



# HENSMAN HERALD

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the busy tennis season draws to a close we look forward to helping those club members who were successful in the Club Tournament and Tennis West Pennant Competition celebrate at the Club Annual Dinner.

The Mazda City Men's State League Team deserves the club's heartiest congratulations on their success in taking the State League Flag, as does Siobhan Drake Brockman on her success in the Australian Under 14 Tournament at Port Pirie and her ranking of Number Two in Australia.

Thanks to those club members who attended the General Meeting and took an active interest in the future of the club. As a result of that meeting the reconstruction of the bay of four grass courts will commence shortly. The resurfacing of the five synthetic courts is programmed to be carried out when we have the bays of five and three grass courts in full action, and in sufficient time to ensure that they will be ready prior to opening day next season. We will be endeavouring to have the bay of four grass courts in action before Christmas.

To all those members heading for winter hibernation I hope to see you out on the courts at the commencement of the new season. To those hardy souls who will be playing tennis throughout the winter months I hope the weather is kind to you.

*Alec Whyte*

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the winners of the various events at the recently completed club tournament. Results were as follows:

Mens Champ Singles: M Hlawaty d K Begley 6.4, 7.5

Ladies Champ Singles: Siobhan D-Brockman d  
Marnie D-Brockman 6.1, 6.3

MCDoubles: M Hlawaty, K Begley

LCDoubles: Siobhan & Marnie Drake-Brockman

Mixed Doubles: M Hlawaty, M Drake-Brockman

Feed-in Mens: Anthony Hall

Feed-in Ladies: Miriam Morgan-Hobbs

Junior Boys: Tim Hammond

M Handicap Doubles: C Pearce, M Patterson

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M Handicap Singles: D Artingstall

L Handicap Singles: I Green

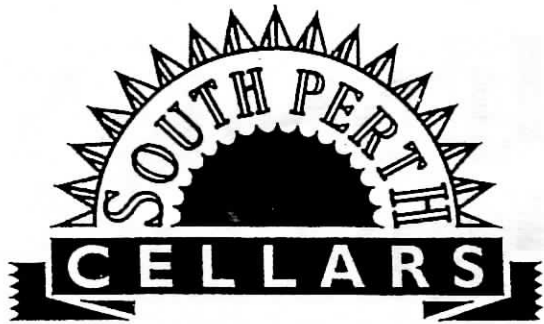
Ladies O/40 Doubles: J Campbell, K Chute

Mens O/40 Doubles: A D'Orsogna, D Napier

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### HIT UP WALL

South Perth Mayor and former President of Hensman, Peter Campbell, officially opened the new Groundsman's and Storage shed, together with the adjoining hit up wall on Sunday 26 April. Peter compared the attractive new building with its weatherboard predecessor and said the old wooden bumping board was a very noisy affair which did not impress the neighbours.

He commended the club on the new facilities which have enhanced the appearance of this area of the club and the hit up wall has been in regular use since its completion. It is particularly pleasing to see the number of juniors who are making use of this facility.

### PROVISIONAL JUNIORS

The PJs had their final day for the season on April 12, and winners of trophies for the year were as follows:

Paul Whitely Award:	Nathan Thomson
Most Improved Girl:	Heidi Thomson
Runner Up:	Kendal Hammond
Most Improved Boy:	Saul Brockwell
Runner Up:	Graeme Parnham

The trophies were kindly donated by Kevin Fitzgerald.

The number of juniors attending the club have increased by 10-20% throughout the year, and our thanks go to Junior Chairperson Colin Napier, Barb Whitely and others who have assisted throughout the season.

### CANVASS FINE ART MIXED CLASSIC

What a great day this turned out to be again this year. A full complement of 128 players took part (entries were slow coming in at the start, but in the end several missed out...don't let this happen to you next year!) The weather was great and under the stewardship of Vice President Garry Napier, the afternoon's tennis programme ran like a well oiled machine.

The presentations were highlighted by the light-hearted banter from our host, Charlie Picchetti who as expected found all the women could not resist his offer of a light peck when collecting their hard won trophies. The trophies were again excellent featuring art prints and many items of pottery from the wide range available at Charles studio in Albany Highway, Norria Park.

There were also many winners for non-tennis achievements, and fittingly Charles presented Garry (who recently obtained his pilot's licence) with a beautiful print of a single engined plane.

The dinner featured a tender beef on the spit and this topped off a wonderful social day for all present - Charles has indicated his willingness to sponsor this event again next year, and those who took part this year can hardly wait.

Australian earthworms can grow  
up to 3 metres long.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL QUIZ NIGHT

The hall was packed again for the annual club quiz night and what an array of prizes were in store for those present! Quizmaster Frank Thomas sacrificed taking wife Gwyn out for a candlelit dinner to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary, choosing instead to fire his usual list of brain racking questions to the budding Einsteins.

The Social committee under the guiding hand of Chairman Norm Burkett did a fine job in setting up the hall and arranging the prizes and the supper. Special thanks to Auriol Heary, Randy Raux and the Thomas's for making the evening so successful.

Martin Bender and his cohorts were the successful team (two years in a row) with some spirited opposition from a wily table of Vets. There were very few who went home empty handed, and if you didn't win anything you could buy some beautiful Arnold Jones apples for a bargain price on the way out.

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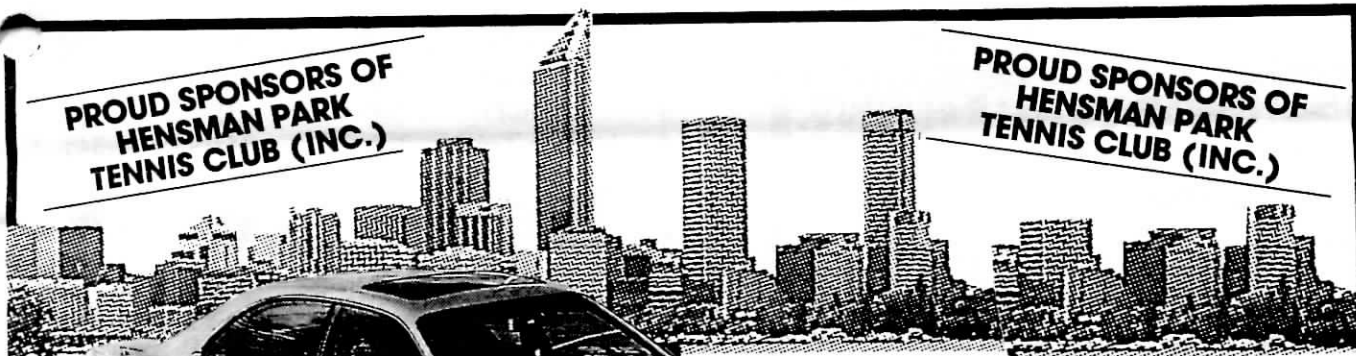
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## COMING EVENT

**Wind -up Dinner:**  
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## ANOTHER SHIELD TO HENSMAN

Ken McIntosh's Sunday Div 11 side won their shield, which was a fitting result considering its unbeaten record during the qualifying matches. Ken's team mates were John Shea, Steven Ker, James Williams, Lloyd D'Orsogna and Brendan McGann.

Of the other 12 teams which made the final four in their respective divisions, only 3 progressed to the final. They were Mens Saturday Division 3, Ladies Saturday Division 2 and Boys 14 years and under Division 1. There were however some very narrow and disappointing losses in the semi-finals. One of the several teams to go down by the margin of a few games was Dene Rundle's Mens Veterans Div 2 team which had finished a clear leader at the end of the home and away fixtures.

## ANNUAL REPORT

This year an annual report will be collated, comprising the financial statements and reports from each of the Chair-persons covering their areas of responsibility. This form of report is now adopted by many clubs and organizations, and provides a concise record of the years activities both for current members and for club archives.

## GROUNDS & HALL REPORT

"Grass Court Availability" signs have now been erected, and set out clearly the position.

The second spraying application "spring dead spot" on the winter green courts was carried out recently.

Two of the 1991 winter shields have gone missing and anyone who can assist should contact Lyndon.

Marg Howman has conducted the cleaning of the hall for many years now and will be finishing up at the end of April. Our thanks to her and to Bob for a job well done.

## MEMBERSHIP

Numbers	1990	1991	1992
Seniors	326	323	328
Juniors	27	19	15
Sub Total	353	342	343
Non Playing	33	50	44
Total	386	392	387

## NEW MEMBERS:

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members:- Diane Ray, Aaron Simpson, Kim & Jeanne Jensen, Heidi Henschen, Nancy Sleader, Kate Leaversuch, Narelle Hill, David Hood, Julie Akers and Peter Elliott.

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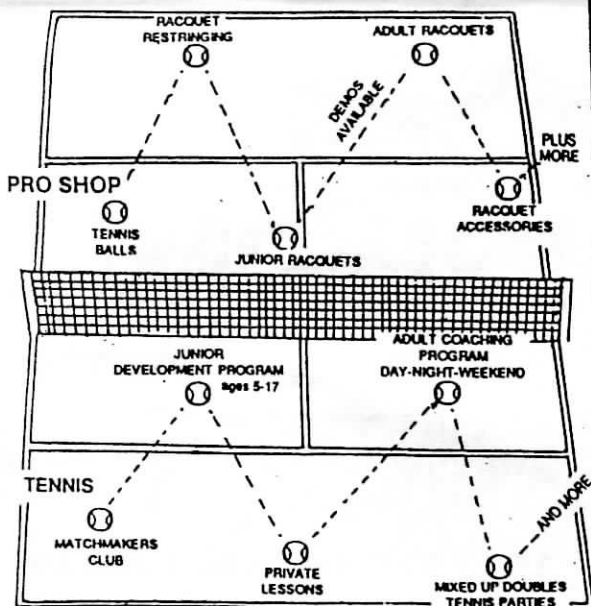
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## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS !

At least that is the way the chorus went on Saturday night March 14, after our Mazda City Men's State League team celebrated a magnificent win in the inaugural Tennis West competition. The match was played at Kings Park before a big crowd of club - and opposition - supporters and produced some outstanding tennis against the strong Alexander Park team.

There were plenty of tense moments throughout the afternoon before victory was finally achieved. There were many memorable performances and perhaps the most memorable was Ashley Burton's sensational win against the more highly rated Roger Grant, fighting back from being one set and a service break down in the second.

Mark Hlawaty, complete with purple hair and HPTC logo, lost the first set against Glen Eaton, the Queenslander who had been recruited by Alexander Park this year, however he slowly but surely gained the upper hand and won the next two very hard fought sets. Peter Gerrans was in excellent form as was Keith Begley and both had comfortable wins.

Colin Napier tried his heart out but was unable to counter the experience of John Thorpe, whilst Barry Tognolini came up against an in form Greg Quinn who had a real day out.

We led 4 rubbers to two after the singles and needed to win just one of the doubles. The large crowd of spectators (including Howard Bessant and David Lauder from Mazda City) were starting to turn cross-eyed as they tried to keep track of the three doubles matches. There were some superb rallies in each match, and when Keith Begley and Ashley Burton won their match to give us the vital fifth rubber, the other two matches were called off.

President Alan Hicks from Tennis West made the presentation on King's Park centre court to our team and captain Colin Napier responded suitably on their behalf.

Then it was back to Hensman for some real celebrations!! The bell at the bar was working overtime and a great evening was had by all - it was truly one of Hensman's finest hours and full congratulations go to each team member, and not forgetting our generous sponsors Mazda City who made it possible for us to field this high standard team.



Keith Begley at full stretch during the semi final at Hensman



All smiles after winning the State League final from left: Keith Begley, Barry Tognolini, Peter Gerrans, Colin Napier, Ashley Burton and Mark Hlawaty

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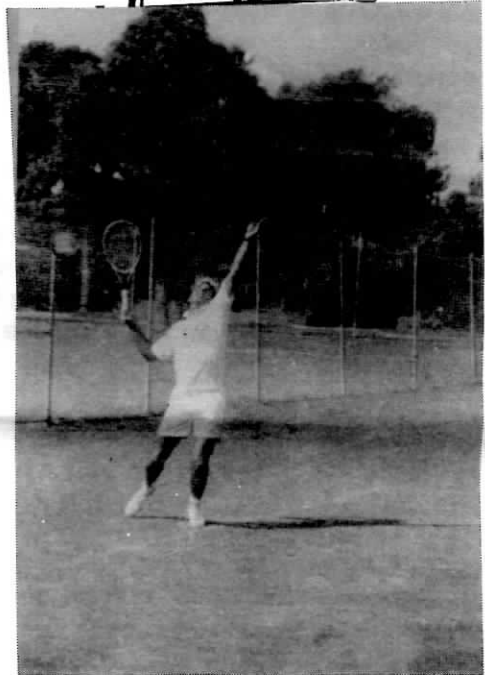
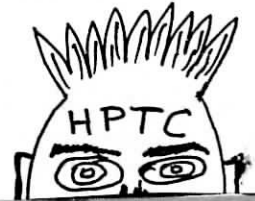


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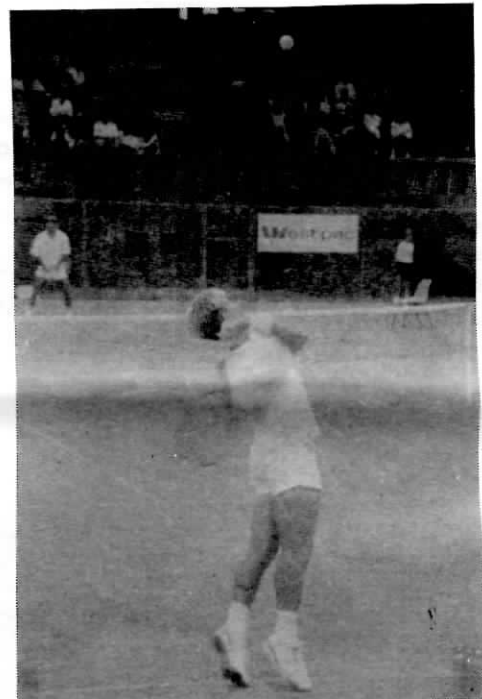
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Mark Hlawaty's service action



Keith Begley sends down a powerful serve during the final at Kings Park

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## FINANCES:

Funds on hand at 13/4/92 : \$19,394

### Capital expenditure for year to date:

Shed & Hit up wall	29,046
New Clubhouse roof (nett)	2,800
Computer, printer, desk	4,303
Vertical blinds	370
Club flag	246
Total	<u>\$36,765</u>

### Projected Cash flow for 1992/93:

This has been prepared and circulated to members, setting out the projected monthly financial positions assuming the proposed court replacement program went ahead. Contact Graeme Rundle if you have any questions on this cash flow report.

## HENSMAN'S GOALS ?

Hensman's goal is to maintain and strengthen its position as one of W.A.'s leading all round tennis clubs. In doing so Hensman aims to achieve optimum standard playing courts, both grass and synthetic and to constantly upgrade the clubhouse facilities for the enjoyment of its members. Our strategy is \* t o build on the strong core of junior talent within the club \* to provide a mixed program of social events and socially organized tennis to cater for all categories of member \* to encourage a high standard within our self funded State League teams \* to integrate new members into the club \* to provide organised club competitions and to enter teams in Tennis West shield events for those wishing to participate....

Every club and business should have a "statement of goals" or basic aims. The above is a starting point, and we hope to have some feedback from members on other broad aims that we as a club should be looking towards.

Pass on your thoughts to President Alec.



- *Achieving continuous improvement starts, essentially, with a state of mind that accepts that there are always better ways of doing things and that there is always room to improve everything we do. It means avoiding complacency and positively going about searching for and implementing better ways of doing things, eliminating waste and improving quality:*



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## NEW ARRIVALS

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Robyn & Rob Wilson:	Tyler James
Andrea & Peter Rundle:	James Peter
Cathy & Ian Hutchison:	Kate Elise

## KNOW YOUR MEMBER

Just fourteen months ago Mark Hlawaty joined Hensman having moved from Melbourne to take up coaching duties with Keith Begley. (1991/92 and half of 1990/91 season).

Since then he has managed to, amongst other things:-

- win the 1991 and 1992 Club Singles Championships
- remain undefeated in all State Grade Singles matches
- win the 1992 State Closed Men's Singles title.
- even incur a 3 week suspension due to an excess of code violations.

Born in Wangaratta (Vic) of Italian parents (although his surname is of Czechoslovakian origin!). He moved to Melbourne as a young child. His entry into tennis took place at the relatively late age of 14 and even then, only as a fill-in activity between soccer seasons. However he quickly adapted to the game, entered the junior competitive scene and at 17 won the Victorian Schoolboys Championships. In the same year he attained the Victorian No. 3 ranking in the under 18 age group.

On leaving school Mark spent 3 years on the Australian Satellite circuit, interspersed with part-time coaching jobs. In 1989 he lost a tournament final to Mark Kratzmann and the following year reached the final qualifying rounds for the Australian Open.

His move to Perth came about through a set of coincidental circumstances. Late in 1990 he was "enjoying" a short respite from competitive tennis and was looking for coaching opportunities. Meanwhile his brother, on a stay in Perth, had joined Keith Begley's Friday night group and mentioned Mark's interest. Keith followed up the lead and Hensman Park, as well as W.A. Tennis generally gained an exciting and popular new player.

Mark too, has no regrets; he describes himself as a converted sand groper, who loves Perth's wonderful life style - not the least our accessible beaches where he relaxes at every opportunity.

## IAN HUTCHISON ROUND ROBIN - ANOTHER DAY TO REMEMBER

Sunday April 26 saw a full field of 128 players, including 40 from other clubs, line up for the annual Round Robin which has been sponsored for many years by local Real Estate agent and popular member Ian Hutchison. The weather held off just nicely and the first drops of rain fell whilst presentations were under way. Each participant received a special memento of the occasion on arrival and this seemed to set the tone for a really happy day.

Barry Daniel and Alan Stewart reached the pinnacles of their careers as they carried off the coveted top division. Clem Overheu had a smile a mile wide after winning his first ever trophy at the Round Robins, the Campbells and Prideaux's were engaged in a no loss situation as they played off for their own mixed title. Sharon Lampard made a welcome return to the courts, Sue Morgan and Steven Ker showed how it can be done in their mixed final, and the teams event went to Geof and Debbie Thomas and their Applecross companions. The standard of tennis was excellent throughout and there were many very closely fought divisions.

President Alec thanked Ian for his continued support of the club in staging this event, and went on to thank the helpers involved, particularly Barb Whitely and her many helpers in the kitchen, June Rundle for setting up the draw sheets and buying the trophies, and Alan Morcombe and Clem Overheu for running the day.

### PERSONAL PARS

Good to see John Carroll up and about again - infact he was whisked over East in a Hercules to celebrate an RAAF reunion since his operation \* we are to be represented again at the Albany Masters by Norm Burkett, Randy Raux, Jamin, the Carrolls, Thomases and Totterdells \* much went on at Geraldton over Easter which of course can't be reprinted here, but we were sorry to hear that Vicki Houston lost some Sheer Essentials to a complete stranger \* Pam Smith believes in the old saying "any Port on a long weekend" or something along those lines \* Joy Pearce has just spent an enjoyable week in Adelaide \* Grant Mitton has represented WA in the National Hockey Championships \* Dale Stronach has moved from Canberra to Queensland with the RAAF \* Campbell Whyte thought Disneyland was just great !! Well done to John Ince on his weekly reporting of the State League results in the Southern Gazette.

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Mazda City boys are having a busy time and particularly mention that their Used Car division carry an excellent range of vehicles for those not wanting to go to a new car at this stage. David Lauder is your man.

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David Armstrong at Bridge Settlements is keeping himself busy with the recent upturn in real estate, and appreciates the support he has received from members. If you have purchased or sold a property then give David a call. Bob Hollingsworth from Canning Bridge Print really enjoyed watching the Men's State League semi-final played at the club, staying until the final point was won, and Ian Mennie from A-Z Signs also looked to be caught up in the excitement of our narrow win over Dalkeith. Greg McBride is continuing to solve those electrical problems that crop up from time to time and of course when you feel like the finest fish meal in town then the Fish Cafe at Port Beach is your place.

The annual sponsors afternoon was a welcome opportunity to show the club in action and we thank those sponsors who joined us for the afternoon and indeed for their support during this memorable season at Hensman.

## WANTED

Legal Eagle - from time to time our club receives the benefit of professional advice from members, whether they be in the accounting, medical, architectural or other field. Legal matters do arise from time to time and if we have a Solicitor in our midst who would be willing to assist, please make contact with President Alec

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## COURT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

A well attended general meeting on April 14th debated the options of replacing the existing synthetic grass courts with the same surface or an acrylic surface, and also whether to replace courts 9 - 12 this year.

Opinions of those in attendance were fairly evenly divided, with many preferring the synthetic grass to an acrylic surface, but acknowledging that the sandy surface was more prone to accidents than the acrylic.

The difficulties experienced and expense incurred this year with grass courts 9 and 10, and the number of complaints received by the captains and grounds sub-committee, made the deferral of this project seem little more than delaying the evil day.

The final vote favoured Option A, namely replacing the five synthetic courts with Chevron acrylic surface and proceeding on May 1 with the replacement of the bay of 4 grass courts with the new *winter greengrass*.

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## CLUB HISTORY

This project is proceeding well and already contact has been made with a number of past members. Consideration will be given to holding a "Back to Hensman" day in the hope that further information and data from the years between 1925 and 1945 can be located. Some excellent photos have already come to the fore and interest is mounting with each new "find". Remember to pass on any items of interest to Noreen Ince, Gwyn Thomas or Doug Napier.

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