundsman to prepare more grass courts in time for the Wednesday play.

We do invite any of the mums with youngsters who are interested in joining in on Wednesdays to contact Angela Bruce either at the club or on 367.1877 as she is prepared to plan a roster so mums can share the child minding responsibilities and also get in a few games of tennis.

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MEDAL TOURNAMENT

Wow ! Our first attempt at a Saturday afternoon competition proved very popular, and 152 players lined up. This involved a herculean effort from the match captains for the day, and they were very appreciative of the patience shown by members when they had by sheer weight of numbers to occasionally sit out for two sets in a row.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee, mindful of the need to give existing members adequate social tennis on Saturday afternoons, have deferred consideration of further membership applications until early in the new year. It is a delightful position to find the club in, and no doubt reflects the quality both of administration and facilities now available at our club. It is however important that we do not indicate that it is a "closed shop" to prospective members. Anyone wishing to join is to write to the Secretary, Box 36, South Perth 6151, and as soon as numbers permit they will be contacted and asked to lodge an official application form for consideration by the committee.

COUNTRY WEEK

This will be held between 18th and 22nd January, and matches will be held at our Club. Anyone available to assist that week in either the kitchen or the bar are asked to contact Margaret Napier.

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NATIONAL MUTUAL CITY OF PERTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

This prestigious event will be held at the club between December 26 and 30. It now incorporates the W.A. Mens and Womens Open Singles events and should be the highlight of the tennis calendar in W.A. this season. An attractive prospectus has been prepared and has now been distributed throughout the metro clubs and the country. We hope all members will get involved in the event, and enjoy the top class tennis that will be on display. There are events for everyone - young, old and middle aged!

ENGAGED / MARRIED

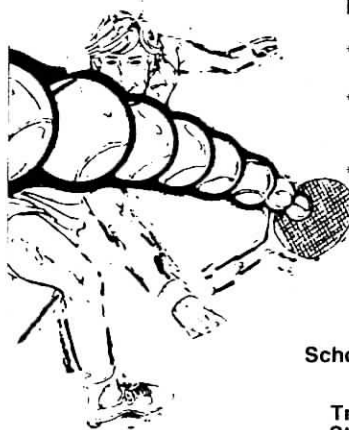
Congratulations to Don Miller on his recent engagement. Don has also 'secured' an appearance on the TV screens in recent weeks, so never a dull moment for him. * Jane Rundle has recently announced her engagement to Joe Kosterich * The Smith - Andersson wedding went off very nicely, timed just prior to the start of the State Grade season - the spies tell me Alan had 37 off the stick that day, setting somewhat of a record for a supposedly nervous groom.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The new committee comprising Randy Raux (Chairman), Auriel Heary, Sue Harwood, Julie McCormack, Tim Reynolds, Graeme Rundle and Norm Burkett got under way in fine style with a committee meeting at Norms home. We're not sure what was discussed but we do know supper comprised King prawns, sandwiches and sausage rolls, black forest cake, champagne and a range of international lagers. Sorry but there are no vacancies on the committee.

Randy invites your suggestions for future social events - please pass any comments or requests onto any member of his committee - they can't promise but will certainly consider any proposals. He does ask that members notify their intention of attending.

The Melbourne Cup sweep was successfully organized by Norm, winners being Tracey Thompson, T. Lindquist and you guessed it... Norm! Thanks go to Pam Gardiner and Noreen Ince who have organized uniforms for the various pennant teams.

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GROUNDS

The courts have shown marked improvement in the last few weeks and the groundsmen have also been doing some returfing on the areas of the courts where the growth has been slow. Some levelling at the back of court 17 has been carried out. Members are asked to play on the synthetic courts if they are available to protect the grass courts for a little longer in this early part of the season. Grass courts ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS.

EXAM TIME

Preparations for the recent T.E.E. exams saw a number of our younger members burning the midnight oil - among them being Karen Bucens, Robin Hickey, Julie Bell, Karen Rundle, David Artinstall, Pablo Campillos and Cameron Alexander. Exams at the various Universities also saw many of our members involved - we wait with interest to see the results.

TRAVEL NEWS

Michael McLean is back from a business trip to U.S.A. * Lynn Bremner took part in a golfing tour through Malaysia and Singapore * Keith Begley spent 3 weeks in Vancouver during the winter, then across to New York and down to New Jersey and Memphis before returning home * Peter Overheu managed a team of our State's promising juniors on a recent trip to Adelaide and Sydney * Karen Rundle is off to Germany for a two month exchange trip, staying in a town near to where Rob Murton is living * Roy Field is travelling to Kalgoorlie for his work during each week - it hasn't affected his golf, as we see his name featured as the winner of a recent stroke competition * Rae Neill and Barry & Jan Bogaard are off to U.S.A. in December for a holiday * Judith Kitching has just returned from Bali * Sonia Turkington is spending 12 months in U.K. - incidentally the Morgan-Hobbs couldn't stand the thought of a summer away from Hensman and returned early from their overseas jaunt * The Napiers, yes the whole family, are off to Bangkok in early January - they'll probably need a rest after the rigours of the City of Perth tournament.

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Of all the myriad of questions that have arisen in my clinics, lessons and practice sessions, the following are a few of those that have surfaced consistently:

Q: My partner and I come to the net but they always manage to get the ball over our heads. Why?

You are hitting your volleys and service returns directly into their "timing space" and not forcing your opponents to make an unfamiliar response. Try angling your volleys and service returns more or hitting them less deep. It is almost impossible to lob while running full tilt forward.

Q: I seem to be able to set the point up alright, but I always miss the "putaway". Why?

The most obvious cause would be overhitting, but it goes deeper than that. If you call it a "putaway" you have already made up your mind that you do not intend nor want to hit another ball and with that mental attitude you no doubt flail at the ball to ensure that the point will be over rather than placing it accurately and awaiting the next shot.

Q: We play much better against stronger opponents. We don't seem to be able to concentrate as well against the weaker teams. Why?

Against stronger teams you of course feel you have nothing to lose and consequently flow with the ball. Against lesser teams, fear of losing causes you to play tense. Fear of humiliation is a symptom that you are not playing with a purpose and a plan. Keep your ego in your pocket and your first volley down the centre.

Q: I'm not really an aggressive person. Can I learn to play serve-and-volley tennis and attack the ball?

Yes. It is not possible to play tennis in a manner totally inconsistent with your personality, but there are degrees of effectiveness. Any Type A personality (the compulsive perfectionist) can be taught the patience to hit four balls instead of one. But that person would probably never enjoy baseline singles on clay courts. By the same token, even if you consider yourself the shy, retiring type, you can learn to be aggressive enough to get into your volley positions ahead of your opponents and hit to the open court. You may never choose to poach all the way across the net for the sheer joy of intercepting the ball, but you can certainly learn to play the ball authoritatively.

Q: I change my grip on my volley the same way I do for my forehand and backhand ground strokes. Is it better to try to learn a Continental grip for all volleys?

Don't get paranoid about your grip. Nothing strikes terror into the heart of a student faster than the suggestion of a grip change, even if only to acquire a new shot. Once you realize that a grip is only a way of changing the face of the racquet on impact, you can become more flexible and experiment with different ways of holding the racquet. You may find that your volley feels more solid if you use the Eastern forehand grip and then switch to the Eastern backhand when appropriate, but of course it takes precious seconds to make the change. Then, too, you may find it easier to handle low volleys with the more open racquet face created by the Continental grip. Just remember that the further toward "Western" you go, the more you close your racquet face. The further toward "Continental" you go, the more you open it. Experiment!

Be watching out for more Questions and Answers next issue. See you on the courts.

CAPTAINS CORNER

The early weeks of the season have seen consistently large numbers of people in attendance for social tennis. Set rosters for Saturdays and Sundays have been drawn up to help the captains to organise the sets. Saturday organised play starts at 1.30 pm and Sundays at 2.00 pm, so duty captains are requested to be in attendance early enough to make sure the first set begins on time. If you are not on rosters and would like to try your hand, we would love to hear from you - particularly for Sundays. Without YOUR help organised social play could not function.

At this time it is appropriate to remind ALL players of the dress rules of the Club - "Recognised tennis attire must be worn AT ALL TIMES". This includes tennis shoes - ripple soles are not acceptable. T-shirts, shorts, singlets etc which would be more at home on the beach, and shirts with large advertising motifs (which is not recognised tennis attire) have been seen in recent weeks. Lets keep our standards at a high level.

The pennant season is now well under way, and the majority of our 20 teams have managed a win, despite the rain on the opening weekend. It appears that most teams are well graded, so hopefully there will be some victory celebrations in February. A sheet showing how all the teams are getting on from week to week is on display in the Clubhouse for those members who like to follow the result.

Remember as from - December 1st bumping board challenges can be played. A copy of the challenge rules are posted on the Captain's room noticeboard. They are there for your benefit, so use them to your advantage.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee is under the chairmanship of Doug Webster this year and it is pleasing to see some new blood in the form of Wayne Boston and Ernie Kay. Ernie has already been very busy preparing a special "brochure" for presentation to prospective sponsors, and we are hopeful of having our sponsors board filled in the next month or so. If you are in business and would like to help yourself and the club at the same time, please contact one of the committee about the three levels of sponsorship on offer. Other members of the committee are Bill Artingstall, Ian Hutchison, Doug Napier and Dene Rundle.

Uniforms - it is pleasing to note that two of our teams have been sponsored - Mens Sunday Division 5 are wearing brand new outfits per courtesy of the East Victoria Park Pharmacy. The Mens Veterans Division 7 team are being generously outfitted by John Holland Constructions. Our thanks to these companies for their interest and we are sure the members of the teams will represent them and the club with distinction.

Our two State Grade teams are also wearing uniforms supplied through sponsorship, and we will announce shortly the names of the Companies involved.

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