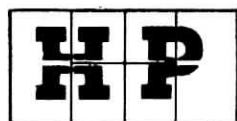


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The summer season has drawn to a close and many club members are now pursuing their winter sporting interests. Weekends at the Tennis Club will become slightly quieter now however I have no doubt there will be a hard core of tennis fanatics who will be making full use of the synthetic grass courts in their determination to gain a head start for the 90/91 season. Whichever way you plan to spend your winter recreation I wish you every success and look forward to catching up with you all next season.

During the off season the Club buildings will be painted and further work will be carried out on the grass courts to improve their quality for next season. In particular Court 13 will be stripped back and levelled using a 'laser levelling system'. If this is completely successful the remaining four courts in the northern bay will be treated in a similar manner before the beginning of the 90/91 season.

Congratulations to all those club members who were successful in the Club Championships and many thanks to the Club Captains and their Deputies for a well organized and run tournament.

Our year has again ended on a high note with a very well attended and most enjoyable Wind Up Dinner, for which our thanks again go to our vibrant Social Committee under the excellent stewardship of Randy Raux.

Alec Whyte

## IAN HUTCHISON ROUND ROBIN

A sell out field of 128 players again took to the courts on 22nd April for Ian Hutchison's annual day. The damp courts and swirling winds were the cause of much merriment as everyone endeavoured to keep the ball in play, but the spirits of the players were anything but dampened and it turned out to be one of the most enjoyable round robins held during the past seven years. Pam Gardiner and Peter Overheu kept the matches running as smoothly as the weather permitted and Jan Hart and her team put on an excellent spread or the hungry hordes. Clem Overheu and his sponsorship committee had again done a good job in lining up the players. Colin Napier showed he was still useful in his crippled state by writing up all the draw sheets and Kerry Wright and Kerry Chute had purchased excellent trophies. Among the many winners were Karen O'Connell and Judy Muir, Peter and Brad Rundle, President Alec and Craig Ellis, Ken McIntosh (when he wasn't doing the dishes) and Doug Webster, Rob Tuffin and Barry Daniel, Ethel Priestly and Gwyn Thomas, Ann Hall & Pam Smith, Lyn Gardiner (a bigger comeback than Pat Cash's) and Linda Bilney, Gary & Laraine Penberthy, the Wrays, the Ferreiras, Bilney & Zadow and Zadow & Bilney (they're really mixed up down Kojonup way), Randy Raux and Betty Hutchinson, Brad Rundle and Kerry Wright+, Barry Daniel and Ann Hall and many more. The Carrolls and Houston's were popular winners of the team event. Ian Rundle showed that No.96 is not an out of date number by using it to win the raffle. The day will again add over \$1500 to club funds, and we are very grateful to Ian Hutchison for his support in this and previous years. The \$10,000 plus generated over the past seven years has been wisely spent on fostering junior development within the club and also of course the reticulation of the lawn courts. President Alec finished the day with the presentation of trophies after suitably thanking Ian and all members associated with putting on the event. The final word must go to Betty our roving poet ...

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### WIND UP DINNER

This was the great success we have come to expect and 150 people sat down to an excellent meal. President Alec Whyte, assisted by Mayor of South Perth, Peter Campbell, made the presentations to the tournament winners. Our ladies singles winner Narelle Kimpton was also celebrating her selection that day in the all-Australian Pizzey Cup team, following WA's exciting first ever win in this interstate teams competition - well done Narelle. Scott Marshall was not stuck for words as he acknowledged his first ever Mens Singles crown at Hensman.

### MIXED CLASSIC by Charles

Although it is some time since this event we report that it was well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by over 120 people. Garry Napier and his team established an excellent format for the afternoon's play. At the conclusion of play President Alec assisted Charles Picchetti to make the presentations to the winners of the various divisions. Although Charles had some competition when it came to the kissing of the winners he was undoubtedly the apple of the girls eyes. The Social committee had again arranged an excellent evening meal which brought to a close a very successful second "mixed classic"

### Personal Pars

\* Congratulations to Jeannie Butcher and Wendy Ellis who scored some successes at the recent Aged Swimming titles \* nice to see Todd Morecombe helping his Dad out in the recent club handicap doubles, only to lose narrowly in the final \* Margaret Howman isn't often stuck for a word but how was she supposed to answer an enquiry on the club phone asking "are you in season" \* Steven Ker is now stationed permanently at Moora \* Blake Mardon is currently warming the bench in the top division of hockey and soon expects to be playing \* Colin Napier needs to do something about that golf slice, that or he needs a good insurance policy \* David Artingstall celebrated his 21st birthday recently \* Cec Gardiner was in pain with his knees at Kojonup, but gained relief with some tablets specially made for Pre Match Tension \* Pam Gardiner was not prominent on the courts at Kojonup but was nevertheless reported to have been in good form on the Saturday night \* Len Cannell, our very promising young member, leaves in August on a tennis scholarship to Memphis, USA \* Frank and Gwyn Thomas won a mixed event at Dongara - I repeat Frank & Gwyn Thomas won a mixed event .. this is not a misprint \* Norm Burkett and Randy Raux know of some prime real estate if anyone is interested \*

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### PROVISIONAL JUNIORS

This thriving division of our club held its Wind Up on the 8th April when Tennis West Director Brian Beers presented the four shields to our winning teams. Much of the credit for the dramatic improvement in the standard of our junior tennis at Hensman must go to those senior club members who took on organizational and training roles during the season. These members include Rod Skipworth, Kerryl Chute, Colin Napier, Phil Searle, Mike Patterson, Ian Rundle and Rod Ketjen - well done, your efforts are applauded by members junior and senior alike. Player of the Year was awarded to Joanna Logan. Peter Clarke and Luca D'Orsogna have since won events in the South of the River tournament at Applecross. At the conclusion a presentation was made by the juniors to their guiding lights for the year Barbara and Paul Whitely. Full credit to them both for giving of their time, wisdom and love of the game of tennis to these up and coming members.

### DOUBLE FOR FRANK THOMAS

At a glittering ceremony during the recent Club dinner Frank Thomas was named the Club Socialiser of the Year, showing that those long Wednesdays at the Club were not wasted after all. As evidence of the all new uninhibited Frank, he then (as Mae West) took out the prestigious Miss Tennis Balls quest from a strong field which included unshaven Elle Boyes, untalented Kylie Minogue-Rundle, some foreign woman with a name like Smith, a cosmetics consultant from Houston and finally Tina Turner-Frankland who spoke glowingly of her involvement with the real men in the world of rugby. Andrea Rundle was again the compere and organiser of the quest, judges were Bill Artingstall, Kerryl Chute and Scott Marshall

### MOST IMPROVED JUNIORS

These were fittingly awarded to Jenny Clarke and Peter Franklyn.



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## VALE PAUL WHITELEY

We were all shocked and saddened at the sudden loss of popular member Paul Whiteley, while competing in the recent WA Veteran's Tennis Club Championships at Nedlands.

Paul's association with Hensman spanned almost 20 years; he, wife Barbara and daughter Jenny joined the Club in the 1971 season, followed a few years later by son Martin.

The most significant part of his competitive career was spent before that, with the Carrington Tennis Club in the Southern Suburbs competition. He was a member of their "A" division team which won 13 consecutive pennant grand finals - still acknowledged as an Australian record for a recognised sporting team. Club stalwart and current treasurer, Bob Howman shared the majority of these victories with Paul.

With Hensman he proved to be an active "A" Reserve and, for the last 16 years, Veterans pennant player as well as an outstanding Club member. His and Barbara's efforts with the provisional juniors in recent years have produced exceptional results, and at the same time given tremendous pleasure to a large number of youngsters.

Paul will be long remembered amongst club members for his kindness, friendliness, great sportsmanship and infectious enthusiasm.

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## QUIZ NIGHT

Wow ! what a night this turned out to be. Frank Thomas was at his best with some nail biting questions, musical ones included. Gwyn Thomas was there along with Auriol Healy to keep tally of the scores and the Social Committee had the bar operating and supper provided at the conclusion. We are grateful to the many sponsors who provided prizes and all of whom were suitably acknowledged on the night.

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## URGENT MEETING OF MEMBERS

A SPECIAL General Meeting of members will be held at the Club-house on Friday May 25 commencing at 7.30 pm.

### BUSINESS:

- 1 To consider and if thought fit approve the proposal for the reconstruction of Courts 13 - 17.
- 2 To discuss the format for social and pennant play for the period to December when the courts will not be available for play.

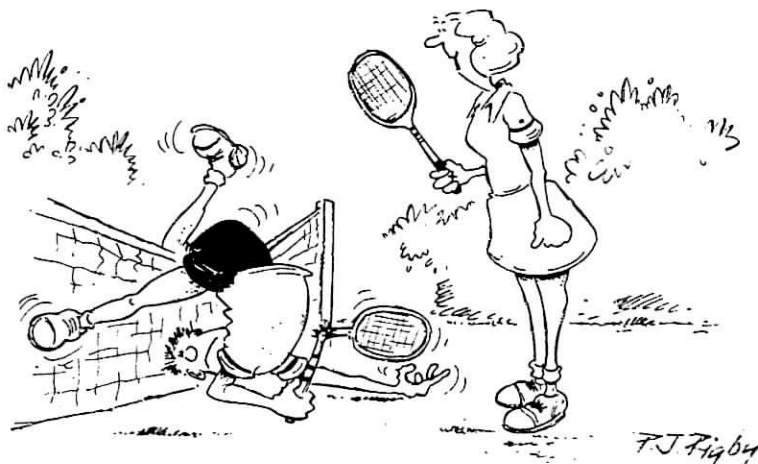
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IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING  
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### GROUNDS REPORT

The Grounds Committee have been conscious of the deterioration of our grass courts in recent times and particularly the northern bay, namely courts 13 to 17. Enquiries have been going on through the summer season to assess what our options are. They have been assisted in this task by our groundsman, Mark Watson. The recent relocation of the South Perth Tennis Club and construction of their new grass courts has turned out very satisfactorily and much can be learned from their experience. The new varieties of grass together with specially selected soils used for a base should provide more durable courts with a better and more consistent bounce. As with all improvements there will be a cost, both in monetary terms and in temporary inconvenience to members. These will all be discussed fully at the above meeting.

### ALARM SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED

There have been further break-ins at the Club and the Committee has been left with little alternative but to arrange for the installation of a satisfactory alarm system to deter and detect thieves. Quotes have been obtained on four systems and a decision will be made shortly.



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## FINAL RANKINGS

The following revised list of player rankings has been compiled by the Captains just prior to publication of this issue of the Herald. Those wishing to issue a challenge to improve their position should comply with the Bumping Board Rules as listed in the Captains room at the Club.

### MEN

- 1 S. Marshall
- 2 K. Begley
- 3 B. Tognolini
- 4 C. Napier
- 5 P. Searle
- 6 S. Fletcher
- 7 L. Cannell
- 8 P. Overheu
- 9 A. Hall
- 10 J. Turner
- 11 A. D'Orsogna
- 12 G. Rundle
- 13 C. Sharp
- 14 P. Rundle
- 15 A. Andersson
- 16 I. Rundle
- 17 G. Chisholm
- 18 P. Franklyn
- 19 G. Walker
- 20 B. Ker
- 21 T. Jones
- 22 P. Hamilton
- 23 D. Halifax
- 24 C. Kimpton
- 25 D. Artingstall
- 26 G. Napier
- 27 A. Carter
- 28 D. Newton
- 29 R. Raux
- 30 K. Lampard
- 31 N. Ryan
- 32 J. Spicer
- 33 I. Backhouse
- 34 C. Ellis
- 35 T. Frankland
- 36 G. Pears
- 37 T. Connolly
- 38 D. Donnelly
- 39 W. Mardon
- 40 C. Lavender
- 41 S. Keen
- 42 L. Morgan-Hobbs
- 43 B. Mardon
- 44 I. Zuvela

### LADIES

- 1 N. Kimpton
- 2 G. Barber
- 3 M. Drake-Brockman
- 4 K. Chute
- 5 E. Andersson
- 6 T. Drake-Brockman
- 7 J. Smith
- 8 R. Cook
- 9 M. Pritchard
- 10 A. Chmielewski
- 11 D. Stronach
- 12 M. Morgan-Hobbs
- 13 K. O'Connell
- 14 L. Patterson
- 15 D. Tassicker
- 16 S. Gordon
- 17 M. Schoolland
- 18 K. Beeson
- 19 C. Dick
- 20 A. Livesey
- 21 A. Rundle
- 22 J. York (nee Diver)
- 23 E. Herron
- 24 V. Houston
- 25 R. Kelly
- 26 J. Fletcher
- 27 L. Stoltze
- 28 B. Elliott
- 29 P. Sudlow

## PERSONAL PARS

Scott Chambers has returned to the Eastern States - he was a happy soul and we miss his laughter and good cheer around the club \* His cousin Steve Flanagan returned to Sydney but we are happy to say he soon discovered he preferred Perth and is back with us. Steve remains fairly quiet at this stage about his beloved Carlton and come to think of it Frank Thomas wasn't talking football much following the recent visit of the Collingwood team ! \* Dick Pears will be celebrating more than American Independence Day on July 4th this year - he turns 70 on that day \* Talking of birthdays our good friend Jan who serves our cups of tea will turn 80 next year \* Evin Fitzgerald made a welcome return to Vets pennants recently, comfortably winning his six sets in the process \* Brad Ker is off to a conference at Jupiters Casino on the Gold Coast, all part of his new job with G.S. Corporation \* Kathy Cook is back in town and we hope soon back on the hallowed turf at Hensman - she made a brief appearance at the Round Robin

\* there's a rumour that former popular member Warren Haley is coming back to the city after a five year stint on the goldfields - we hope to see you back at the club Warren if that is the case \* anyone wanting directions to Kojonup should see Rachel Cook and/or Dale Stronach \* Joan Campbell won the coveted tennis trophy at the Busselton Beach Resort annual tournament - she responded in a manner and an outfit befitting her new station in life. Doug Napier won the Mens section bringing a real interstate flavour to the event. \* Mitchell Bailey, proud son of Robyn and Roy, arrived just in time before Grandma Margaret had to fly back to Darwin \* Nola and Scott Spicer are proud parents of a new daughter \* there will be more to report in the new season on junior development if my spies are correct \* Greg Campbell was married during the school holidays and is now preparing to tough out the coming winter at Broome ! \* There will be no stopping our State Grade team next year - two of the members, Keith Begley and Peter Overheu have recently returned from honeymoons

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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well the club championship tournament has come and gone for another year. This year's tournament featured 28 separate events - congratulations to the winners. As in any tournament of this size, an awful lot of work goes on behind the scenes. The help from Sue Harwood, Graeme Rundle, Jan Bogaards, Sharon Gordon, Alan Andersson and others was very welcome. The Club championships not only allow members to enjoy competitive tennis but assists the match committee with the club rankings for the coming pennant season. It also enables us to submit our representatives in the Champion of Champions tournament. With the club championships now over, the match committee can now look at various aspects with a view to improving and streamlining next years event. In particular, exemptions will be severely restricted with the view to finishing the tournament in 3 weekends (rain, hail or snow - so be warned!).

With the advent of winter we will be looking for club members to assist with the winter set roster. Any help at all will be greatly appreciated - learners and P-plate drivers accepted! Names to Sue Harwood or myself

Kevin Lampard  
Captain

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results of the 1990 events were as follows:

MCS Scott Marshall d Anthony Hall  
6-1, 6-4  
LCS Narelle Kimpton do Glynis Barber  
6-1, 6-3  
MCD P.Searle, L.Cannell d A Hall, R.  
Skipworth 6-3, 6-2  
LCD G.Barber, E.Andersson d J Muir,  
M.Morgan-Hobbs 6-3, 6-3  
XCD S.Fletcher, E. Andersson d P.  
Searle, K.Chute 4-6, 6-1, 6-2  
M Feed-In C. Napier d L. Cannell  
6-4, 6-0  
L Feed-In M. Morgan-Hobbs d  
K.O'Connell 6-2, 4-6, 6-3  
MO/40D C. Gardiner, D. Rundle d B.  
Daniel, A. Stewart 6-3, 6-3  
LO/40 D J. Campbell, K. Chute d J.  
Davies, J. Rundle 6-4, 1-6, 6-1

## HANDICAPS

MHS N. Ryan d I. Backhouse 6-4 6-1  
MHD R. Ketjen, M. Brett d A. & T.  
Morcombe 2-6, 6-2, 6-4  
LHS N. Pound d. V. Houston 6-2 6-2  
LHD J. Haley, B. Whitely d S. Harwood,  
A. Heary 6-5, 6-5  
XHD R. Cook, F. Thomas d G. & M. Barber  
XD-0/40HD J. Bogaards, R. Raux d G.  
Thomas, C. Gardiner 6-2 6-2

## JUNIOR EVENTS

B18/UCS A.Hall d P. Franklyn 6-2, 6-4  
B18/UCD R. Edmondson, W. Mardon d S.  
Bruce & S. Starling  
B16/UCS W. Mardon d C. Pearce 6-0, 7-  
5  
B16/UCD W. Mardon, G. Muir d L. Angel,  
J. Williams  
B14/UCD P. Clarke, H. Jacobs d C. & D.  
LaFrentz  
B14/UCS G. Pugliese d P. Clarke 6-4,  
6-3  
B12/UCS M. M. Williams d H. Jacobs 6-  
2 3-6 7-6  
B12/UCD L. D'orsogna, M. Williams d.  
P. Clarke, H. Jacobs  
G18/UCS P. Bond d. J. Clarke  
B16/UHS W. Mardon d. L. Angel  
B16/UHD L. Angel, W. Mardon d. B.  
McArthur, S. Sustek  
G16/UHS J. Deligorges d. E. Chute 6-  
4, 6-0  
B14/UHS M. Williams d A. McArthur 6-  
3, 6-1  
B14/UHD A. Patterson, S. Pearce d. C.  
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## KNOW YOUR MEMBER

A bumping board would be a welcome addition to the wonderful facilities already provided at Hensman, according to former Ladies State Champion and member of our club, Joan Davies. Joan attributes much of her success in tennis to her Melbourne coach Cyril Bass, to his teaching her the backhand grip and then being able to spend hours practising it on a bumping board.

Born in Corrigin, Joan went to boarding school in the city during the war years and recalls all students being evacuated to the town of Beverley at one stage. She went on to UWA and was a member of

the winning WA team at the Australian Uni tennis Carnival. Joan then went to Melbourne Uni for two years and it was there that she became very keen on the game. She recalls playing pennants against Thelma Long, Carmen Tobin and Nell Hopman whilst in Melbourne. Returning to Perth Joan played pennants for Subiaco and was Ladies State Champion in 1951/52. She continued her teaching career at Bunbury Senior High but travelled to Perth on weekends to play pennants.

Joan is a competent golfer, and the proud mother of Craig (former captain of the Aust Hockey team) and Greg who is captain/coach of the Wasps hockey team. Joan brings a wealth of experience and wisdom to the club, but above all she is a warm hearted and sincere person and we at Hensman look forward to sharing with her for many years to come.

### CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Dick Pears was awarded this honour in recognition of his continued efforts looking after the cool drinks machine at the club - the award introduced last year goes to a member who is not on the committee and who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of the club.

### SHIELD MATCH PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ian Backhouse, who was a member of the winning Mens team, had an outstanding year, culminating in the winning of this award.

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