

Hensman Newsletter: September 2004

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Opening Day October 9, 2004 (weather permitting)

It's time to find the racquet, put on your tennis shoes and head to the courts. The summer season is starting. Organised social tennis to start at 1.30 pm. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. Stay for Wine and Cheese.

Junior Opening - Friday October 15

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2004/2005 Summer Season. It will be great to shake off the cobwebs and get down amongst friends again at the club this year.

The winter period has been a very busy one this year with a lot of forward planning necessitating many hours of work in an effort to "get it right" for the benefit of all members, including prospective new members. The world is a changing place and many of our old and loved habits are also changing with it. It is hard to accept this but I believe we must make every effort to keep up with these changing trends to ensure the survival of Hensman Park Tennis Club for future members as well as retaining some of what we now enjoy.

I am sure most of you are aware of the Board's decision to apply for a CSRFF Grant to allow the conversion of three of our grass courts (6, 7 and 8) into hard courts and, after the resolutions passed at the Special General Meeting held 24 August 2004, an application has been lodged at the City of South Perth. There is no guarantee we will be successful on our first application, but if we are, work would commence on this project in August/September 2005 (weather permitting). Once completed we will boast 8 hard courts under lights and 9 grass courts.

At this point I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Julie Strack for her hours of work ensuring our application was presented in a professional format to give us the best possible chance of success. Thanks, Julie.

This year we saw some new Board members elected and I wish to take this opportunity to welcome them – Graham Walker (Administration), Trish Haffenden (Juniors), Kerryl Chute (Ladies Captain), Carolyn Burton (Membership) and Bob Mitchell (Grounds – assisting Doug Napier) – as well as expressing my continuing thanks to "old" Board members – Julie Strack (Finance), Colin Napier (Mens Captain), Shirley Davies (Social

Tennis), Jenny Coad (Social), Ian Hutchison (Sponsorship) and Doug Napier (Grounds & Hall).

To retiring Board members Rob Tuffin (Administration), Ken McIntosh (Juniors), Jade Flindell (Ladies Captain) and David Hassett (Membership) I extend many thanks on behalf of all members for your great contribution and support over the years.

There are many volunteers at the club who just do things that need to be done and their contribution is invaluable and often goes unnoticed. As usual, we are eternally grateful to Jim & Josephine Syme, Kris Prerad, John Spencer and others who just "pick up the slack" when they notice the need and are always willing to assist when asked.

Finally, I look forward to catching up with everyone on opening day, 9 October 2004. See you there!

Joan Bonser

COURTS

It has been a few years since the courts were top-dressed.

Last season Spring Dead Spot, which plagues us, combined with other factors to create unevenness in the court surface. A light top dress before the start of the 2004/05 Season was decided upon to improve the playing characteristics. The downside to this is the need to close the grass courts for a longer period but, with good weather conditions, they should be right for the season's beginning.

We endeavour to keep the courts out of play for as short a period as possible but proper renovation before the start of a season is necessary.

Doug Napier

JUNIOR OPENING DAY

This will be held from **4.30 pm on Friday October 15**. There will be a radar for you to measure your serve and a Sausage sizzle!!!

For catering purposes it would be appreciated if you could contact either Trish Haffenden (9368 0078 – email trish.haff@bigpond.com) or Mark Leuba (0418 861 929) by October 12.

Winter Pennant presentations will take place on the Senior Opening day (October 9) for those who are able to attend.

Teams for Summer Pennants have been finalised and details will be announced on Opening Day. A Captains Meeting will be organised before the start of the season and Captains will be notified by Trish.

LADIES CAPTAIN (Kerryl Chute)

We have increased the participation of ladies in the summer pennant competition this year and will be entering teams in:

Ladies State League
Division 1, 2 and 3

Two of the teams (State League and Division 3) will be entered to play on the hard courts. This is due to some new members and also some junior girls moving up to play in the ladies competition. We wish them well.

It is great to see so many young players participating in this competition as I believe it is a great entry into senior tennis at both pennant and social levels as it exposes the younger players to aspects of tennis they do not experience in the junior competitions.

NIGHT LEAGUE, WEDNESDAY PENNANTS (Trish Haffenden)

This year we are entering 5 teams in the Ladies Thursday Night competition. This indicates the current trend towards night tennis and it is great to see us so well represented. Unfortunately, this year we will have to hire courts to allow all of these teams to participate.

There are 3 teams entered in the Wednesday Ladies competition this season. Once again we are well represented.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

A reminder that if you pay your membership subscription by Opening Day you will go into a draw (to be made on Opening Day) for a free membership for 2004/2005 (i.e. your paid subscription will be refunded).

MENS STATE LEAGUE (Colin Napier)

So far we have only lodged applications for our State League and Division 1 teams.

The squad comprises

Cameron Fenner
Miles Armstrong
Ashley Burton
Mark Leuba
Danijel Prerad
Ryan Offer
Mark Tory
Craig Sephton
Brydan Klein
Tom Moore
Danny Usher

COURT ACCESS

So there is no confusion as to what times the coach and members are allowed to use both the grass and synthetic courts a schedule has been compiled. These times are now on display at the club. Could members please help to avoid any problems by adhering to the times listed. Many thanks.

CLUB COACH

Don't forget for all your coaching and racquet restring requirements

Contact

Mark 0418 861 929 or Jason Weir 0439 901 086 for information regarding:

Night and Day Court Hire
Coaching for Adults and Seniors
Social Tennis Evenings
Racquet Restringing
Ladies Mornings
Equipment Hire and Pro Shop

Ladies Morning

Mondays & Fridays; 9-10:30am. Half an hour of coaching then organised social play. \$15.00 pp

Social Tennis Evenings

Organised social tennis Monday-Friday 7-8:30pm. \$15.00 per person

Night Competitions

Contact Mark Leuba depending on numbers

Mon-Fri. 7-9pm @ \$15.00 per person per night

EMAIL

To help defray costs for the club we are endeavouring to communicate as much as possible by email. If you did not receive this newsletter by email but have an email address it would be appreciated if you could advise us of your details. (hptc@bigpond.net.au)