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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our season is well and truly underway now and we are pleased to be able to welcome a number of new members to our ranks. The new courts are coming along very well and all being well will have them in use straight after Xmas.

The roof of the Clubhouse has been replaced and the cost of \$5,300 has been subsidised to the extent of \$2,500 by the City of South Perth. The Council originally suggested coating the existing asbestos roof however it was felt desirable to spend the extra money and have a colorbond roof.

Work has commenced on the construction of the new Groundsman's shed, the hit-up wall, the re-location of the children's play area and completion of the club entrance area. It is felt this will enhance the appearance of the club as well as improve the facilities for the groundsman and the storage of nets and other club property.

Daylight saving is with us again and it is good to see members going for that extra set on a Saturday afternoon. We have room for more members on Saturday afternoons, even with the three courts that have been out for the early part of the season, so how about making it down prior to Xmas.

The Mazda fun day was a great success and our thanks go to Ben Fellows and his team from Mazda City. Many sampled the comfort of the 121 and the 626 Mazda sedans that were on display at the Club for that weekend, and there were many winners of Mazda City products on the Sunday.

We have been delighted with the early success of our Men's Mazda City State League team and wish them well for the rest of the season. Congratulations also to our Ladies State League team who have acquitted themselves very well and already have two wins to their credit. Siobhan Drake-Drockman and Monica Sekulov are performing very well at this higher level and will continue to improve as the season progresses. Siobhan recently won the Australian 14s Championships and is to be congratulated on this great effort.

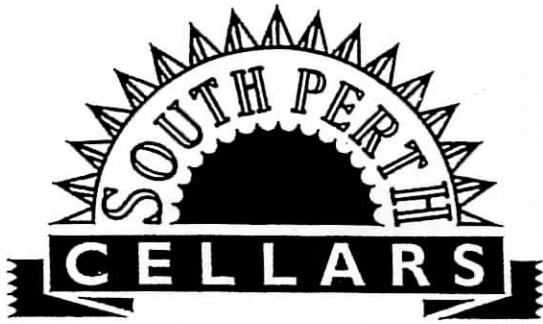
I look forward to meeting with you during the coming festive weeks and wish all members a happy Christmas and a new year that fulfils all your wishes.

Alec Whyte

COMING EVENTS

- 21 Dec: Xmas function after the day's play (parents to bring small gifts for their children) (Xmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn on that day)
- mid Jan: Twilight - watch the notice board for the exact date
- 26 Jan: Australia Day competition
- 23 Feb: Canvass Fine Art day

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Calendar - 1991/1992 Season

December

- 14 Pennants * Men v Wembley Downs
- 15 Pennants * Ladies v Blue Gum Park
- 21-24 City of Perth Championships
- 27-31 Hopman Cup

January 1992

- 1-3 Hopman Cup
- 4 Pennants * Ladies v Reabold
- 5 Pennants
- 11 Pennants * Ladies v Royal King's Park
- 12 Pennants
- 18 Pennants * Men v South Perth
- 19 Pennants * Ladies v Wembley Downs
- 19 City vs Country
- 20-24 Country Week Carnival
- 25-27 City of Fremantle (Aust Day Long W/End)
- 26 Australia Day Celebration at the Club

February 1992

- 1 Pennants * Ladies v Cottesloe
- 2 Pennants
- 8 Pennants * Men v Scarborough
- 9 Pennants * Men v Sorrento

Feb 15

- 16
- 22/23
- 23
- 29

March 1992

- 1
- 7/8
- 14/15
- 21/22
- 28/29

April 1992

- 4/5
- 11/12
- 12
- 17-20

Pennants * Men v Dalkeith

- Pennants
- State Closed (Snr & Jnr)
- Canvass Fine Arts Day
- State Closed (Snr & Jnr)

- State Closed (Snr & Jnr)
- Pennant Semi Finals
- Pennant Finals
- Club Championships
- Club Championships

- Club Championships
- R & I Champion of Champions
- Ian Hutchison Round Robin
- Easter

* denotes which State League Team plays at home on this date

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SPONSORSHIP & PROMOTIONS

Ken Smith has been given a club shirt as the prize for his award winning club logo. Favourable comments have been received from visiting players and members generally to our smart new uniforms. The track suit tops are ultra smart and the cost to members is \$55 - the shirts are \$25. Sun visors with the club logo are available at \$4 and club caps at \$5. We encourage all members to wear our club gear and it is on sale each Saturday between 3 and 5 pm.

Those members who have ordered shirts and tops should collect and pay for them as soon as possible. There are some stocks available and those who have not ordered should do so now to avoid disappointment.

The club stationery has been prepared by sponsors Manning Bridge Print and of course features our new logo.

We are pleased to welcome Australian Laser Charge as an associate sponsor of the Mens State League team. Colin Napier has recently acquired this business and is ready to re-charge any laser printer toner cartridges

Mazda City are excited about their new M6 and we hope to see one on display at the club shortly. We thank Ben Fellows and his team for the fine Mazda City photograph of their 929 with that other city in the background.

Terry Ingram is the local ANZ bank manager and we hope to get him down for a game shortly - he of course would welcome a visit from any member and don't forget to mention that you're from Hensman. ANZ are now looking after Hensman's banking needs and situated conveniently around the corner in Angelo Street.

Bill Artingstall has won yet another prize in the travel industry resulting in he and Margaret going off to Bangkok at Christmas time. Ian Hutchison was in Singapore on business in November and Alec Whyte and family are off to California at the end of January. Charles Picchetti has maintained his regular participation in club activities and February 23 next year will see the fourth of his annual Canvass Fine Art fun days.

The warmer weather has seen John Turner busy installing reticulation systems and of course he and his team were seen recently changing the piping and retic for the new groundsman's shed.

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KNOW YOUR STATE LEAGUE PLAYER

Marni Drake-Brockman is ranked no. 10 in the State and has started this year off very well with four consecutive wins in her no 3 position in our Mazda City State League team.

She won the South West Open Ladies Singles Championships earlier this year and at the age of 20, has a bright future ahead. Marni uses a Slazenger Silhouette racquet and says she is concentrating at the moment on improving her volleys and low backhands. Steffi Graf is one of her idols and an ideal one on which to model these particular strokes.

Marni's interests outside of tennis are running, swimming, coaching various sporting groups and spending time with family and friends.

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We welcome the following new members to our club and hope your stay will be long and enjoyable.

Dudley Kingsnorth, Bronwen Hyde, Jason Nesteriak, Leanne Marchi, Peter Smith, Catherine Glennon, Peter Gerrans, Anthony Brown, Sean Samuel & Brian Hinchin

PROVISIONAL JUNIORS

Colin Napier and his willing band of helpers are hosting approx 30 juniors each Sunday morning and are particularly pleased to see the increased number of girls participating. Barb Whitely, Alister Boyes, Ian Rundle and Mieke Schooland have been assisting. A pre Xmas twilight and barbecue is being planned for the PJs on 20th Dec.

The sessions run from 9.30 until 11.30 on Sundays and we encourage you to mention this to anyone in the area who may have children aged between 8 and 17.

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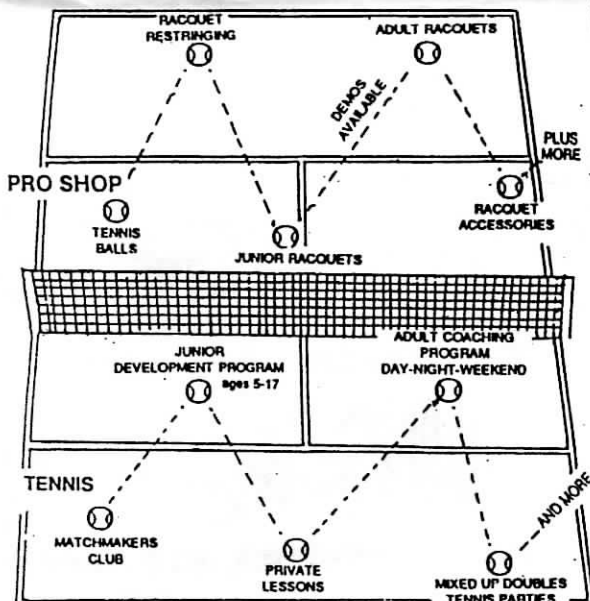
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TWILIGHT NIGHT A SUCCESS

Over 80 members attended the November twilight evening, and taking advantage of the extra daylight managed the equivalent of an afternoon's tennis. A delightful fish dinner followed and the social committee had prepared the usual exotic array of salads to complement the fish - Randy's "tabouli" salad proving a hit with most.

MATCHPOINT

Josephine Winrow and Jim Syme have announced their engagement * Robyn Kelly has recently married * Jan Hart & Ken McIntosh are to marry on 21st December * Graeme Rundle and Jane Marshall are to marry on the 14th December * Lucy Cammock is engaged to Graham Davis * Congratulations and best wishes to each of you from your fellow members---

MAZDA STATE LEAGUE

After 4 rounds of State League Shield Match fixtures the Men's team is undefeated and the ladies have a 2 win - 2 loss record.

Mark Hlawaty, Keith Begley, Barry Tognolini and Phil Searle are unbeaten in singles matches so far. It is clear that our mixture of our experienced regulars and a couple of new younger recruits at the Nos 2 and 3 positions, Ashley Burton and Peter Gerrans (son of No. 1 Veterans team member Ross Gerrans) has proved to be a successful one.

An interesting further addition to the team's list of reserves is Mark Tognolini. Called upon to fill in on the recent Sunday "double header" he found himself playing doubles with his Uncle Barry. Mark's father Jim was a member of the Club's "A" Gradeside some years back.

The ladies side has also received a boost this season from its new young brigade, notably 13 years olds Siobhan Drake-Brockman and Monica Sekulov.

An unexpected and very welcome bonus for the team has been the availability of Victorian player, Cathy Glennon. Cathy came to Perth on a planned short visit and has been prevailed upon to join the State League team. Cathy has held down the tough No.1 position and has been of great value to her team mates. It is now likely that she will remain until the end of the season.

In the meantime, after an excellent year at No. 2 in 1990/91 Marnie Drake-Brockman is relishing the No.3

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GROUNDS

The new bay is progressing well and will be in play just after Xmas. A few spots have not taken but have been replanted and are expected to catch up within a few more weeks.

The Groundsman's shed is being reconstructed at a cost of approx \$15,000, the hit up wall \$7,000 and the relocation of the children's area and finishing off of the entrance way will cost another \$8,000 - this work is expected to be completed prior to Xmas also.

President Alec has had an on-site meeting with Mr Bruce Pine, the Australian representative for Super-Grasse in which our concerns regarding the sand problem and the wear on the courts were presented. The courts do have a seven year guarantee on the materials and this aspect was discussed, bearing in mind that we have just passed the fifth anniversary of the installation of these courts. Mr Pine under-took to give a full written report on our courts and his recommendations. You will be kept informed of the progress with these discussions.

VISITORS

A new leaf loose visitors book is now installed adjacent to the afternoon tea servery and is to be filled in each time you bring a visitor to the club.

The fees are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children

Before commencing play write in the date, the name of the visitor and your own name, together with the number of the envelope in which you place the visitors fee. The envelope (a supply is kept next to the book) is then to be placed in the ball chute in front of the Captain's office.

All people playing at the club should be wearing their shoe tag, and those not doing so will be queried. Members who do not comply with the visitors fees requirements will be invoiced and asked to explain why they have not arranged payment for their visitor.

All members pay a significant amount of money for the privilege of playing tennis at Hensman, and it is only fair that non-members contribute when they share in the use of our excellent facilities.

**"If your head is wax,
don't walk in the sun."**

Ben Franklin

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The pennant season is under way and no major problems have occurred to date. Many of our teams are performing very well and we can hopefully look forward to a few more shields to adorn our walls. January can be a difficult month for pennants and captains should plan ahead to cover for any team members who will be absent on holidays.

Dress Standards

A notice has been placed on the board setting out the club's requirements for acceptable dress whilst playing tennis at Hensman. They are very basic and emphasise that bicycle pants, baggy beach shorts, untidy tee shirts with advertising etc, board and running shorts are not acceptable. There is now a range of tennis "hit-up" clothing and this is acceptable for those not wishing to wear the recognised tennis apparel during mid-week practice.

Veteran's Match

We had a very enjoyable game against the Vets club on 15th November. The fellowship afterwards was also enjoyed by those present, however it did not alter the convincing win by our visitors. Whilst talking of Veterans we wish the many members from Hensman a successful visit to Melbourne in January, when they will be taking part in the National Veteran's Championships.

THIS & THAT

Congratulations to Ann & Mike Hall on their recent addition to their family * watch this space for more additions to the Hensman family in the new year * nice to see Kerry Wright and Virginia Burke back at the courts and starting to hit a mean ball * Ernie Kay enjoyed the Grand Prix in Adelaide in spite of the rain * Chris Lavender is to spend Xmas in Sydney with his family, while Mike McLean and his family are heading to Mossman on Queensland's north coast for their Xmas break * Bruce Holland hasn't taken long to slot into the club - he's in the Mens Div 4 Veteran's team and has recently been working with our Grounds Sub-Committee advising on improving the lighting of our courts * Auriole Heary seems to have gained a new lease of life since adopting that "Hensman Croc" image * House additions are the thing apparently, just ask the Stewarts, the Spicers and the Hutchisons * Stuart Diggins has recently moved to the central coast of NSW with his employment * Clem Overheu has been lured into his workshop again to make improved spikes for our net posts * Pam Gardiner celebrated her birthday in style recently with a pizza party * Marlene Morcombe has her tickets already and says she is sticking with the blue and gold on a year round basis - Eagles in Winter and Hensman in Summer

ROSTERS - AFTERNOON TEA and BAR

Those rostered for duty between now and the end of February are listed below. As part of the policy of sharing the load between all members we do ask anyone who is unavailable on the date shown to arrange their own swap and then inform:-

Afternoon Tea: Pam Smith, Ethel Priestley or
Norm Burkett

Bar: Ian Rundle, Alister Boyes or Norm Burkett

- Jan 4 AT- R & FTotterdell
B - RTotterdell, Jamin
- Jan 5 AT- JWhite, EPriestley
B - NRoberts, JMedcalf
- Jan 11 AT- GThomas, ECarroll
B- JBell, GMardon
- Jan 12 AT- JWhite, PSmith
B- CCarter A Heary
- Jan 18 AT- C & D Ford
B - COverheu, W Artingstall
- Jan 19 AT- JWhite EPriestley
B- SChurcker, G Clark
- Jan 25 AT- LZaunmayr, PButcher
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- Jan 26 AT- JWhite, PSmith
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- Feb 1 AT- D & JRundle
B - LCary, JTurner
- Feb 2 AT- JWhite, EPriestley
B - DHassett, MBender
- Feb 8 AT- JBell, Wellis
B- LMorgan-Hobbs, EHeron
- Feb 9 AT- JWhite, PSmith
B- TJones, AJones
- Feb 15 AT- MMcCrow, NBurkett
B - NRyan, KLampard
- Feb 16 AT JWhite, EPriestley
B- POverheu, CNapier
- Feb 22 AT- SMorgan, IKer
B- SMorgan, SKer

CHALLENGE MATCHES

Members are reminded that between 1st November and 30th April challenges can be arranged should they desire to improve their position on the board.

The Challenge Sheet is in the Captain's room and those wishing to issue a challenge should study the rules that are on the Main Notice Board, then contact one of the Captains and write up their challenge. The challenged player has two weeks in which to play the match, failing which he/she is forfeited. The rules are under review by the Board, and suggestions can be passed onto Lyndon or Lynnette. Remember your position on the board is in your hands!



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NEWS ITEMS FOR THE HERALD — please hand in any items of interest at the Captain's desk as we have a separate file there for Herald news.

*“Some people are like
a callus;
they always show up
when the work is
finished.”*

KNOW YOUR MEMBER

New Club Play Chairperson, Ken Houston, can fairly be described as an enthusiastic and friendly individual. When he and wife Vicky joined Hensman during 1989/90 season Ken had not played tennis since his primary school days; yet in this short time he has proved to be a keen contributor in all club activities, culminating in his recent election to the Board of Management.

Ken left his home town of Wellington (N.Z.) in 1971 to explore the outside world. After touring England and Europe he travelled to South Africa to attend a friend's wedding. The planned two weeks stopover turned into a ten month stay.

In 1972 he decided to visit Perth, once again intending to stay only a few weeks, but somehow did not quite get around to leaving. For the greater part of the ensuing 19 years Ken has worked in the motor trade after a short early spell on the oil rigs off the North West coast near Dampier. His only other break came in 1984 when he and Vicky (a native of Victoria) toured Eastern Australia.

On their return to Perth they settled into their current Strickland Street home and fortunately for Hensman Park, were enticed by the convenient situation of our courts.

Ken is fully aware of the demands of his new role, particularly at a time of experimentation with computerised set programming. He and his Social Play Subcommittee are keen to iron out any difficulties and seek the support and co-operation from all members to achieve success.

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Gwyn Thomas and Noreen Ince have agreed to assist in the compilation of club anecdotes and records over the 66 years since our formation. It should be something we can all take pride in, and anyone with anything of interest should make contact now with Gwyn or Noreen.

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