

# HENSMAN PARK TENNIS CLUB (INC).

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It is coming to the end of our Summer season and there are a few things of interest on the horizon.

### **PENNANTS**

We have had a successful season again with our two State League (men & ladies) teams. Our men are in second position as are the ladies and both teams will be contesting finals again this year with a great chance of making it through to the grand final.

Semi finals are on Saturday 18 March – Finals Saturday 25 March. There will be a notice to inform you of the venue at the time. It would be great to have as many supporters as we can to cheer on our teams.

Without wanting to single out any single player because I believe all who participate contribute I would like to make a special mention of Barbara Radicevic. Barbara is aged 13 and plays in our Girls U16 team. When asked to fill in for Division 1 she did so enthusiastically and won both of her matches in that grade. Quite an achievement in itself. She was then asked to play State League on two occasions and also won both of her matches at that level. Quite an accomplishment for such a young person!

We have had teams competing in:

Men	State League Saturday Divisions 1, 4, 5, 13 and 15 Sunday O/40s Division 3 and 5
Women	State League Saturday Division 1 and 3 Sunday O/40s Division 2
Junior Boys	12 & Under Division 2, 7, 9 and 12 14 & Under Division 2 16 & Under Division 1 (2 teams), 5 and 9
Junior Girls	12 & Under Division 4 14 & Under Division 6 16 & Under Division 1
Midweek Ladies	Open Division 5 45 & Over Division 1 55 & Over Division 1
Women Night League	Division 1 (2 teams), 4, 5 and 9

We have no Men's Night League at the moment – I suspect they are at home taking care of the family!

Please check the notice board in the hall (under the TV) to see where our teams are situated and see if you can support them in finals if applicable.

## **SOCIAL TENNIS**

Unfortunately, with the ups and downs of injuries, pregnancies etc among our ladies this season I have not been able to attend Saturday Social as much as I would have liked but have, instead, been filling in for various teams.

However, when I have been down to play there has been a good crowd (in every sense of the word) and a lot of good cheer after tennis. This is a very vital part of the club and it is great to see the support. I know it dwindles a bit for a while after Xmas and on especially hot days but there is always the "hard core" there to make it a fun day of tennis and socialising.

The bar has smoothed out and I know the new range of drinks is being enjoyed by a great number of us as well as our visiting teams. We can all help here by making it known if you cannot get a particular drink or if we are getting perilously low on some stock.

Wednesday morning social tennis is going very well with a good crowd playing most weeks. Charles & Pam have taken on this task this season with great success.

## **SOCIAL**

A private luncheon was held in the hall to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of John & Noreen Ince. John & Noreen are both well-loved life members of our club and I know we all wish them our very best wishes and look forward to their presence at some of our club events.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **March**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Captains Dinner. This will be held at the club. It will be along the same lines as last year which proved to be a great success. Please support this dinner – both social and pennant players – it is a fun evening and a great fund-raiser for the club.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Junior Sausage Sizzle. See separate notice.

### **April**

Club championships are just around the corner on the weekends April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - keep your eye out for entry forms.

### **April/May**

Ian Hutchison Day. This year will be a new format – start getting ready now!

## **COACHING**

Our coaches are extremely busy keeping the flow of juniors to the club. It is our responsibility to make them feel welcome at all times and encourage them to eventually become senior members both social and pennant players alike.

## **GENERAL**

We still are awaiting word on our CSRFF Grant application to convert courts 6, 7 and 8 to hard courts under lights. As soon as we get advice from the City of South Perth we will be able to start work on this project.

We have a number of players representing our club in the pennant competitions who do not have the time to make it to social play at the weekend or midweek. They may not always be easily recognised but are still members of our club. Please be conscious of the fact the person you do not recognise could be a member you do not know and approach them accordingly.

It is better to be pleasant and welcoming (even if wrong) than otherwise – we may even get some new members!