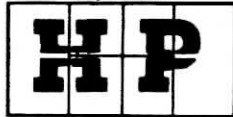


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The grass is certainly starting to look greener on the other side of the fence at long last and I guess you, along with me, await eagerly the opportunity to play on the new surface. The warmer weather, providing it continues, should enable the courts to be ready for play late in January or early February. This will give a marvellous start to the new year.

1991 promises to be an interesting year for the Club with the popular Ian Hutchison and Canvass Fine Arts sponsored days, a visit from the Wickepin Club and as well the usual array of social club activities to look forward to along with the competitive and social tennis available.

No doubt inspiration will also be gained from the international tennis stars who will be here competing in the Hopman Cup and the February Davis Cup tie against Belgium.

I take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to thank you all for your patience, understanding and co-operation in respect to the limited number of courts we have at present. I feel sure the wait will be well worth it.

Finally I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Christmas, along with a prosperous and happy 1991.

*Alec Whyte*

## COMING EVENTS

Xmas Show - Sat. 22 December.  
Theme - Ye Olde Xmas Tradition  
Dress - in the above theme, or in your tennis gear.  
A Xmas Hamper to the value of \$300 is being raffled and tickets will be on sale at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Snacks will be provided by the Social Committee during the happy time after the conclusion of the tennis.

New Years Eve Do: Monday 31 December  
Theme: "Beatle Mania" music - also for the 50s, 60s and 70s  
Starting time - 8 pm  
Light Supper provided  
Come and enjoy yourself as you welcome the New Year in with your friends.  
Cost is \$10 per head and we ask you to assist by giving us your names as early as possible.

17th January 1991 - Thursday  
Twilight Tennis  
Fish Dinner to follow. Whatever you do don't miss out on this top night.

### SOCIAL PLAY

Some members may have thought there would be insufficient courts available for play and have stayed away from social tennis in these early weeks of the season. Not so! In fact with the pennants being played elsewhere many members have had more tennis than they could handle. If you haven't got into your gladrags yet, then do so this coming weekend and get down to the club - you'll be glad you did.

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## KNOW YOUR MEMBER

Auriol Heary is an interesting mixture, despite her protestations of having nothing of interest to report! Having an Irish father, an Australian mother of Scottish descent, a French name and a deep interest in the peoples and ancient history of Lapland would not be everyone's idea of our average Australian. Auriol was born in Perth, being one of a family of five, and remembers being coached tennis at St Benedicts by Arthur Marshall when she was hardly big enough to hold the racquet. She has been a member of Hensman for fifteen years, but has become much more interested and involved in the last few years. Tennis isn't her only sporting interest, swimming and athletics feature also - in fact Auriol has taken part in one of the legs of most of the marathons around W.A. in recent years - particularly the Blackwood marathon.

Auriol is a schoolteacher by profession and has spent most of her time in the metro area, although she had a very enjoyable twelve month stint at Karratha.

The highlight of her teaching career has been a twelve month exchange teaching assignment in the south of England (near Brighton). Whilst overseas Auriol took the opportunity to visit the Scandinavian countries and particularly Lapland and the North Pole. She hiked for most of the way and joined forces with different ones to climb some of the mountains in the area. A keen photographer, she captured many of the sights on film. The London Museum was a favourite haunt for Auriol during her year in England and she gathered much information on ancient cultures and languages, knowledge which she has found very useful in subsequent teaching assignments. Hensman is just great according to Auriol, providing a good mix of people of varying ages who can all feel comfortable in the club environment. Hensman will continue to be just great while we have amongst our number people as dedicated to the interests of the club as Auriol Heary.

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### Personal Pans

John Deligeorges is visiting Europe with his family at the moment \* Doreen Potter has just returned from a spell in Melbourne with her family \* Bob Howman has returned from a stay in hospital and carries everyone's best wishes for a speedy return to good health \*

Noreen Ince has been sidelined this year, however grandson David is now walking and he should keep her fitness level at a high pitch \* Jamin, our Indonesian friend, has quickly joined into club activities \*

*Wouldn't it be nice if all people with coughs and colds went to the doctor instead of the movies (copyright - courtesy of Norm).*

*If and when the meek inherit the earth they will inherit enough debt to keep them that way.*

### MIXED CLASSIC by Charles

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*Charles Pichetti contemplating his big day*

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee comprising Alec Whyte, Clem Overheu, Bob Howman, Frank Thomas and Graeme Rundle have met and prepared a five year priority program for the club's capital works.

A Reserve fund has been established for capital works and it is proposed to put \$5,000 per annum into this separate bank investment account and draw on it only when the work takes place. It is proposed mainly as a provision for works on the synthetic courts. An amount of \$10,000 has been transferred into this investment, covering last season and the 1990/91 season.

Items submitted are as follows:

1. Workshed, Hit up Wall and completion of Entry Statement
2. Remaining two grass court bays to be relaid and replanted over the coming two seasons
3. Retaining wall on Coode Street side to be installed against the grasscourt bays similar to that on the synthetic court bay.

## GROUNDS REPORT

The reticulation system has been extended to enable watering of the synthetic courts. It is planned to give a very brief watering every two days to settle the sand, and minor adjustments are taking place to some of the sprinkler heads. A court 'revitaliser' is being obtained from the Eastern states so that we can attend to the sweeping etc of the surface sand.

Additional seeding of 'wintergreen' has taken place on the new bay to cover any bare or weak spots, and these are expected to catch up quickly to the balance of the area given a continuation of the warm weather.

Some problems have been experienced with the bore and this is being overhauled at the moment - it has led to inconsistent watering of the overall area, leading to weaker growth in some spots.

Some snazzy new Scoreboards have been manufactured by Clem Overheu and these are to be used by the State Grade teams during home matches.

Groundsman Mark Watson is gaining immense satisfaction from the improvement in the remaining two bays following the verti-cutting and coring program undertaken in the off season. He is also taking a keen interest in the establishment of the five new courts. Congratulations are in order too as the Watsons welcome a daughter into their family last month.

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### SOUTH OF RIVER TOURNAMENT

Hensman is to host this event which will be held between 22nd and 26th April 1991. Hensman originated this tournament over 20 years ago and it is now rotated amongst other affiliated clubs. It is an excellent event for junior tennis players and one that Hensman have always taken great pride in conducting. Clem Overheu is Tournament Chairman and will shortly be appointing a committee - we look forward to your support of this event. We will of course be looking for sponsors, both large and small, and Clem will be pleased to hear from anyone with contacts.

### FINANCES

Treasurer Bob advised that our total funds are just less than \$40,000. Interest rates are coming down and income from this source will naturally be down this year. There are some outstanding subscriptions which he would appreciate receiving. Please lighten Bob's load as much as possible and forward payment now.

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and hope your stay with us is long and enjoyable. David Bryant, Haydn Sheridan, Ross Gerrans, Terence Rhodes, Karen Bucens, Shane Orton, Sue Bassett-Scarge, Carlo Calleri, Justin Chan, Emma Chute, Lynette Gardiner, John & Rena McKinney, Frank & Laura Miller, Andrew Newton, Paul Perrott, Dale Raynes and Mark Tognolini

### SUPER SENIORS

"It's just something the old boys do to stay fit" says Jeff Glover, 91, one of the participants in the 85s National Championships held in Massachusetts. "It's fun, although I don't know how I'll do this year. These young guys just hitting 85 are pretty tough!" One magazine reporting on Clarence Chaffee, another entrant in the championships, described him as "the only player in the tournament who can follow his serve to net....and make it".

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The Shield Match season began with a flourish and our twenty two teams are in full swing in the various competitions. We are represented in seniors, juniors and veterans together with three teams in the mid-week competition. Alan Andersson is finding time between his fatherly duties to maintain the Results Chart at the Club house. You can see at a glance how the various teams are faring by looking at the stars and blobs.

Our teams are again playing on a variety of court surfaces - Hensman grass and synthetic grass, Wesley plexipave and Penrhos grass. As a result the Shield Match committee have deemed it necessary to alter the rules for "challenge matches". There are three changes involved and a copy of these are available from the Captain's room.

Thanks to those members who are helping out with the set rosters, particularly those helping out for the first time. We will again be looking for further assistance in the new year so all volunteers will be gratefully accepted into the fold.

*Kevin Lampard*

## PROVISIONAL JUNIORS

The season is shaping up to be another good one ! Apart from the regular Sunday morning sessions (9.30 - 11.30) the P.J.'s have fielded two boys 14 & Under pennant teams and even provided players for the club's 18 & Under side.

Remember though that Colin Napier and Barb Whitely are always keen to welcome new members, particularly girls ; so if you know of any enthusiastic aspiring young tennis players in the 9 to 14 age group, get them to come down of a Sunday morning or give their names to either Colin or Barb who can make an approach.

A Christmas Twilight event has been arranged for Friday December 21. Tennis commences at 5 pm followed by a barbecue at about 7 pm. Players are asked to bring their own meat and salad; buns and drinks will be provided.

The normal break over the holiday period will cover Sundays December 23 and 30 ( it just happens to coincide with the timing of the Napier family reunion in Bali ! ) but we will resume again in force on January 6th.

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## THIS AND THAT

Garry Napier celebrated his little O in style and was only seen in dark glasses throughout the following day - prior to this event he and a group of friends had a great time semi-demolishing his South Perth residence in readiness for remodelling \* Wade Mardon has made the State Under 19s Hockey squad \* Our Mens Veterans are standing up to the rigours of the current pennant season fairly well, although Mr Ker has gone down with a "dicky" knee \* best wishes to Christine Brooks for a speedy recovery from a rather nasty car accident that she was involved in recently \* Mike Patterson has shown some very good early season form and his friends can't wait for the next two years to pass in order to welcome him into the Vets - in the meantime Mike is doing a sterling job managing the Boys 14s team in the Sunday morning pennants \* the Morcombes, Gardiners and Inces were the big winners of a Quiz night sponsored by Attadale Rotary \* Joy Pearce recently sped her way to a commendation on her driving ! \* Clem Overheu has passed a milestone (always better than a gallstone) during November \* the guy with the big smile around the place is called Alan Andersson \*

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# SOCIAL NOTES

# WICKEPIN MATCH

Ray Laurie has starred in a winning Ambrose golf competition \* Ivan Zuvela and John McGiffin have quickly fitted into one of our pennant teams \* Barb Whitely enjoyed her trip to the Kimberleys with son Martin and daughter-in-law Melinda \* Tim Jones has gone into orbit over his new job, and is having a five week holiday in South Africa before starting with the Orbital Engine Co \* Jane Marshall, a new recruit, has been a member of a winning volley ball and indoor cricket team already this year \* Julie Bell is leaving at the end of the month to settle in Melbourne \* Congratulations to Denise Kelly who is now Mrs Denise Scott \* Congratulations to Scott Marshall and Narelle Kimpton both of whom were finalists in the Spring Tournament \* Phil Searle broke his nose whilst playing basketball ..I ask you \* Peter and Maree Overheu are rightfully proud of their refurbished house in Canavan Crescent \* Ernie Kay just happened to be over East on business whilst the Bathurst race and AFL Grand final were on \* noticed at Ascot on Melbourne Cup day were Jan Hart, Marie Connolly, Robyn Kelly and a tall dark and handsome escort

A reminder to members about our annual social match with members of the Wickepin Club to be held at Hensman on Sunday January 6th. They have a "bus load" lined up to do battle with us. Everyone is welcome and you are requested to be early so that a full day of social tennis can be enjoyed by all.

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