

Welcome back to the second half of the season - we have had excellent attendances again following the return from holidays of most of our members. Lots of exciting things are planned for the next few months and we hope you will take the time to study this issue of "SIDELINES" and share in these Club events. Lets look at what we have in store.

QUIZ NIGHT - Don't miss out on this highlight of the year. It's on next Tuesday night, 20th February, in the Manning Hotel. \$2.00 per head and some fabulous prizes for the Quiz winners plus other novelties. Quiz Master Frank Thomas has an interesting and varied block of questions lined up for us.

PENNANT FINALS - No doubt about our ladies - four teams in finals this weekend and only one young men's team!! How about going along to support our U19 Girls Team headed by Robyn Wood on Sunday afternoon in their battle to win this coveted Shield for our Club. Our Under 16 Girls and Boys teams are back in top form and should have a good chance in Sunday mornings finals while our surprise packets - Ladies over 35 had a remarkable win over Fremantle last Sunday and battle it out against Loton Park for the Shield.

Whilst we have no mens teams in the Grand Final a word of congratulations to our makeshift 'A' Grade Team who went within an ace of beating Alexander Park in the first semi final. With Keith Begley in U.S.A. and Doug Napier and Barry Tognolini in New Zealand, Robert Murton supported by Peter Overheu, Rod Skipworth and Peter Mannolini drew level at three rubbers all but lost by the odd set. Our 'A' Reserve Team, ably led by Alan Stewart, had a fighting win over Leederville in the first semi but went out the following week to the strong Nedlands side.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - will be held in March and entry forms are out now. Play will be mainly on Sundays with limited matches on Saturday so social play will not be unduly affected during the three weekends of the tournament.

SMORGASBORD - Chicken, Salads, Fruit Salad and Icecream will be served again on Saturday night 24th March - our first such catering attempt was a great success with 95 people attending. Prices are the same at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for juniors under 16. A list will be at the club and we need to know the previous week if you are going to attend in order to make catering arrangements.

SUB JUNIOR CLUB - is back in swing again for February and March and sets will be organized for those attending. Play is from 2 - 4.30 p.m. Let your friends know and we hope to see you all in force again this Sunday. Incidentally we need volunteers to assist organizing the sets - are you prepared to come down one Sunday at this time to relieve our overworked captains - if you are please contact Rodney Skipworth.

T SHIRTS - We have the very latest Hensman Park motifs available at \$1.30 to iron on to your tennis shirt or T Shirt - also some supplies of the shirts themselves are available at cost from the Social Committee. See Dene Rundle for details. Only limited quantities are available so get in early.

NEW MEMBERS - We are delighted to welcome all our new members this year and hope you are enjoying your tennis at the Club. There will be opportunities at our coming social functions for everyone to get to know each other better and we hope to see lots of new faces at our remaining social events. Incidentally NAME TAGS are available for everyone - please wear them and make it easier for new members to get to know everyone.

JET SET - We've already mentioned that our hard working President, Doug Napier and wife Margaret, have spent a very pleasant month in New Zealand, mixing a fair amount of tennis with the sight seeing. Robyn Wood was over East taking part in the C.B.A. Championships in January and Barry Tognolini represented Australia in a series of Test Matches (tennis!) against N.Z. John Miller is home again after spending the best part of 1978 overseas. Nice to see you around again John. The Rileys and the Richards are leaving shortly for an overseas holiday and rumour has it a number of veterans are making similar plans for 1979.

DROP SHOTS - Rob Murton has had an incredible season, topping his semifinal appearance in the City of Perth event with a great win in Bunbury's South West Championships. Rob has just completed his degree in Physical Education and his record this season is a fine example to our Juniors of the benefits of being fully fit. Talking of such things we hear our Veteran Teams have just discovered GOLD in their search for fitness! Geoff Thomas continues to do his excellent job in arranging after tennis refreshments - a facility greatly appreciated by many members.

Sue Mannolini is back in town and we hope to see lots of you at the courts from now on Sue. We entertained twelve wily veterans recently in a cool 39 degrees and noticed life member Clive Wilderspin continuing to hit a mean ball. June Bond had no trouble organizing a party booking of 50 club members and families for the recent "Flintstones" Show. June has a limited number of tickets left at a Special price for the Tchaikovsky Ballet on Friday March 9th. Nola Piper looked very attractive on TV wearing her Rolinda tennis outfit when she paraded at Kings Park in the Miss Tennis Quest. Ian Hutchison is doing a great job with Hall bookings at the moment - remember this is OUR Hall and we should all tell our friends about it when we know they have a party or wedding coming up. We hear Paul Whitely is playing good golf whilst having an enforced rest from tennis this season.

DATE TO REMEMBER - Friday 6th April - End of Season Cabaret - Unicorn Band. This is put on by popular demand following our highly successful cabaret pre Xmas - get your parties together now and make it a Wow of an evening. We hope you will encourage friends from other Clubs to join us on this occasion.

CLUB FACILITIES - Many members feel the time has now come to upgrade our facilities for serving drinks by providing an adequate room to store the drinks fridge and also a proper servery so that sales can be properly controlled. The money raised from our Social events over the past few years could hardly be better spent than in upgrading the present very unsatisfactory set up down in the Gardeners Shed.