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In May we will be conducting once again the South of the River Schools Tournament. This event was originally commenced by our Club in 1962 and we ran it consecutively until last year when the W.A.L.T.A. granted Canning Club the right to conduct the event. However it is back 'home' again and we trust that it will be successful. If it is we may receive a nice little letter like the following which we received after the Underage Tournament in January:-

'I hope you will pass this message on to the Committee and helpers of the Hensman UnderAge Tennis Tournament.

I would like to thank them for a super tournament. To the ladies in the lunch canteen, to you thanks for giving us tennis players ideal snacks before our matches.

To the servers in the drink stand thank you for a nice cold drink after a hard match.

I know there are many other people to thank for other jobs which I probably don't know about, so I thank you also.

Mr. Groundsman I have forgotten you, because without you we would not have been able to play at all, thank you.

Now to a person I think has helped this tournament through is Mrs. Napier, thank you very much.

To the lady(s) who picked out the trophies, probably the hardest job, you did a wonderful job.

Hope to see you all again next year, Thanks again, Judith Wheatley.'

The Pennant Season is now concluded and although the number of shields on the wall will not be greatly increased we can gain satisfaction that even with the large number of teams entered, we did not have to forfeit a match over the holiday period - admittedly we went close once or twice - and also the club members pulled together well in all teams. We entered more teams than any other club and were particularly strong in Junior events in this regard. Sometimes in the past we have been criticised in some quarters for not paying sufficient attention to our younger members however the above shows that this is certainly not the case at present, in fact our junior participation in all facets of the Club has probably never been better.

Congratulations go to our two winning teams, the old and young - the Mens Veterans No. 1 team and the Boys under 14. Our last Newsletter said that the Veterans were virtually home and hosed and so they turned out to be. The Boys team was a little different as by finishing third they had to win in succession the semi-final, final and grand final. This team of Peter Mannolini, Garry Napier, Dean Buckland, Ivan Banks and Trevor Thompson (Trevor played in the finals as Ivan was on holidays for the greater part of this period) practised 4 or 5 days a week and really improved to defeat teams who has beaten them before. The Grand Final was won by only 2 games and probably the good number of club members and parents who went along could have had the effect of giving the moral support to push them over the line.

Club Championship and Handicap Tournaments have been completed except for one event - more about that next month.

A group of members went to Cunderdin during the Labour Day weekend. John Turner won the Mens Handicap Singles and Ian Hutchison the Junior Boys. Hilary Cole and her partner won the Ladies Doubles. Rodney Skipworth was runner-up in the Mens Singles and he and Dene Rundle were second in the Doubles.

### SOCIAL CLUB

Grape Picking may not be the best way of spending a Sunday but on the 17th February a group of members and friends went to Bindoon and proceeded to fill buckets which seemed to grow in size as the day wore on at 20c. a time. \$68 was raised and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The 'OLD COLONIAL PUB' is on on the 6th April. It is our last function for the year and we would like you to treat it as a real club get-together. We have obtained a liquor license. Entertainment will be provided by members and will include community singing etc. It should be a good night and a large attendance will make it even better.

The Juniors have been well looked after recently with a Picnic to Lake Leschenaltia which was most successful and also there was a Pool Party at Whitelys which was an open invitation to all our young members. Paul and Barbara seem to have survived the onslaught remarkably well.

### SIDELINES

Trish Johns and Rodney Della announced their engagement in January. After their marriage on 29th March they will live in Three Springs where Rod has been transferred. We wish them all the best for the future.

Life Member John Miller has not been well recently and has had a stretch in hospital. He is out and about again and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Doug Webster, our Treasurer is fairly smart - you have to be to balance our budget and look after a young son while his wife is in hospital with their new baby daughter. Congratulations Doug and Coralie.

Just a short note on ETIQUETTE. Most members are very good in regard to this when A Grade Pennants are being played but seem to forget that etiquette or good tennis manners apply ALL the time to ALL players.

A few DO's and DON'Ts.

1. Don't walk behind courts during a point.
2. Keep close to the fences.
3. Hurray across when a point is completed.
4. Don't talk loudly or act noisily in the vicinity of people playing.
5. Return the ball accurately to the server when a point is completed.
6. Return balls to neighbouring courts if they come onto or behind your court.

While we are having a little 'winge' - two undesirable practises have become evident during the Club Tournament.

SWEARING out loud has no place on a tennis court.

RACQUETS are made to hit the ball not to throw in the air or on the ground.

Some Seniors could set a better example to the younger members than they are doing at present.

FOOTFAULTING is far too prevalent among old and young alike - are you one of the culprits? If you are you are cheating your opposition.

See you at the 'OLD COLONIAL PUB' - 6th April - 8.00 p.m.