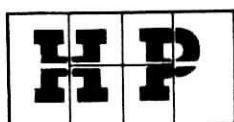


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

A belated Happy New Year to all club members !

As we reach the business end of summer tennis we find our shield match teams have again done the club proud. I know I speak for the whole club when I congratulate those teams who reached the finals and especially to those who have won a shield for the club. My commiserations to those teams that did not reach the finals, however remember there is always next year. My thanks to those club members who went along and gave moral support to our teams during the finals.

We social players have the Canvass Fine Arts fun day and the Ian Hutchison Round Robin to look forward to - both events of which I have no doubt will be well supported by our members. The Club Handicaps and Championships are also coming up in March, so we all have a feast of tennis to fit in during the next couple of months.

The Davis Cup was a sensational event, which is bound to revitalise and inspire many current and future tennis players. I'm certainly glad I was there to see it and thank Vice President Bill Artingstall for arranging great seats for club members.

Alec Whyte

STOP PRESS !! 2 SHIELDS FOR HENSMAN

Congratulations to our two winning teams, who have added more shields to our growing collection. Members of the victorious teams were as follows:

Miriam Morgan-Hobbs, Karen O'Connell, Lori Patterson and Debbie Tassicker.

Ian Backhouse, Tony Connolly, Terry Frankland and Gordon Pears Our Budgies Mens State Grade team won a memorable semifinal but were unable to match Dalkeith in the final. Congratulations on reaching the final two years in a row. Special commendation should go to our Ladies Veteran team who underwent a rigorous pre-final training programme and sacrificed a great deal in their endeavours to win a shield for the club, only to go down in a keenly contested final!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined us since the last issue of the Herald.

Denise Kelly, Carla Swanson, Yvette Borgward, Joan O'Boyle, Rosemary Byrne, Kaye Treacy, Lawrie O'Neill, Rod Dalton, John (K2) Chittin, Michael Price, Steven Ross, Tony Dale, Alison & Simon Williams, Skip & Karen Moody, Marion & Michael Patterson, James Williams, Scott Bruce, Grant Muir and last but by no means least Shane Starling

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COMING EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT Tuesday, 27 MARCH
Remember last years ? It was a great night and I suggest you be early with your bookings as there is a limit to how many tables we can accomodate. Frank Thomas is preparing his list of questions already.
WIND UP DINNER - Fri. May 4.

MIXED CLASSIC by Charles

Wow! it doesn't seem twelve months since the inaugural event, but Charlie is back again in fine form and ready to take on all comers in his fun day this Sunday February 25. Players are to be at the courts ready for play by 12.30 pm. At 6 p.m. approx the presentation of trophies will take place and this will be followed by a delightful 'beef on the spit' dinner. We are very grateful for the generosity of Charles Picchetti and wish him well in the wonderful fine arts and picture framing business that he runs in Albany Highway, East Victoria Park

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS

These are to be played over four consecutive weekends commencing Saturday March 10 and 11. A tremendous amount of time and planning goes into these events by our Captains and vice-captains and all members are asked to co-operate fully and make their job as easy as possible.

TOURNAMENTS

Many of our members have been competing in tournaments during the last two months including Mark Williams and Luca D'Orsogna who won the Boys 11yrs doubles at the Coke tournament, Mark also winning the 10 yrs singles, beating Peter Clarke in the final Frank Thomas and Joan Davies won the mixed plate at the Dongara tournament. Glynis Mitchell and Erica Andersson won the Ladies Doubles at Bunbury whilst Marnie Drake-Brockman and her partner won the Mixed Plate. Garry Napier and Joanne Fletcher were runners up in the mixed handicap. Our Boys team were successful in the 14s pre Xmas pennant series and members of the winning team were Nathan Dalton, Tim Hammond, Chris Lafrentz and Heinie Jacobs. Yet another victory under the guidance of Rod Skipworth.

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VALE ALAN CAMERON

Hensman has had few more likeable members than Alan Cameron. Despite family problems in latter years Alan was always cheerful on and off the court and his infectious chuckle was indicative of his happy character. A great sport, he loved his tennis. He would never do anyone a bad turn and much preferred to call his opponents ball in - even if it was a foot out - sometimes to the frustration of his partner. Better known amongst our older members, Alan played veterans pennants for Leederville club and social games with us.. Alas on Saturday 20th January at Leederville club Alan departed this earth for that Great Tennis Court in the sky. He will long be remembered and missed by his old mates.

DO YOU KNOW?

**WHY THE DATE OF EASTER VARIES —
AND HOW TO DETERMINE WHEN IT
WILL BE.**

Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox.

The Vernal Equinox is the time at which the sun crosses the plane of the equator towards the relevant hemisphere making day and night of equal length. It's the point on the celestial sphere, lying in the constellation of Pisces at which the celestial equator intersects the Ecliptic. All that happens on March 21 in the northern hemisphere.

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We are pleased to welcome two new Club Sponsors to Hensman, namely Jeff Harwood from Budget Auto Sound and Gail and Keith George from Como's delightful Healthy Affaire.

Jeff started in the business last year after three years in the Army. He is being assisted by brother Graeme who has been in auto sound for the past six years. Now we know why Kevin has that satisfied smile on his face while driving around - he has two sons ensuring the best available sound system in his car! Gail and Keith are wonderful advertisements for their health food shop which is located just opposite the Cygnet Theatre. In addition to carrying a wide range of health foods they also serve light meals and snacks for the health conscious - do call on them and at the same time thank them for their support of your Club.

John Sanford and his fellow Budgies were nearly run off their feet during the holiday season and just when things looked like returning to normal we have a heat wave. Have you called on them at their 298 Millpoint Road shop yet?

The team at Anchor Nissan continue to be excited with the new Pintara so don't forget to give them a call when you are next in need of a change of vehicle. Benwood Finance have now shifted to 9 Bowman Street in South Perth. Did you know that their name evolves from the first joint venture undertaken in 1972 between BENeficial Finance and WOODmores. Benwood carried out several projects thereafter and in 1978 Beneficial Finance was formed as a separate company. Brian Moore is the Manager and he would be pleased to tell you of the competitive rates they offer for both investments or loans. Eddie van Mechelen is still turning out those special treats at his Fremantle Food Affaire, while Bill Artingstall at Mondo is busy taking advantage of some exciting Asian holiday specials for his clients

Grant Mitton is in the State Hockey squad and to keep fit he and Ceili are going to Hyden for the coming tennis tournament. Ian Hutchison is accompanied to tennis these days by sons Michael and Andrew, both of whom are showing some early flair for the game



GROUNDS

Steps have been taken to address several problems that occurred during the holiday period *

- * Courts are to be watered for two hours on both Sunday and Monday and for one hour on Thursdays
- * They are double cut on Tuesdays and single cut on Fridays
- * Two bays of grasscourts are to be prepared for midweek play
- * the laneway is to be mowed every two weeks and the wipper snipper used around the fence lines
- * the greenkeeper has been given a letter of authorisation to remove members and others who play on courts during unauthorised times *

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TIMES OF PLAY

The grass courts are available for play on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. They are NOT available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays when the greenkeeper is busy watering, mowing and marking the courts. The ONLY exception is for a small group of juniors under the control of seniors who have organized play from 4 pm on Fridays.

COURTS 8 and 12

These two "show courts" act as a magnet to some people who choose to ignore the signs. For some years now it has been club policy to rest these courts so that they will be in good condition when tournaments and pennants are played at home. It seems basic logic, but some members go straight to these courts even though there are others available for play. THESE TWO COURTS ARE NOT TO BE USED WHEN OTHER GRASS COURTS ARE AVAILABLE. This rule applies irrespective of your age, standard of tennis, position in pennants or position in the club. Offenders who choose to mock this rule in the absence of committee members can expect to be confronted about it in the future.

CHAMPAGNE DAY

This event conducted on a Saturday afternoon in January proved to be very popular with members. The winners were Denise Kelly and Norm Burkett. Elsie Carroll and Barry Bogaards were also on the winners list as was our friend Charlie Picchetti - his trophy we understand was not based on tennis ability. Never mind Charles you can't star at everything.

WANTED

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.

FROM THE MINUTES

Tinting of the windows on the west side of the clubhouse has been completed at a cost of \$240
* A microwave has been purchased
* 20 Chairs and 12 folding trestles have been purchased for use in our Hall
* Barry Bogaards has donated signwriting to the value of \$150 plus 10 c. metres of sand to the club
* Bar prices have increased by 10c per can
* a new net has been purchased for the synthetic courts
* concern continues to be expressed over the number of visitors not paying the appropriate fees
* Funds on hand at 7/1/90 amounted to \$66,008
* Membership numbers at 7/1/90 totalled 407

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

DAVIS CUP

Many of our members were noticed at Kings Park during the first weekend of February - taking in one of W.A.s most successful ever tennis events. The antics of Yannick Noah, the dogged determination of Wally Masur, the return to Davis Cup tennis by Pat Cash, the game with the ballboys...it all added up to an unforgettable three days in which Australia scraped through to the next round and will play New Zealand on March 30 and 31 and April 1 at Brisbane. The three Musketeers, John Carroll, Frank Thomas and Ross Totterdell were busy keeping drinks up to the players and Andrea Mitchell did a great job on the Organising Committee looking after the entertainment and welfare of visiting players and officials.

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Personal Pars

Marnie Drake-Brockman has been having a run of outs with her health lately and we do wish her a speedy return to the tennis courts - having sister Tracey as a nurse must be some help in times like this * talking of Drake-Brockman girls did you see Siobhan is the new Australian 12s singles champion - well done. We hope to see Siobhan joining Tracey and Marnie at Hensman in the not too distant future * Father Xmas was right on time for his annual meeting with the youngsters and his segment went off very well to the amusement of the parents and the ever growing number of grandparents. Young David Ince arrived a couple of hours early but couldn't get the requisite leave pass from the maternity ward to attend the function. Grandma and Grandpa Ince meanwhile are doing fine.* The Napiers have turned over a new leaf in Darwin, what with Margaret a working gal and Doug sharing the domestic duties ! They are due in Perth for the month of March for their annual leave. * John Miller is recovering well from a recent operation * Best wishes to State Executive member Eric McManis who is seriously ill in hospital at the moment.

Alan Morcombe brought home some bacon from the New Zealand Veterans carnival - congratulations ! Ethel, Gwyn and Mary never won much but we understand they had a wow of a time * Kath Cook has been transferred to Geraldton - hopefully the next move will be back to the city * The Daniewes have been transferred to Sydney, as has Stuart Diggins - best wishes for the future to each of you * Peter and Joan Campbell bussed it to Sydney to catch up with Jennifer. Jan Bogaards is another who whizzed over to Sydney recently * Len Cannell and Narelle Kimpton both gained much from the recent Interstate teams competition * Keith Begley looks forward to his marriage in March * Gavin Healy has gained his commercial pilots license *

FRANK'S FACTS

The Earl of Sandwich was such a keen card player he resented leaving the card table each night for dinner - so he invented the sandwich. * What lady has the best known face in history? Not Mona Lisa - not Marilyn Monroe ! It is Elizabeth of York, wife of Henry VII of England. Her likeness appears 8 times in every deck of playing cards.

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KNOW YOUR MEMBER

The hardest match Kerryl Chute has 'played' was the recent semifinal of the Ladies State Grade - she was forced to withdraw from the team due to a severe tennis elbow, the first she has suffered in her 32 year membership at Hensman. In fact Kerryl has been part and parcel of Hensman's Ladies A Grade team for over 25 years, the only year she missed out (and the only year we couldn't field an A Grade side) was the year Emma Chute arrived!

Kerryl lived at the family "farm" in Cannington in her early years, attending Armadale High for three years and then shifting for the final two to Kent Street High - the nearest 5 Year High to her home. Tennis coaching at two shillings a lesson commenced with Don Harris when Kerryl wasn't much bigger than her racquet. Her parents were keen tennis players and she also had Frankie Harris and Colin Bell as practice partners. Don Harris encouraged the Treasure family to join Helmsman in the late sixties and since then Kerryl has won our Ladies singles title a record 22 times. She has won her share of Ladies Doubles (some with her mother as partner) and Mixed Doubles too. In the last few years Kerryl has made an impact on Ladies Over 40 tennis and has been selected to represent Australia for the last two years in the Young Cup. She has found this a very challenging new stage in her tennis career. Kerryl has been a member of W.A.L.T.A.'s State Selectors for the past eight years and has been Manageress of numerous state junior teams. Space does not permit a full list of her many accomplishments on the court however her enthusiasm for Hensman and the game of tennis continue unabated.... long may it continue Kerryl !

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