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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another season has passed the half-way mark and we can look forward to a very busy time during the next two months. Once again our Shield Match teams are performing very well and we are hopeful of adding to our collection. Our Mazda City State League teams have been a credit to the club and we congratulate Colin Napier and his team on being minor premiers at the end of the qualifying rounds - I hope a large contingent of club members will be in attendance to cheer our teams on in the finals.

The new storage and gardeners shed is approaching completion and this has greatly enhanced the appearance of the club in this area in addition of course to it being so much more functional for the groundsman and for the storage of nets and other club stocks. The hit up wall we hope will be well and truly put to use by members in the coming years.

Although much has been achieved this year, there remains a lot to be done. Our final bay of grass courts need replacing with the new wintergreen variety of grass, the synthetic courts are being investigated by the manufacturers, we urgently need an injection of junior members. Our club computer now very efficiently keeps our membership records, as it also does for all our financial records and budgets, however our efforts to work out the ideal system for social sets is still being worked on. All of these things will I am sure be achieved in the not too distant future with the constructive input and support of members.

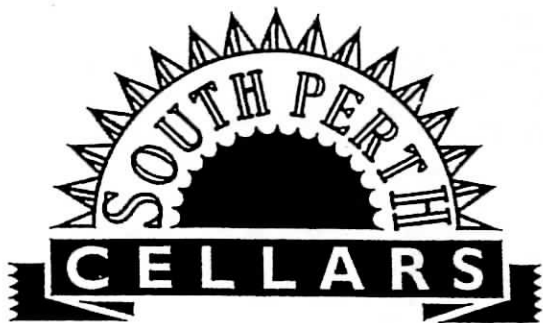
Continue to enjoy your tennis and I look forward to seeing you during the coming weeks at our many activities.

Alec Whyte

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COMING EVENTS

Feb 23 (Sun)	Canvass Fine Art Mixed Classic
Mar. 7/8	Shield Match semi-finals
Mar 14/15	Shield Match finals
Mar 21/22	Club Championships & Handicaps
Mar 28/29	Club Championships & Handicaps
Mar 31	Quiz Night at the club
Apr 4/5	Club Championships & Handicaps
Apr 12	Ian Hutchison Round Robin
May 15	Annual Dinner (tentative date)



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FINANCES

Funds on hand: \$38,789

There are a handful of outstanding subscriptions, however the Subs collected to date have exceeded those from the previous year.

GRASS COURT USAGE BY MEMBERS

Notices will be displayed at the Clubhouse setting out what grass courts are available and when. This is being done to clarify the situation, particularly those who have joined the club in recent years

CLUB HISTORY

Work has commenced on collating data relating to Hensman Park Tennis Club since its inception in 1925. If you have any old photos, press clippings or other items please pass them on to any of Dene Rundle, Gwyn Thomas, Noreen Ince or Doug Napier. There have already been some encouraging discoveries, Tim Reynolds has prepared a thesis on Hensman, Mary Hicks has some photos of pennant teams in the 1950s and life member John Miller has a press clipping of Hensman's 1929 winning pennant team. This will be an exciting project to establish Hensman's own Archives and we encourage all of you to become involved.

HENSMAN'S PROMISING JUNIORS

A number of Hensman youngsters have made their present felt in State and National tennis circles during 1991/92.

SIOBHAN DRAKE-BROCKMAN heads the list with a win in her age group of the Australian Junior Masters tournament at Adelaide earlier in the season, followed by a close runner-up performance in the 14 years and under National Championships held at Brisbane in January.

MONIKA SEKULOV is a team-mate of Siobhan in our Mazda City State League team, and her performances are not far behind. She took out 4th placing in the same events at Adelaide and Brisbane and teamed with Siobhan to win the National 14 years Doubles title at the latter venue.

Amongst the boys, PAUL ST QUENTIN, LUCA D'ORSOGNA and MARK WILLIAMS have all featured prominently in the WA scene. At the recent City of Melville Masters Choc Milk Championships, Paul edged out Luca in 3 sets to win the 13 years singles title, then combined with Mark to capture the 14 years doubles crown.

The club is fortunate to have a group of such talented and fine young members

HAVE YOUR SAY

It is five and a half years since constructing our synthetic courts and this year the Board of Management will be reviewing the arrangements we have with these courts. As you know members have had the use of the courts between 3.30 and 6.30 in the afternoons during the week, and all afternoon on Saturdays and Sundays. The balance of the time the courts have been "sub-let" to our Professional Coach for his coaching and for hire to the public.

The Board are looking for feedback from members on the adequacy of playing hours available to club members, whether evening play should be part of the club's facilities, whether there should be more or less twilight tennis evenings and so on.

If you have any thoughts on these or any other matters connected with future arrangements for our courts and the Club Professional please pass them on in writing to President Alec Whyte or Vice President Garry Napier.

CHALLENGE RULES

Captains Lyndon and Lynnette have surveyed members of the pennant teams and come up with a set of rules to cover future challenges and these have been approved by the Board at the February meeting. There have not been many rule changes compared to those operating previously. Results of club championships may lead to changes in the rankings, provided certain guidelines are met. Challenges not played within two weeks of the challenge being issued will be forfeited. A four person committee will administer the Bumping Board.

It is open season for challenges now - in fact you may challenge anyone ranked one or two spots ahead of you between now and the end of April. If you're not happy with your ranking, the solution is in your hands !

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The current economic climate is making life difficult for many businesses and the club appreciates all the more the support we have received from our many sponsors this year. Sponsorship is a two way thing and we appreciate you supporting those who are supporting us both in your own purchases and in recommending them to family and friends. We have approx 400 members in our immediate network and with a word here and there we can ensure an ongoing relationship with each of our sponsors.

PROVISIONAL JUNIORS

Our PJs were invited to bring a friend recently and it turned out to be a very enjoyable day, with 45 turning up. Attendances have continued at a steady level and on Australia Day we conducted a competition with tennis posters as the prizes. Members of the Mazda City State League teams have been assisting with the juniors in recent weeks and this has been appreciated by all concerned.

Tennis West are inaugurating a "Tennis in Schools" program and on 26 February Colin Napier will be attending the first session to be held in W.A. covering several schools adjacent to our Club. It is hoped to have an ongoing program following the "introductory session" and Colin and his Junior Development team will be actively promoting any of these students who wish to pursue the sport of tennis and ultimately to get them involved at Hensman. If you would like to assist Colin in this exciting new program, please make contact.

PJ NEWS

Tim Dienhoff and Ben McArthur have been seen practising at Wesley recently * Andrew Dalton is on his way to his first million by washing cars * Alison Webster is spending her time teaching until her nursing studies commence * Scott Murphy and Chris Wann could barely conceal their delight at being two of the winners at our Australia Day competition. Well done boys! * Bryan Walker played a match for the 14 & Under pennant team and did extremely well to win his singles in straight sets * nice to see Luca D'Orsogna, who is a regular member of the 14s team, down at PJs some weeks * Richard Burvill was down practising at the club recently * Kendal Hammond has been showing her father some of the finer points of the game * Justin Schoolland looks determined to beat the new hit-up wall !!

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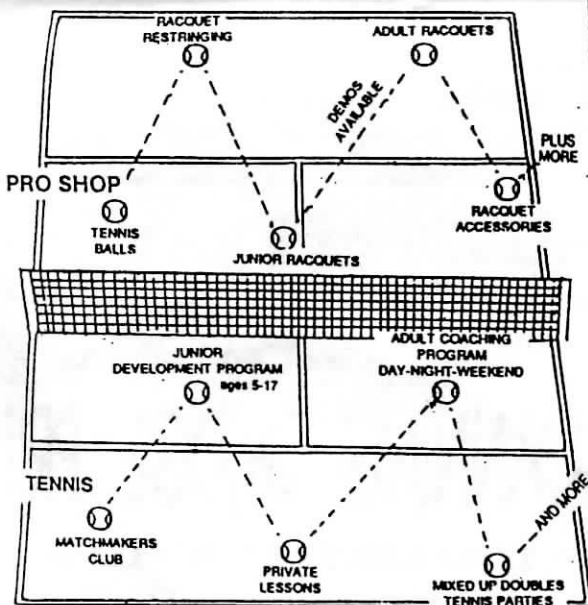
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GROUNDS

The new storage and groundsman's shed is nearing completion, together with the hit up wall. The nets and other items will be kept in the storage section and it is also proposed to have a tool kit here to enable emergency repairs to be undertaken on weekends. It is possible some members have surplus old tools which may be suitable for this kit, and if you wish to help please contact Garry Napier, who has a list of what is needed. The Groundsman's section is to be kept locked and not accessible to members.

The hit-up wall is already being used and we encourage members to iron out their weak spots and generally get into the groove by taking advantage of this new facility at the club. The concrete floor is to be painted. The children's play area has been relocated and once the tin storage shed is removed the barbecue area should once again be a pleasant spot for outdoor events.

The new bay of courts (6 - 8) are progressing well and will be appreciated in this second half of the season. Courts 9 - 12 are experiencing the same sort of difficulties of earlier years, and a proposal will be put to members in March or April for the replacement of this bay of courts.

Efforts continue to find ways to improve the watering coverage from our reticulation systems. Further representatives from the Super-Grasse companies have inspected our courts and their report is expected shortly.

All of the globes have been replaced on the environmental lights that surround the synthetic courts. These globes will receive an annual cleaning to improve and extend their performance. The new colorbond roof on the clubhouse is now settled in, having withstood the recent heavy rains!

Landscaping with low maintenance shrubs etc is being considered to enhance the appearance of the club, particularly the new area surrounding the new shed.

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With a family background such as his, it is not surprising that Garry Napier has spent than half of his 31 years heavily involved with Hensman.

From the time he joined the Club in the early 1970s he has played an active role both on and off the court. In all but three seasons he has been a member of a Hensman pennant team; four of which have been successful.

While still a junior he was co-opted on to the Social committee and continued in this activity until joining the management committee in 1984. Two years later he was appointed to the first of his three years of club captaincy, which he performed with great skill and diligence. This stint was followed by a two year spell before being re-elected to the Board of Management this year as Chair-person, Grounds and Hall. He also holds the position of Vice President.

While all this was taking place, Garry finished his secondary education at Como High School, completed a refrigeration engineering apprenticeship and since then has worked in the refrigeration/airconditioning business. He is currently General Manager of Turner Engineering.

Neither is he short of interests outside the tennis arena. For close on 12 years he umpired Australian Rules football, five of these as a member of the W.A.F.L. panel and highlighted by officiating at the 1984/85 Teal Cup in Darwin. His most recent accomplishment came when he obtained an unrestricted pilots licence.

VETERAN'S CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Alan D'Orsogna who captained the Mens 45 & Over team to victory in the recent Australian carnival. The competition in this blue ribbon division is extremely tough and Alan and his team should be proud of their efforts. Cec Gardiner was a member of the 55s team which reached the final in that division. The remaining veteran members from Hensman who participated in the carnival excelled in the cross-country sport of catching trams but were found lacking on Melbourne's "en tout cas" courts.

PERSONAL PARS

Kevin Fitzgerald, Noel Pearse and John Ince have recently celebrated special birthdays * nice to see Debbie Tassicker down at the club with brand new son Joshua * Sharon & Kevin Lampard are proud parents of a son * Colin & Diane Bailey have just left on a round the world jaunt which it is planned will be spread over the next 12 months * Joan Campbell is back leading her mid-week ladies pennant team, after being sidelined for some months with a broken ankle * John Carroll has spent some time in hospital recently and we hope it won't be too long before he's back on the courts again * returning to the Hensman fold after some interstate and overseas work experience are the Napiers and the Barbers * Jan McGann and husband Brendan have moved into Wesley College quarters where Jan is in charge of one of the boarding houses * Barb Whitely has moved into her new home at Bicton * Lois Ker, in Melbourne for the Vets carnival, was understandably reluctant to move out of her apartment when she learnt that David Wheaton (complete with his \$2m prizemoney from the Munich Grand Slam Cup) was going to be sleeping in her bed the following night * Wendy Ellis has enticed her Canadian sister Jeanne and brother-in-law Kim Jensen to W.A. for a year and we look forward to seeing them at the club during this time * Colin Napier led the Mazda City State League team to victory at the Black Pearl on Saturday * Ashley Burton was all smiles when recalling his two week January break on the Gold Coast *

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As the Shield Match home and away fixtures draw to a close, 14 of the 17 nominated Hensman teams seem certain to qualify for the finals.

Apart from two undefeated combinations, Ken McIntosh's Sunday Div 11 and Dene Rundle's Div 2 Veterans, there are several others with very realistic prospects of taking out a shield.

The most notable would have to be the Mazda City Mens State League side which has lost only one match is well clear on top of the points table. Worthy of special mention is Mark Hlawaty's remarkable record at the tough no. 1 spot - not only does he remain undefeated but he is yet to lose a set in his singles rubbers. At the same time he has received great support from a team line-up which combines a nicely balanced blend of new young talent with solid experience.

Unfortunately Hensman has not fared so well in the ladies blue ribbon competition as our team is one of the two which cannot make the finals. However their performances have been severely hampered by absences due to interstate commitments and illness. When at full strength the ladies have been very competitive indeed. Cathie Glennon returns to Melbourne shortly. Her efforts in the no 1 spot have been greatly appreciated and we wish her well - maybe she will be back in Perth in time for next season.

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The Hensman Caps (\$5) and Hensman Visors (\$4) are proving popular and we suggest you get in now to avoid disappointment.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Beth Walker, Sharon Thomson, Kevin and Isla Green and Jim Flynn to our ranks. Please make yourself known to them during these first few weeks and maintain our reputation as the "friendly club". Membership Chairman Bill Artingstall advises that our numbers are virtually at the same level as last year. Up to 10 visitors can now be permitted on a Saturday afternoon, so if you have a friend you would like to introduce to Hensman the way is open and Bill has all the information available for prospective members.

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