

TENNIS CLUB

PARK

50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Teamwork - The last few weeks have demonstrated to me just how much we really have got going for us at Hensman Park. We held one of the most successful Quiz Nights ever, with Johnny Freyer compering to a full hall, we had a twilight tennis competition with nearly fifty people participating, and last Sunday's two sessions of work on the courts were supported by a big number of members. Our Social Tennis numbers are staying up around 100 each Saturday, and our pennant teams all seem to be having their share of success.

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* ATTENTION PLAYERS:

Entry forms are now available for the City of Perth Tournament at Higgins

Park over the Christmas period, December 26th - 29th.

RE-TURFING OF THE COURTS

Cries of, "What a (expletive adjective) bounce!" with respect to the ball and the court are now unexcusable, as last weekend an enthusiastic group of members assisted in the major task of re-turfing the "dead" spots on the courts. Hopefully the result of this effort will be courts of first class condition ready for the Open Underage Championships in early February. Thanks to Elaine Skipworth for serving morning tea, and at a very appropriate time. Many members unable to help on the weekend expressed willingness to carry on re-turfing on afternoons during the week.

SOCIALL CALENDAR

Christmas Barbecue

The Social Committee has organized a Christmas Barbecue for Saturday, December 14th. Drinks will be available, and salads supplied.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

TWILIGHT TENNIS

- The next twilight tennis will be held on Thursday, December 19th.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING on 12th December - this date is subject to correction.

SOCIAL NEWS

Sorry to see Joy Richman with what she insists is a "tennis elbow" -- more bending is the only cure according to the medicos in the club.

Nice to see Doug Napier's name in the headlines again, following his great win over Phil Safoulis in pennants last week. The A grade recorded their first win of the year against South Perth after narrowly losing to University in the first game of the series.

MISS TENNIS

Joy Glennie has fitted into the club very well and fund raising efforts concluded this week with a twilight competition. Over \$100 has been raised for the W.A. Tennis Associations Fund for sending teams to the Eastern States, and Joy is to be congratulated for her efforts. We all wish her well in the final judging in December.

The office bearers of the Club extend to one and all a happy, and safe Christmas, with a bright and prosperous New Year.
