

THE HENSMAN HERALD

DECEMBER 1998

DATES TO REMEMBER

27th December

Champagne Breakfast

Your Board of Management will be managing the kitchen and the captain's office to cook up bacon and eggs etc. The champagne breakfast starts 8.30-9.00am with tennis to follow. Breakfast and tennis \$10.00.

17th January

Mixed Doubles Classic Day

Find your entry form on page 7 of this issue of the Herald. An afternoon of fun competitive mixed doubles with afternoon tea. \$10.00.

6th February

Food and Fashion Night

Tennis wear and lingerie will be paraded after dinner. After the parade enjoy desserts, coffee and chocolates. \$15.00. Dinner served 7.30-7.45pm. Note catwalk side boxes can be arranged at special corporate rates. Apply early!!!

13/14th March

Tennis League Finals

20/21st March

State League Finals

31st March

Mid-week Finals

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Margaret Napier

By the time this Herald is printed it will only be a few days to Christmas. We will be half way through the Tennis League season and at the time of writing most of the teams have been performing well.

The upgrading of lighting on the hard courts has been completed at a cost of approx \$15000 of which the Club paid \$5000. This project was only possible because of financial support through grants from the South Perth City Council and the Dept of Sport & Recreation who each contributed \$5000 towards the costs.

In October the Governor and his tennis team visited Hensman and we won the day by a few games. The trophy was on display at the club for two weekends before the next Governor's match was played against Blue Gum Park.

In November members of the Veterans' Association visited Hensman and another close competition was won by 2 games by the Vets. Thanks to **Doug Napier** who organised the tennis and **Pam Gardiner** for the food.

I am pleased to report that **Dene Rundle** and **Ian Hutchison** have volunteered to contact sponsors and update the Sponsors Board and court signage. If you have any ideas of who could be approached for sponsorship of the club, please speak to either of these members or myself.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to **Lynnette Gardiner** for putting together two editions of the Hensman Herald for us this year. Lyn advises that she is unable to continue next year so we are looking for someone to assist with inputting and production. This can be done on the computer at the club or at your home, and there are only four editions a year. We are also considering changing the format so if you have some ideas and would like to help, I'd love to hear from you.

It is disappointing that numbers are down at social tennis - both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. It's hard to pinpoint the reason for this - Is it the computer sets - the changeable/not very nice weather - injuries to players - change of circumstances of members ??? Hopefully numbers will pick up again as we move into 1999.

Many people have enjoyed **Lionel Alexander's** sausages and satay sticks after tennis and many thanks to him for the preparation, cooking and cleaning up.

We have vacancies for new members so do your bit for the Club and encourage anyone you know who plays tennis to come and visit us. If they are made to feel welcome then hopefully they will enjoy the experience and want to join the Club.

I wish to thank the Board members and all those who pitch in to help with activities and grounds. There's always something to be done and I really appreciate the little things that are done behind the scenes.

Thanks to **Ross Totterdell** and his crew for installing the shade cloth on the pergolas between the courts. This provides welcome relief from the sun.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a Happy and Holy Christmas and good health and lots of tennis in 1999.

HARDCOURTS TO BE LOCKED

Ken McIntosh

After discussions with Tennis Success the Board of Management has agreed to a two month trial period for the Hard Courts to be locked whenever either the Tennis Success shop or Club Office are not open. This is to prevent unauthorised use of the courts by non members not paying court hire and to prevent vandalism to the courts. The Tennis Success shop has been broken into twice during recent months and several instances of rubbish being spread over the courts have occurred. Other tennis courts in the vicinity are also now being locked for similar reasons.

A system will be devised so that members wishing to use the hardcourts will not be disadvantaged. A combination lock will be installed on one gate and all members will be advised of the combination. Non members will need to obtain a key from a nearby Deli and pay the hire fee and key deposit.

Exact details will be displayed on interior club notice boards in the next few weeks. Any queries see **Ken McIntosh** or **Tennis Success**.

CRECHE

The creche has been suspended until further notice following a lack of interest. If any members do wish to use the creche facilities please let **Margaret Napier** know.

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SUMMER TENNIS LEAGUE

by James Williams

All the Tennis League teams have had a good start to the League Season with all the teams except one are in the top 4. Eight of our teams are in either 1st or 2nd place after the 1st half of the season.

I encourage all the League players to keep in practice. The best form of practice when there is no competitive tennis going on is Club social play on Saturday and Sunday afternoons providing the majority of the League players turn up. Most of the League matches are won when the doubles matches have been completed and the best practice for any matches is match practice and Club social tennis gives the perfect practice for doubles.

KNOW YOUR CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

by Dene Rundle

John Bamfield is a relatively new member at Hensman (just over two years) but has settled in well and is looking after the secretarial duties at the Club.

John was born at Hamilton in Victoria (home of Malcolm Fraser and Reg Ansett) and a remnant of his origins is evident in his continued support of the Richmond Tigers in the AFL. Most of John's education was obtained in Sydney where he obtained his accounting qualifications, and his working life has been largely with the Tax Office.

Eleven very enjoyable years were spent in Port Moresby, where apart from his work John was able to enjoy tennis and in fact was club champion for three years at his club. It was there that John met Jessie Lim, who was in Port Moresby on a working assignment, and they decided to shift to Perth, where Jessie had previously settled into Anstey Street.

John's hobbies include chess and bridge, and his travels include a twelve month tour of Europe in his earlier days with a group of mates.

We commend John on joining the Board of Management at the Club and wish him and Jessie many happy years at Hensman.

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MID-WEEK TENNIS

by Margaret Napier

Betty Hutchinson continues to organise the Mid-week social tennis which also includes some of the men. In the Tennis West Mid-Week League the GC58 team have had more wins than losses and unfortunately **Jean Haley** injured her back during a match and will be out for several weeks. The GC45 team have only chalked up 1 win but have had close matches and good tennis and plan to win those close ones next year. Thank you to **John Ince** who brings **Margaret and Bob Howman** to visit the club occasionally when they are well enough.

The women shared a Christmas lunch at the Club on December 16 but the men chose to have their celebration at Valentine's on December 2.

STATE LEAGUE

by Margaret Napier

The boys look good in their smart uniforms thanks to sponsorship from **ROSIE O'GRADY'S, SOUTH PERTH**. There is a new recruit this year namely **Daniel Stuk** who is visiting from England and is holding down the No 2 spot. After good results in the Club Championship when he was runner-up in the singles, **Ryan Offer** has been promoted to the No 3 position and has won 3 of his 5 singles matches. The other members of the team are **Ashley Burton (1), Mark Tory (4), Colin Napier (5) Greg Quinn (6) Phil Searle (Res)**. Though the team has only had 1 win, they have had one uncompleted match when it was 4 rubbers all, and have lost two matches 5 rubbers to 4. They are looking towards more positive results in the second round.



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JUNIORS

by Ken McIntosh

Hensman has 6 teams competing in Junior Tennis League this summer. With 3 teams playing at home each weekend there is always some good tennis to watch, especially when the Girls State League Team of Bojana Bobusic, Jana Cabak, Michelle Grogan and Katie Walker are in action. The Boys 12 & Under team has also been playing well and are undefeated at present.

Current results are as follows:

Boys 16 division 5	1.5 wins from 5 matches
Boys 14 division 5	2.5 wins from 5 matches
Boys 12 division 4	5 wins from 5 matches
Girls State League	1 win from 5 matches
Girls 16 division 2	2 wins from 5 matches
Girls 12 division 1	3 wins from 4 matches



All players not playing in Junior Tennis League matches on Sunday morning are asked to join in Social Tennis from 9.30 to 11.30am each Sunday morning from 31st January 1999. State League Players will be helping out from this date with coaching tips and will make it enjoyable for everyone.

A sausage sizzle will be held in early February after "a" Friday night Tennis League training session. Keep your eye on the notice boards for details.

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Players are to enter as a mixed doubles team. You can enter singularly and we will attempt to match you with a partner. Entries are not restricted to Club members.

Couples will be placed in groups of 6 and will play a round robin with a minimum of five (5) rounds. Games will be short deuce and run to a time limit with the last round finishing at about 5.30pm. The Bar will open at about 4.30 pm. Presentation of prizes will take place at approx 6.00pm.

Stay on and enjoy hospitality at the bar afterwards with all new and old friends. Please complete and submit your entry NOW as only the first 60 couples entered will be accepted.

Entry Fees: To play & afternoon tea \$10 each

ENTRIES CLOSE 5.00PM SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 1999

Entries with money must be lodged at the Club Captains' Room or mailed to Ken McIntosh, 7 Oberthur Cres, Bullcreek, 6149 (9332 1836 HM, 9316 5254 WK, 9316 5167 FAX)

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Entry No: _____ Ranking _____ Group _____

GROUNDS AND HALL

by Arnold Jones

We have had to close the middle bay of the grass courts to enable renovation and levelling of the surface to occur. I am certain you are all well aware of how uneven the bounce was and drastic steps had to be taken. This has been due to a combination of extensive spread of Spring Dead Spot, thatching and insufficient time before Opening Day to do the present top dressing.

Hopefully, when the number of players are at their lowest in December and January and with no Pennant demands we can also renovate courts 6,7 & 8 so that we can all enjoy good grass courts again!!!

I fell that our new groundsman Fred Maartensz of Turf Care WA has a good grasp of the requirements of our Winter Green grass but he feels we will need to look at our policy of continuous play during the winter months. It does not allow enough time for adequate court preparation before Opening Day.

Winter Green grass has two major problems - it thatches up and becomes water resistant very quickly and it is very susceptible to Spring Dead Spot. We need to look at strategies to overcome these problems otherwise we will always have inferior courts or need to plant a different disease resistant grass.

My best wishes to you all for Christmas and hopefully we will have much better courts for you to play on in 1999!!

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following recent new senior members:

Peggy Stecker
Ian Lord
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Beaumonde Homes specialise in two storey homes and have display homes in the suburbs of Mindarie, Iluka and Canning Vale. The name Beaumonde is French and is defined as being "exclusively and exquisitely designed" - we are sure when you visit their display homes, you will agree that they have chosen a fitting name.

The business office is located in Hasler Road, Osborne Park and Edward Jennings would be pleased to look after your enquiry if you are considering building a new home.

CLUB TRIVIA

Recently one of our League teams had two members one of whom was five times the age of the other!



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SOCIAL PLAY

There has been mixed feedback regarding *Computer Sets* on Saturdays with some people happy with the mix of sets they get, but others feeling that they fare better with a human. This seems to come down to the fact that a number of 'good' players prefer to play with those of equal ability and a further number of members don't like mixed sets.

Consequently, the parameters on the computer program will be modified for a while to only do **mixed sets for the last round(s)** of the afternoon and to **limit the ability range** when selecting matches. Additionally, certain Saturdays during January and February will be done **manually**. Results will then be compared to decide which approach to continue with for the future.

In the meantime, please take your turn on *Sets Roster*. Usually, the people doing the sets would much prefer to play tennis instead, so give them a fair go.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Jan 2/3	John Bamfield	Ken Smith
9/10	Clem Overheu	Norm Burkett
16/17	Barry/Jan Bogaards (Manual)	Geoff Groves
23/24	Mark Snelling	Competition Day
30/31	Arnold Jones	Joan O'Boyle
Feb 6/7	Rob Tuffin	Margaret Napier
13/14	Lynnette Gardiner/Clem Overheu (Manual)	Ken Smith
20/21	Stan Voloczi	Shirley Davies
27/28	John Bamfield	Elsie Carroll
Mar 6/7	Marlene Howes	Kevin Fitzgerald
13/14	Shirley Davies/Lorna Zaumayer (Manual)	Charles Brookes
20/21	Doug Webster	Ken Smith
27/28	Clem Overheu	Jan Bogaards

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS?

Compiled by Cec Gardiner.

Last issues answers are: Member A (the tuba playing Indonesian) - Bart de Ruwe, Member B (movie star and footy brawler)- Norm Burkett, Member C (basketballer and pianist)- Janelle McGann, Member D (the cricket playing hurdler)- Ken McIntosh, Member E (the snail eater born in Ceylon)- Sharon Lampard, Member F (the tennis & golf administrator from Kalgoorlie who met hubby at a political meeting) - June Rundle.

A number of people claim that the members described in the last Herald were too difficult to identify. This selection should be easier and as an extra incentive the first person to correctly identify all those described below, and tell Cec Gardiner, will be able to claim a free drink up to the value of \$1.50.

Member 1

Was one of seven children who used to wash bottles in her father's cool drink factory. At the age of 8 she was involved in a serious accident and the resulting injuries caused her to miss 7 months of schooling. Later in life she worked as a window dresser, joined the CMF nursing core and was crowned Queen of Sports on Coronation Day. (To see this member move around a tennis court she looks more like a Queen of Sports than a person who had to relearn walking after an accident-Ed)

Member 3

Was born in Perth during WW2. This member had a great love for all sports and this greatly influenced the choice of career. (PE teacher) Hockey became a life long interest, both as a player and administrator. Member 3 well remembers meeting many of the royal family (the Queen, Prince Charles, Princesses Margaret and Anne) when occupying the position of Royal Visits Organiser for the Education Dept.

Member 2

Was born in Boulder, attended Eastern Goldfields High School before moving to Perth to attend UWA. He played in the same football team as Billy Snedden and the same drinking team as Bob Hawke. Later he played for WA against Vic, SA and Tas in a footy carnival in Hobart. (Yes, some people say he talks a little like a politician, but, it is hard to believe those thin legs used to kick 60m torpedo punts-Ed.)

Member 4

Member 4 who was born in Corrigin, was the second shortest in his High School class, but was the school's No. 2 tennis player. As a youngster he was nearly killed in the Meckering earthquake. His grandfather was able to rescue him after the house had moved 60cm from its original position. He won a pennant shield in 1993/4 and has been a joint winner of the Club Drunk award. He will be married just 2 months after his sister.

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COMINGS & GOINGS

Jean & Keith Haley have recently celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary***A belated congratulations to **Glynis & Mark Barber** on the birth of their daughter ***Another new arrival is McLean son to **Robin Wilson*****Congratulations to **Natasha Brinsden & Geoff Ivanac** who will be married in April*****Scott Wilson** will be celebrating his 1st wedding anniversary this January (the Hensman Hound missed the news of the wedding last year)*****Debbie & Colin Napier** have finally moved into their new house*****Mike Howes** has recently received a commendation from Edith Cowan University*** The Club will be well represented at the Aust. Vets Carnival in ALBURY WODONGA in Jan by **Pam & Cec Gardiner, Doug & Margaret Napier, Arnold Jones, John Spencer, Pam Smith, Henry Michael, Pauline McCarthy, Max & Pat Heitman*******Jack McNeilage** has been visiting his family in South Africa while **Joan O'Boyle** spent a month on the Gold Coast recovering from knee surgery*** **Norm Burkett & Randy Raux** to Phuket, **John & Jan Spencer** cruised off Singapore*****Jim & Josephine Syme** have been entertaining relatives from Britain*****James Williams** recently passed his Umpires Assoc exam.

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