

Hensman Newsletter: September 2005

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OPENING DAY – SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

(Weather permitting)

It's time to find the racquet, put on your tennis shoes and head to the courts. The summer season is starting. Organised social tennis starts at 1.30 pm. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again to everyone and welcome to the 2005/2006 season.

This winter break has been full of challenges. Perhaps the biggest of all has been organising the bar following the "retirement" of Norm Burkett who had done the job admirably for many years. Unfortunately, bureaucracy reared its ugly head with many regulations and conditions needing to be met but we have come through all that and, thanks to our new bar manager, Jason Weir, are ready to take off again. It has been an expensive exercise for the club due to the compulsory charges and changes now in place and we will be adjusting our prices to help offset this cost. A list of the new prices is included in this newsletter.

Once again we will be applying for a CSRFF grant to allow the development of synthetic courts as per last year and, with any luck, we hope to be successful this time. We certainly need the extra room with our burgeoning Thursday night teams and increased numbers of juniors participating in the coaching programme. As was the case last year, I wish to thank Julie Strack for her expert input in preparing our application and also Graham Walker for his support.

This year we have some changes to the Board and I take this opportunity to welcome them on your behalf – Cec Gardiner (Social) and Denise Dalton (Ladies Captain) with Jenny Collett handling all membership enquiries. Continuing thanks to Graham Walker (Administration), Doug Napier (Grounds & Hall), Julie Strack (Finance), Colin Napier (Mens Captain), Shirley Davies (Social Tennis), Trish Haffenden (Juniors) and Ian Hutchison (Sponsorship). Shirley Davies has continued in her role organising Social Tennis and I am grateful indeed for her help, especially due to the needs of Jim who, Shirley tells me, is coming along OK. Thanks also to outgoing Board members Jenny Coad (Social) and Kerryl Chute (Ladies Captain) for their contribution.

We are lucky to have a great network of volunteers at the club who are always there willing to help at all times. At the recent Busy Bee Frank Thomas and Pam Gardiner proved to be a dab hand with the paintbrush as was Dene Rundle. Once again Jim Syme was ever willing to help with our larger problems (plumbing, building etc) but during the year Jim has not enjoyed the best of health and has had to curtail his activities. Thank you, Jim, for all the many hours you have put in over the years.

Opening day this year is Saturday 8th October (weather permitting) and I hope to see everyone down at the club on that day.

Joan Bonser

SUMMER PENNANTS

We have submitted to Tennis West 17 league teams for the coming summer season.
Saturday Mens & Ladies State Division
Saturday Ladies Open Division 1 and 3
Saturday Mens Open Divisions 1, 4, 5, 13 & 15
Sunday Ladies O/40's Vets Division 2
Sunday Mens O/40's Division 3 and 4
Thursday Ladies Night League - 2 teams in Division 1 and 1 team in Divisions 4, 5 and 8.

We wish all players a successful season – please remember you are part of a team and representing your club, therefore the competition should be played with humour and good sportsmanship. If it's your turn to sit out come and have a social game.

We will be organising some fundraising during the season and no matter what form of tennis you play, it would be appreciated if you could support these events. Remember we are all members of Hensman Park and every contribution is working towards the benefit of the club.

Colin Napier & Denise Dalton
Captains

MID WEEK

We only have two teams playing mid week this summer

Open – Division 5

Grasscourt 55 and over - Division 1

Trish Haffenden

Mid Week Co-ordinator

JUNIORS

We have a total of 13 junior pennant teams this summer (9 boys and 4 girls). The junior pennant season starts Sunday November 6th. Grading has been done and divisions are

Boys 12 & under – Divisions 2, 7, 9 and 12

Boys 14 & under – Division 2

Boys 16 & under – 2 in Division 1 + Division 5 & 9

Girls 12 & under – Divisions 4 and 6

Girls 14 & under – Division 6

Girls 16 & Under – Division 1

I would like to get you all together to meet your team mates and organize some team training. At this time I do not know when the summer handbooks and draw will be done.

Please note the following times for meetings down at the Club

Boys 16 & Under, Boys and Girls 14 & Under - Wednesday 12th October at 5.30 pm.

Boys & Girls 12 & under - Friday October 14 at 5.00 pm.

Team Captains - Monday October 10th at 5.30 pm

Please bring your racquets to the team meetings so you can have a hit.

Trish Haffenden

Junior Coordinator

NOVEMBERFEST

Make a note in your diary now

Saturday 5th November from 5.00 pm.

Meal 7.30 approx

Cost \$25.00 per ticket which includes

- 1 free meal proudly supplied by Ciao Italia
- 1 Free Beer/Wine proudly supplied by Karalee Tavern
- 1 Free Beer Stein proudly supplied by HPTC

Selection of imported beers and wines available at standard bar prices.

All welcome – we would like pennant players to come to the Club after their game.

Tickets available from Thursday September 29.

Contact Cec Gardiner or Jason Weir for more details

CLUB CO-ORDINATOR

Jenny Collett will be away overseas from October 25 returning on December 7. She will be attending her Godsons wedding in San Antonio, Texas and then catching up with her Son, Daughter-in-law and new granddaughter in England.

BAR PRICE LIST

Light Strength Beer	\$2.50 can
Mid Strength Beer	\$3.00 can
Full Strength Beer	\$3.00 can
Crown Lager	\$4.00 can
Wine from cask (red & white)	\$2.00 glass
Wine from bottle (red & white)	\$5.00 glass
½ and ½	\$1.50 glass
Pre-mixed cans	\$5.00 can
Spirits	\$4.00 measure + mixer

A blackboard list will be hung on the wall next to the bar to inform of these prices and any others that are relevant to the bar.

It is always a hard decision to bring in price increases, especially as it seems to hit the most social, supportive members, but it is necessary to cover rising costs associated with the bar.

CLUB COACH

Don't forget for all your coaching and racquet restring requirements

Contact

Mark 0418 861 929 or Jason Weir 0439 901 086 for information regarding:

Junior Coaching

Term 4 (2005) commences Saturday October 15

Term 1 (2006) commences Saturday February 4

Holiday Clinics

Clinic One – from Monday September 26 to

Thursday September 29

Clinic Two – from Monday October 3 to Thursday October 6

EMAIL

To help defray costs for the club we are endeavouring to communicate as much as possible by email. If you did not receive this newsletter by email but have an email address it would be appreciated if you could advise us of your details. (hptc@bigpond.net.au)

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To help defray mailing costs could you please collect your receipts and shoe tags from the office.

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