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'WHO'S FOR TENNIS: FIRST FIND THE BALLS

"We just can't make enough tennis balls to fill the demand," says Mr. Joseph J. White, assistant advertising manager of the American Dunlop Tyre and Rubber Co. - one of only three companies that manufacture tennis balls in the U.S.

"Tennis has come off its ivory tower," he said. "It has become a people's sport."

The crowds at the U.S. Open Championships at Forest Hills this week underscore his point.

There are 13.5 million Americans playing tennis these days, and their number increases by one-half million annually, according to the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association.

The above report appeared recently in the "Financial Review" but the popularity of tennis is not restricted to America as here in Perth, metropolitan clubs are enthusiastic about the opening of the Season and no one could be more pleased than us as attendance of over 100 on each of the first two Saturdays gives evidence.

It was disappointing that the condition of the courts did not reflect the hard work which has been put into them over the last two months but the rather wintry weather practically right up to opening day was no help. Nevertheless had the turn up at "busy-bees" been half as good as that on the opening day, top dressing would have been completed nearly two weeks earlier and the courts that much better. It is obvious there is a strong growth of couch on the courts and a marked improvement in their condition should be seen shortly.

The organisation of sets on opening day was a credit to our new Captain Rodney Skipworth and those assisting him - 123 people for 11 courts made for a tough job but not a minute was lost during the afternoon and everyone had as much tennis as was humanly possible to provide. The acceptance by members of this situation was appreciated.

SOCIAL CLUB

Friday, 23rd November we will be holding a QUIZ NIGHT at the Club.

Admission \$1.00 for adults, 50c. for juniors - bring your own supper. Frank Thomas will be quizmaster again and we are sure he will test us with a range of interesting questions, as always. These are good nights and there is no reason why the hall should not be packed out. Tables of 6 are ideal so organise your party now. People outside the club are most welcome.

A XMAS CABARET will be held on the 14th December (Friday). Tickets at \$2.75 a single are on sale. We have a first class modern band booked and supper will be provided by caterers. Liquid refreshments will be on sale at the hall. Your support for what should prove to a great night is sought.

ON THE SIDELINES

JOHN INCE is President of the South Perth Junior Cricket Club where his son Geoff is a prominent player. John who has done so much for "Hensman" over the years now divides his time between the two sports however he will be playing a major role in organising our January Under-Age Tournament.

PAUL WHITELY and KEN PITCHER are two members who also have a cricket interest and spend Saturday mornings on the cricket field assisting their sons.

LYN GOETZE is the Club's nomination in the Miss W.A. Tennis competition.

RODNEY DELLA has been transferred in his employment to Three Springs. ROSS SYMONDS is also another loss as he has been transferred to a Country centre with his Bank.

PHIL CHAMBERLAIN will be home from America for a few weeks over Xmas and will no doubt be looking up friends at the Club.

MIKE BEGLEY would have been missed so far this season by his friends but the problem has been that during the August school holidays he broke his left arm in a skiing accident. The arm has had a pin in it but the plaster will be off soon and Mike hopes it will not be long before he's back in action.

PHILLIP DALLIMORE recently won the Aquinas College Squash Championship on the school courts.

IAN HUTCHISON won't be much use to the Junior Pennant team this year as he's going on a Y.A.L. tour to Europe for 8 weeks from the beginning of December.

THE COMPETITION SCENE

The Club Pennant teams have been submitted to the W.A.L.T.A. and our entry of 21 teams, including Mid Week Ladies is a record. The policy was to submit as many Junior and Underage teams as we had players wishing to compete, bearing in mind the necessity of having sufficient reserves. This season the Men's team has been promoted to 'A' Grade after winning the 'A' Reserve Shield last season.

The selectors had the task of trying to sort out about 20 players who wished to play in the Mens Saturday afternoon fixtures and found the problem of grading all these players in correct order well nigh impossible. Lists are on the Club Notice Board and all positions in the four 'A', 'A' Reserve and 'B' Grade teams shown however all places as is the case with any other teams, are subject to challenge. Challenge matches can be arranged with the Club Captain or selectors. Matches played without their authority will not be recognised and these matches must be played and results notified by 12th November.

Don't walk around 'winging' if you think you have had a raw deal - there is only one way to prove your superiority and that's out on the court. We don't want people unhappy but unfortunately some miss out but the Selectors have made their selection as they see it and they'll be delighted if you prove them wrong.

KEVIN FITZGERALD and FRANK THOMAS competed in the Veterans' Tournament at East Fremantle Tennis Club and did well against some tough opposition to reach the Doubles Final.

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