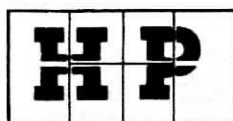


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the Tennis season is in full swing and members have found their respective niches, whether concentrating on pennants or confirmed social players, the club becomes a little fragmented. The various social functions held by the club are a valuable opportunity for club members to catch up with each other as well as meeting and making welcome new members.

Just a reminder that the committee is always interested in members comments and constructive suggestions for improving or upgrading the facilities and operations of the club, so please do not hesitate to approach a committee member with your contribution.

As I will be away over the silly season and will miss the various social events that are planned by our Social Committee, I take this opportunity to wish Club members a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 1990.

Alec Whyte

OPENING DAY

Blustery weather did not deter a large number of members from attending the official opening of the 1989/90 season on Saturday 14th October. President Alec welcomed all members and particularly those who had recently joined. He pointed out the three major improvements that had taken place during the winter, namely the automatic reticulation system and the upgrading of the bar and kitchen to conform with stringent new health requirements. He welcomed the new major sponsors of our club - Anchor Nissan and Budgies South Perth Cellars, and urged members to support these and our other sponsors where possible. He thanked John Miller for his donation of a beautifully framed selection of tennis memorabilia, Kevin Harwood for donating our new flagpole and Barry Bogaards for his assistance in erecting same. Mr Philip Pandal MLC then presented the Australian flag to Hensman's newly appointed Flagmaster Frank Thomas, and in so doing gave a brief history of our flag that has been around for over eighty years now. Frank responded in stirring fashion expressing the hope that as our members observed the flag each club day they would think of their country and of ways they could help make it better. President Alec was delighted to welcome our new patron, Peter Campbell who is looking very much at home in his new role as Mayor of South Perth. New Club Captain Kevin Lampard made some announcements relative to club play after which the large gathering set about devouring the huge afternoon tea.

OMISSIONS

Bill Artingstall is Vice President and Colin Napier is a member of the committee - we apologise for omitting these in the previous issue.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

Saturday 23 December

Xmas show including our very own Father Xmas - this year presents are confined to the children and we ask parents to provide same for their children. Members are asked to bring along a plate of savoury snacks Our major hamper raffle to the value of \$300 will be drawn that night. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Sunday 31 December

New Years Eve Dance with a 50s/60s theme. Music relating to that era will be available. See the New Year in at the Club. A light supper will be served and cost is only \$8.

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VISITORS & PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

With the growth of our club has come the need to introduce new procedures for the nomination and processing of applications for membership. The Membership Committee comprises Alec Whyte, Bill Artingstall, Elsie Carroll and June Rundle and you should consult one of them should you wish to propose a new member.

Nomination forms will no longer be handed direct to applicants - they are available from a member of the membership committee and will only be handed to the proposer. It is important that a proposer knows the person they are nominating, and also that they know the standard of the person's tennis and their ability to fit into a social tennis environment.

People visiting the club and who are unknown to anyone will have their application handled by the membership committee. Any person whose standard is not known may be required to attend an "introductory session" during which the membership committee will verify that the applicant knows the rules of tennis, plays tennis of a standard satisfactory to our club and is a person suitable for admission to the club.

Although our membership numbers are at record levels we are able to offer "restricted membership" at any time, and the new member is able to play at all times except Saturday afternoons. As soon as numbers permit the membership category is transferrred to full membership. This is important as we do not want to turn members away and it has been brought to our attention that a number of people have joined elsewhere as they heard Hensman was "full" !

AWARDS

President Alec Whyte has been in the news with some excellent awards for work done in his chosen profession of architecture *

Emma Chute was joint Champion Girl athlete at Como Primary School *
Rodney Skipworth was named Club Member of the year at our recent A.G.M. *
Karen Rundle and Tim Hammond were named Most Improved Juniors for the 1988/89 season

The logo for Gordonson Cycles features the name 'GORDONSON' in a large, bold, stylized font with horizontal lines through it. Below this, the word 'CYCLES' is written in a bold font, with each letter of 'CYCLES' contained within its own black rectangular box.

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Personal Pars

Arnold Jones has been cutting hay on his small property when he has been able to get a break from his surgery * Roy Field has made a return to Veterans pennants after some years absence. He and Joan have been performing extremely well on the golf course in recent weeks * Lois Ker conducted her own sausage sizzle on the banks of the Swan recently when the Attadale Rotary Club conducted it's annual Swan River Relay. Husband Dick is President of the Attadale club this year and he was delighted with the record entry in this years event and the \$10,000 plus that was raised for needy causes * Dick Pears continues to do well with his 'bridge' and in fact he and his Maylands team recently ended up with \$200 prizemoney from a tournament * Noel Ryan is a musician of some standing, but still finds time for a regular game of tennis * Glen Keifer has joined the club for six months whilst on a computer assignment in Perth - he loves the grass courts, something which is virtually phased out now in his home city of Melbourne * David Artingstall is now flatting close handy to the club * Ian Rundle, complete with beard, was on hand to meet sister Karen and Robyn Hickey when they arrived in London for their seven week tour * Rod and Lee Skipworth had an enjoyable break in Esperance during November * we understand the recent ABC party on Friday night yielded some XYZ results on the Saturday *

SICK LIST

Bob Howman has had an operation on that troublesome leg of his and at the time of going to press was making good progress - our best wishes to our Treasurer extraordinaire for a speedy return to the Club.

Noreen Ince has been in a nearby Hospital receiving treatment for recurring neck problems.

Alex Neel is an orthopaedic surgeon and broke his ankle during a recent shield match.

VALE KEN PITCHER

Ken's sudden and tragic death recently shocked his many friends at Hensman. Though not a regular participant in more recent years, he enjoyed a distinguished membership with the club spanning a period of 40 years. Ken joined while still a student at Perth Modern School and quickly made his mark as a junior competitor, narrowly missing Linton Cup selection in 1952. At that time he and his regular partner, Basil Stone, held the State No 2 ranking for the Junior Doubles.

After completing his teacher training he spent a short period in the country before returning to his parent's Anstey St home and resuming his tennis career at Hensman Park. During the next 25 years or so Ken established himself as a highly competitive and effective pennant player at Men's A Reserve and, later, Veterans level. In 1977 he was a member of the victorious 1st Division Veteran team. His playing successes also extended to the club championships arena; he won the Mens singles in 1967, the Mens doubles in 1966 and 1967 and the Mixed Doubles in 1971.

Apart from his tennis ability, Ken was also well renowned for his loyal and enthusiastic support for the Hensman Park Tennis Club and served for a time as Club Secretary. Above all he was a generous, friendly, likeable person who won the respect and affection of his fellow members. He will be sadly missed.

COUNTRY VISITS

The Katanning Round Robin was again well supported by Hensman, and Frank Thomas & Clem Overheu were pipped on the post in their division. Graeme Rundle had to settle for one of the older brigade as a partner, however he did catch the eye of the Katanning photographer and was featured on the back page of the Great Southern Herald.

Wickepin also conducted a Round Robin and it was good to see Brad Ker and Steve Wilson win a division as did Randy Raux and Frank Thomas. Ross Totterdell, Norm Burkett and Garry Napier also participated but not with the same success - they did however succeed in having a thoroughly enjoyable and social day!

Wickepin were hosts to a group on Sunday the 10th and as expected a thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all. The contingent travelled by air conditioned bus and were feted by the very hospitable members of Wickepin.

KNOW YOUR LIFE MEMBERS

Noreen and John Ince have a long association with Hensman and both have given lots of service over the years so it is not surprising that they were both honoured with life membership.

Noreen joined in 1946/7 and enticed John along in 1952 - they were both working for the Vacuum Oil Co. They married in 1956 and have two children, Geoff and Jan.

Noreen, who was born in South Perth, has played plenty of pennants for the club - she was runner-up in 1964 for the ladies singles and doubles. She has been Treasurer and on both the general committee and the committee that was responsible for building our present clubhouse. In the 60s tennis was in the doldrums at Hensman and most other clubs, and Noreen & John were both actively involved in running Spring and City of Perth tournaments at the Club - John in the match box and Noreen generally in the kitchen.

John was born in Boulder and was School captain of Eastern Goldfields High School before moving to the city to study at UWA. He captained the WA Amateur Football team in the 1956 Hobart carnival, and played pennant squash for many years. His work has been mainly in the personnel and industrial relations field with the W.A. Employers Federation, P.A. Management Consultants and Chamberlains before his retirement two years ago. John has been runner up in the singles on four occasions but has won the Club doubles a total of four times - these days he is one of our keenest members of the Veterans team. John has held most positions in the club including President, Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Bar Manager and recently Publicity Officer

Hensman occupies a special place in the lives of John and Noreen and they recall not only the old hedge that surrounded the courts but the strength of the nucleus of dedicated members of the club who helped to carry it through the lean times into what is now a boom period for the club. They are as proud to be a part of Hensman as we are to have them as Life members.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against, not with, the wind.
—John Neal

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The season is getting properly grooved in now and just two reminders to help the smooth running of the club

- * grass courts are only available for play on Wed & Thursdays during the week
- * envelopes are provided in the Visitors Box and we ask that you honor our 'honor system' and pay the \$5 seniors or \$2 junior fee should you invite a visitor to the club during the week. Members overlooking this can expect to hear from the committee.

Congratulations to our State Grade teams on some really outstanding performances. A large number of members have been enjoying the home matches and we wish both the Budgies State Grade Mens and the Anchor Nissan State Grade Ladies the best for reaching the finals in February. Narelle Kimpton starred recently with a win over Robyn Lamb and she is now in the Eastern States representing W.A. in the Wilson Cup. Len Cannell is doing well in State Grade and is representing W.A. in the Linton Cup - congratulations to both of our state representatives.

Kerryl Chute and Andrea Mitchell will again be managing two of the state underage teams in January when they compete in the national championships.

A number of our other Shield match teams are doing well and are poised to finish the balance of the season somewhere in the four of their respective divisions.

DAVIS CUP - 2/3/4 FEB 1990

This promises to be one of the exciting events of the new year and we urge you to get in now with your ticket applications. The prices are very reasonable, and this could be one of the last Davis Cup ties played on grass. The picturesque setting at Kings Park will make it an event you will long remember. Arrange now to have a days leave on Friday 2nd February and be there to cheer Neale Fraser and his boys on in the battle with Noah, Leconte and Forget. Andrea Mitchell and Dene Rundle are on the Organising Committee and seek your support to make this a sellout event. There are less than 4000 seats so don't delay.

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PROVISIONAL JUNIORS

The Club is up and running again under the watchful eyes of Paul and Barb Whitely. They would like assistance from members in the running of the junior club on Sunday mornings and we invite you to contact them if you are able to do so - it will be a very rewarding experience to guide our youngsters into a sport that will last them a lifetime.

Rodney Skipworth is continuing to do a great job with our Friday afternoon juniors and the junior pennant teams. Several of our under tens are giving an excellent account of themselves in the 14 and under pennants..

FROM THE COACH

Club Coach Keith Begley has changed his trading name to "Tennis Success" and is doing lots of restringing work and selling of new equipment from his headquarters at the club. Tino Vissers is complementing Keith again and he has had Mark Leuba join the coaching team. Mark is one of the leading state ranked players at the moment and is a valuable addition to the team. Steve Woolland from Coventry, England is with Keith for the summer under a special 7 month sponsored work visa. Make yourself known to Steve and let's make his stay here something special for him.

Keith has a great programme lined up in January with a series of four day options to suit whatever stage you are with in your tennis. Prices range from \$32 upwards and we suggest you obtain a copy of Keith's excellent brochure which provides full details. Incidentally Keith has some interesting gift ideas in his shop which may solve some of your Xmas buying worries !

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ENGAGED

Jane Diver to Tim York - and planning to live at Tammin after their marriage in February.

Peter Overheu to Maree Casey.

Popular club coach Keith Begley has announced his engagement to Andrea Chamberlain and they have set March 18 as their wedding day.

GETTING MARRIED

Sue Reilly has chosen the garden setting at the zoo for her wedding in the new year. She will be settling in U.S.A. after that.

Peter Rundle and Andrea Hickey have chosen 13th January for their wedding day. Andrea's sisters Judy and Robyn are scheduled to arrive back from London in time for the big event.

DONATIONS

Our thanks to Kevin Harwood for donating the magnificent new flag pole at the club, and also to Barry Bogaards who helped erect it. John Miller has donated a Kitchen Whiz which we understand is of great help to our social committee for their functions.

In addition numerous members of our club continue to donate their time for the betterment of the club, and to these members we express our thanks. If you appreciate the efforts of your fellow club members why not tell them so when next you see them - it brings to mind a little poser that I saw recently in a magazine. It asked the question "If someone were to pay you ten cents for every kind word you ever spoke and collect five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor ?

VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are to be held in Wellington, New Zealand in January and Hensman will be represented by Alan Morcombe, Ethel Priestley, Gwyn Thomas and Mary Andrews. Ethel Priestly and Mary Andrews performed well in the recent Adelaide Veterans Carnival, winning several medals between them.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Chris and John Kagis on the arrival of their daughter - also to grandparents Marlene and Alan Morcombe... we understand Alan celebrated in the usual fashion with a violet crumble breakfast ! * Kerry Horn has given birth to a baby daughter.

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