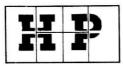
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CITY OF PERTH TOURNAMENT

Well it is all over, and what an event it turned out to be! Favourable comments have been received from players, our sponsors and many members of e public who witnessed the excellent tennis during the five days of the tournament. The extra stands and seats were all fully utilised, and indeed Hensman hasn't seen such excitement for many years.

The men's final was between sentimental favourite Rob Casey and the youthful Brad Properjohn, with the latter proving too strong in the end. In the ladies final we had Christine Dorey overpowering our former club champion Natalie Crutchley. The men's doubles final was a classic encounter with another of our past club champions in Barry Tognolini teaming with Roger Grant and going down in a third set tie-breaker to Kurt Robinson and Brad Properjohn. The final of the Boys 12s singles was also a crowd pleaser with Masters Sekulov and Brinklow (both barely bigger than their racquets) engaging in long rallies and showing plenty of promise for the future.

There were too many highlights to mention — the cuarterfinals were all tense three set matches, arren Patten caused two upsets in the Men's Singles, Robyn Lamb losing to Natalie Crutchley in the ladies semi-finals ... we hope the members took the opportunity to witness some of this tennis, as it will be many years before we see a repeat.

Of course a successful tournament didn't just happen — it was the result of many months of preparation and planning. Garry Napier and Ann Hall did a wonderful job of organising the matches, and had the final presentation right on time at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday. Barbara Whitely ran a record-breaking kitchen, and was ably supported by Noreen Ince and a large team of helpers. The bar was a popular meeting spot throughout the five days, and John Ince enjoyed his newly won retirement by slaking everyone's thirst — again he had the assistance of a large number of members helping him. The cleaning up of the premises each day was a job on its own, and this was capably handled by Bill Artingstall and Bob & Margaret Howman. Doug Napier, in charge of grounds, had the surrounds in great shape with the hessian and canvas, and the signage given to our sponsors made it a colourful sight.



National Mutual State Manager Terry Arundell and Ladies Doubles Champions Denise Shevlin and Christine Dorey.

Mark Watson had the courts in their best ever condition and they stood up to the constant play very well. Margaret Napier made many sorties around the courts and ensured that matches were being played in the right spirit and in accord with the rules. The amount of finance changing hands was very high, and as usual Bob Howman had this all under control. Simon Dubois and Gwyn Thomas assisted with the sponsorship, as did Ray Laurie in liaising with National Mutual, and Geoff Thomas had a young and willing team of youngsters carrying out the ballperson duties. Alan Andersson was Secretary for the tournament, and Kevin Harwood was Transport Officer for the two stands that were kindly loaned to us by Fremantle Tennis Club. Finally we had Clem Overheu as Tournament Chairman and he as usual did an excellent job of overseeing the event and making sure things happened as and when they should.

The final presentation went off very well, with President Margaret Napier thanking everyone and then having National Mutual State Manager, Mr Terry Arundell present the cheques and prizes to the winners. All in all a fine tennis event and one in which all members can take pride.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 11 Feb — Twilight Tennis
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Sat 12 Mar — Club Championships begin
Tues 29 Mar — Quiz Night
Fri 6 May — Club Dinner (at Hensman)

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

A large group of enthusiastic members were on hand from 7.00 a.m. onwards on Sunday, 10th January for the Club's annual breakfast. Early morning drizzle did not dampen the spirits, and the standard was high (possibly because the tops didn't come off the champagne bottles until after the tennis. Our capable social committee had everything running like a well-oiled machine — Tim Reynolds and Norm Burkett cooking the bacon and sausages, and the balance of the team inside arranging the meuslies, wheeties and fruit for the hungry multitude. Bill Artingstall thanked the Social Committee on behalf of the members and also used the opportunity to say farewell to Tracey Thompson who returns to U.S.A. after a year in W.A. Tracey has represented the Club in pennants and contributed much in her short stay with us.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS

Dates — March 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27. Entries close — February 21

Both Championship and Handicap events will be played concurrently — there will be no social play on the first weekend i.e. 12/13 March. Entry forms are available at the Club. Entry fees are nominal and we do urge everyone to participate in these events.

GROUNDS

The courts have stood up to the two recent tournaments very well and are expected to be back to normal before long. Courts 8 and 12 are NOT to be used unless all other courts have been filled. This message does not seem to get through to some members, so please rest these for obvious reasons. The dry appearance of some of the courts is caused in part by the extra cutting resulting in much of the fine grass not being picked up by the catcher and remaining on the court. Watering is continuing at the recommended levels. The fencing has been tightened and looks much improved as a result. The garden at the entrance to the Club is taking shape and thanks to Randy Raux and Gwyn Thomas for planting the shrubs. Incidentally, did you see the photo of our good-looking groundsman in the "West" recently? The gardener's shed has been spruced up thanks to some great unseen work from a group of our senior citizens and some smart finishing off by new veteran at the club, Eric Pearce. Craig Ellis and Earl Willis did a lot of work with Alec Whyte to get the children's playground area finished off and the kids are getting a lot of fun out of it now. The Marden family have been great supporters of our working bees - good to see Charles Brookes and John Deligeorges along also.

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PERSONAL PARS

Best wishes to **Sheryl Williamson** who has taken on a 'deli' recently * Great to see **Nora** and **Bert Viele** during their annual ''down under'' visit to this part of the world * **Lindsay Cary** will shortly join the ranks of the married men and we wish him and **Cathy** the very best * **Charlie Pickett** has reverted to his maiden name of **Picchetti**, so now the Italian chef for our coming social evening will be the very real thing! * **Trent Chisholm** is the name of the delightful new addition to Geoff's family — congratulations * **Roy** and **Joan Field** haven't been seen much lately — they have had their four children from all corners of Australia back in town for a reunion.

VETERANS

Wow! January has toned up a few of our forty and overs, what with the Interstate Carnival being staged in Perth over two weeks and followed up with some tournaments in the January long weekend. Elsie Carroll, Gwyn Thomas, Alan Morcombe, Dene Rundle, Dick Ker, Paul Whitely, Doug Napier and Cec Gardiner all took part. Congratulations to Kerryl Chute on becoming the Australian Over 40 Champion. John Ince maintains his unbeaten record with Clive Wilderspin during the championships! Noel Pearse won the Over 100 event (with some help from Arthur Marshall!)

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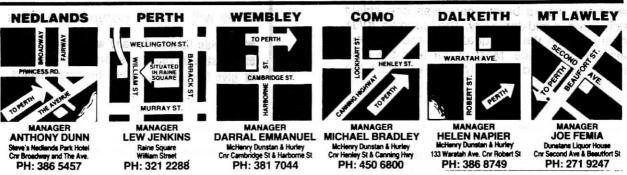
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all members for 1988.

It would be remiss of me not to start off with the most successful event held at Hensman in a long time. I refer, of course, to the National Mutual City of Perth Tennis Championships incorporating the W.A. Open Titles. Sincere congratulations and thanks are due to the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, Clem Overheu, to all members of that Committee and the many, many Club members who gave the event their whole-hearted support. The months of preparation and planning paid dividends. I don't think the Club has ever looked better and the laneway proved to be a real bonus for viewing matches.

Mark Watson and his team must also be congratulated for bringing the courts to their peak at the right time and for the way they held up in spite of five days continuous play. The extra time they put in to make sure all courts were ready for play by 8.00 a.m. each morning was most appreciated.

There were over 400 competitors including a contingent of 19 from Singapore and a few others from overseas including one of our past junior members, **Phil Chamberlain**, who was visiting from America.

The number of spectators who attended each day created a tremendous atmosphere right throughout the tournament. Some very tight matches brought out a high standard of tennis which was appreciated by the crowds. Many complimentary remarks were made and we can feel justly proud of our efforts. Figures are not finalised yet, however it is anticipated the gain to the Club will be well in excess of \$7,000.

In contrast to this, the three days of Country Week were very quiet. Sincere thanks to those who helped with the kitchen, bar, cleaning and other duties. It may be time to consider whether the club wants to continue as a support club for Country Week.

The recent **Champagne Breakfast** was another successful social event and I understand planning is under way for a Quiz Night, a Spaghetti Dinner and the Club Dinner. The General Committee has given the Social Committee the go-ahead to buy Arcopal dinner plates and sweet bowls as well as some stainless steel cutlery with the funds they have raised this year. When one considers that over \$30 of disposable plates are thrown away at each social function it will not take long to offset the cost and I'm sure everyone will agree that trying to cut steak with a plastic knife leaves much to be desired. Our social functions are going to be very civilised.

After a few weeks break there was one shield match round in mid-Januuary. The round on 30/31 January will be the last qualifying and then the finals will commence. Most of our teams will be playing in finals and hopefully many will reach the grand final. The Men's State Grade, sponsored by McHenry Dunstan & Hurley, have not starred this year, however the Ladies State Grade, sponsored by Australia Travel, will definitely feature in the finals. Good luck to all the players. There is always something special being part of a team that plays off for the shield and it's even more special to win. I would encourage club members to go along and support the teams during the finals — not only the top grades but the lower grades and juniors.

Following close on the heels of the pennant finals will be the **President v Captains Day** on Saturday, February 20. This is like the normal Saturday afternoon social play, however, as players arrive they are slotted into a team for the afternoon and scores are recorded. A plate of goodies for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

Early in March the Club Championship and Handicap tournaments will be held and I hope ALL members will participate. Provisional juniors are welcome to play in all under-age events — both championship and handicap. The Ian Hutchison Round Robin day will be held on April 17. This is open to tennis players from other clubs so if you have friends who play tennis, encourage them to make up a team and enter. A good day is assured. After the holiday break I hope to see everyone back at the Club over the next few weeks.

MARGARET NAPIER

VISITORS FEES

Members who invite a visitor to our Club are reminded that they are responsible for payment being made to the Club — appropriate follow-ups will be made where payment has not been made. The fee of \$5.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for juniors is similar to most clubs, and is very reasonable. The visitors name is to be signed in at Coach **Keith Begley's** office during his hours and payment left with Keith or his staff — at other times the visitors fee is to be placed down the ball chute outside the captain's room.

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OPENING OF TROPHY CABINET

President Margaret was pleased to welcome Life Member John Miller back to the Club in November and to officially open the magnificent trophy cabinet that has been donated to the Club by John. The cabinet was designed by Alec Whyte and was made at the Canning Vale prison. It features fluorescent lighting at the back to highlight the trophies and is a very welcome addition to our revamped clubhouse — thank you again John Miller.



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NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome is extended to the following new members who were admitted to the Club at the January meeting.

Cheryl Clark, Felicity Hewton, Donna Ford, Mark Barber, Cliff Webster, Matthew Harmer, Michelle Brouxhon, Monique Brouxhon, Jeff Kingston.

Anyone wishing to joing the Club should write to The Secretary, Box 36, South Perth and have their name entered on the waiting list. The admittance of new members will be reviewed each month by the Committee.



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JANUARY TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to Peter Overheu on winning the South West title at Bunbury (again) - also the Men's Doubles title with Bruce Elliott * Glynis Barber reached the ladies final but had to retire because of heat exhaustion (not surprising in the 39° temps) * Geoff and Debbie Thomas won the Mixed Doubles Championships, and Peter Rundle and Andrea Hickey were successful in their division of the Mixed * Peter Hamilton won his division of the Men's Singles and Mirlam Horgan-Hobbs was runner-up in hers * Garry Napier and Steve Wilson were runners'up in their Men's Doubles * Brad Ker won 4.5 litres of Scotch whisky in a raffle, so now we all know where to go on a cold night, don't we? * Alan Morcombe teamed up with Ken Harris (a member of Hensman in the fifties) to win the Fremantle Veterans doubles *

ROB MURTON SENDS GREETINGS

"Wishing all members and my friends at Hensman Park Tennis Club a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Rob Murton & Family.**"

This message came prior to Christmas and Rob's address is listed below as we know he would be delighted to hear from any of you. **Karen Rundle** visited Rob and family (including son Christopher) in early January.

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TRAVELLERS

Zara and Anthony Hall are holidaying in Melbourne * Keith Begley is there also, but attending a seminar and also the Australian Open * June Hatton is off shortly to Bateman Bay in N.S.W. for a break * Tracey Thompson has returned to U.S.A. after completing her 12-month assignment with the W.A. Blind Association * Wayne Boston is in London for a month — incidentally, he will be visiting Virginia Correll who is also in the U.K. convalescing after her serious car accident * Clare Dick is off to Nepal for one of those unusual and challenging holidays — we're looking forward to hearing all the details.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

I would like to welcome **Jeannie Butcher** and **Sharon Gordon** to the Social Committee. They have been very helpful workers and a great benefit to **Auriol**, **Sue** and **Wendy**. We really appreciate the support of you, the members, to our functions — money raised so far has enabled us to purchase wine glasses, cutlery and crockery — plus a small donation to assist **Karen Bucens** on her interstate tennis trip representing W.A.

Elsewhere in the Herald are details of our coming social events — please keep up your support as a tremendous effort goes into each activity and we are indebted to the members of the Social Committee for the hard work they are putting into each function. Remember, however, that it is only through your participation that these socials are enjoyable and successful.

Thank you again, landy Raux

PROVISIONAL JUNIOR CLUB

Our Sunday morning group is thriving again this year — thanks to Paul and Barb Whitely for their guidance to the up and coming members of our Club. Attendances have been excellent, reaching 54 one day. A twilight is coming up shortly and the juniors will be encouraged to take part in the tournament in March. Congratulations to Cliff Webster and Matthew Harmer who have been invited to join the main Club.

WANTED

BAR MANAGER — to replace John Ince, who we understand is planning to leave the country. It is a challenging and satisfying job, as the Bar is now an integral part of the social life of the Club.

NEWS ITEMS FOR THE HERALD — please hand in any items of interest at the Captain's desk as we have a separate file there for Herald news.

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

Feelings ran high between Norman and I As we struggled to work out some sets For the pencil he hogged and I couldn't get logged All the playes each side of the nets.

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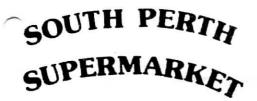
Eric and ken come to blows now and then But Bill Kay's the worst of them all On the net that young Randy is a darn sight too handy

So Bill tries assault with the ball.

That bullying Jim says if I don't give him A game with that bloke Tricky Dicky When I walk in the park some fine night after dark Out of me he will sure take the mickey.

Keith Haley and Charlie get snappy and snarly If they have to sit off for a spot And always John Carroll has me over a barrel Oh it really is no fun at the top.

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Alec Whyte was born in New Zealand at Palmerston North (near Wellington), however most of his time in that country was spent in the area near Auckland. After completing his Bachelor of Architecture at Auckland University he worked for the N.Z. Public Works Department in Napier, better known as the city flattened by an earthquake in 1931. Alec played some tennis at University and also at Napier, however it was mostly on asphalt surfaces as clay courts in N.Z. got too wet to play on — nothing compares in enjoyment to what he now experiences at Hensman.

In 1981, **Alec** and wife **Karen** made the decision to come to Western Australia, and to use his own words it was "the best move we ever made". They have a three-year-old son, Campbell, who keeps them on their toes! Alec worked for another architect for two years before setting up practice in West Perth with fellow New Zealander, Warren Parry.

Alec has served on the committee at the Club and is currently our Vice-President. He has taken a keen interest in the upgrading of the clubhouse and surrounding grounds, putting in considerably greater time and effort than is covered in his professional arrangement with the Club. Alec's ready smile is indicative of the enjoyment he derives from playing tennis and he is a popular member of Hensman Park.

WOMEN IN TENNIS

Concern has been expressed at the decline in numbers of girls and women taking part in competitive (and to a lesser degree social) tennis) Andrea Mitchell has been taking an interest in these developments through her association in the public schools area. This ultimately affects our Club and Andrew would be pleased to hear different viewpoints and particularly suggestions on how this trend can be arrested.

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COCA COLA TOURNAMENT

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