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PRESIDENT'S MIESSAGE

The last couple of months have been full of activity win what many club members would regard as the highlight of the clubs tennis activities for the season.

The running of the Club Championship and Handicap Tournaments again proved to be generally very successful and to Captain's Lynnette and Cec, and to the new faces on the Tournament Committee this year in Nicole Pound and Ken McIntosh, go thanks for a difficult job well done, similarly to Colin for the junior events. Unfortunately, the tournament ran into "extra time" which was a direct result of the Veteran's Tennis Club tournament clashing with the dates provided by Tennis West in their calendar for clubs to run their club tournaments. This resulted in many unknown exemptions being requested on the final weekend which strictly speaking our tournament committee was not obliged to provide. It should be noted that there were several of our club members that didn't enter or only entered limited events at the Veterans because of this situation. At the Board meeting of 09/05/94 we resolved to put a notice of motion to the Tennis West cil for a directive to be issued to the Veterans Club for them not to run their tournament on the dates provided by Tennis West in the tennis calendar for club tournaments. which if successful will prevent this situation from reoccurring.

The 1st of May saw the running of the Ian Hutchison Real Estate Round Robin, where after 6 months of no rain Murphy's Law said it must rain, however history will show this not to be the case! On behalf of the club my sincere thanks go to Ian for his ongoing enthusiasm and support for this most popular of days, this years perhaps being the best ever. It was pleasing to get a full house without having to do a last minute ring around, unfortunately some entries had to be turned away. At this time I extend a vote of thanks to David Siglin for his efforts in organizing the event, to June and Dene Rundle who again made a significant contribution, and to Kim Siglin for what is without doubt the hardest job on the day in co-ordinating the kitchen. Also to everyone else who helped in varying capacities throughout the day, thank you also.

The annual dinner on 20 May will for many signal the end of the tennis season, and will see us pursuing our winter

interests, whilst our tennis racquets linger in mothballs at the back of cupboard, indeed this is the last edition of the *Hensman Herald* for 1993/94.

However, the new season will be on us before we know it, and it is now that consideration needs to be given to the 1994/95 season. It was with this in mind that I advised the Board of Management on 09/05/94 that I would not be standing for reelection as President for next season. Regretfully I have not committed the time that the position of President demands, and for personal reasons, with my wedding in June, impending changes in work commitments during the next 12 months, and a desire to spend more time on some of my other interests, this situation is unlikely to change. Therefore, I believe it is in the best interests of the club that I stand aside and allow a successor with the necessary time to tackle some of the issues which need to be addressed in the future.

I can look back over the last 2 years and see the introduction of the creche and the night tennis competition as being very positive initiatives that I believe the club should continue with and expand upon. Both of these are vital to the clubs long term future, the creche providing a service for young families to make coming to tennis much easier, and night tennis providing a greater utilization of club membership for the working person and those faced with working all day Saturday.

As the club has evolved over the years we have seen many changes, from the introduction of contract groundstaff, the introduction of the magnetic nametag sets system (anyone remember the old book method!), the renovation of the hall to clubrooms, to the installation of synthetic courts and lights with the resultant conversion to a 12 month of the year club, the replanting of all grass courts which further enhanced court availability, these have all been very positive developments for the club. Just as these have been beneficial in the past there will be need to be ongoing developments in the future to maintain Hensman Park as a leading tennis club and indeed keep tennis as a preferred sport in the face of all sorts of competition from other sports now available. membership numbers within Tennis Australia affiliated tennis clubs has been in steady decline for several years, and several clubs in W.A. have reported significant decreases in membership this season.

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ALLING ALL MEMBERS

Members are invited to volunteer for set roster duty, a very necessary task to enable us all to enjoy our tennis. Remember, being a member of any club also carries responsibility. If more people participate, it lightens the load for everyone. In addition, this is a great way to get to know your fellow members. Anyone who would like to go on the roster should see Ken Smith, Jan Hart or Leanne Davy.

Ken Smith -- Club Play Chairman



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(President's Message, from page 1)

We currently have a healthy number of children in the provisional junior group, but seem to have this large void between that group and the club proper, in fact we have only 4 junior girls (18 & under), of which 3 play State League, and 14 junior boys. One of the difficulties faced is that very few of the provisional juniors have parents who are club members, probably the strongest force which will tie the juniors to the club and have a situation whereby, at least temporarily, the club can not rely on this as a source of membership. We have had several children move through the club, but for one reason or another we fail to retain many of them for any period of time, therefore collectively we must work harder to encourage the juniors and integrate them into the club after graduating from provisional juniors, otherwise the considerable time and effort expended in this area is all in vain.

Additionally I see the improvement of the toilet and changeroom facilities as a pressing capital works project which needs to be addressed in the not too distant future. the clubhouse is now some 30 years old and these areas had rarely been touched other than a coat of paint.

I am also of the view that the "political hot potato" of the computerized set system needs again to be addressed, recognizing that previously we were a bit of a "guinea pig" and there were problems. Having relooked at our system a little during the season, I am of the view that the existing package, perhaps with a couple of minor modifications, or even another package (eg: South Perth's) can meet our requirements.

As the club has grown over the years, so to has the level of time and commitment required from it's voluntary workforce, and as such would submit that it is becoming increasingly difficult for the club to run entirely on a voluntary basis. The time of a paid "manager" to handle a lot of the day to day requirements, and free up the Board to concentrate on the important policy decisions may not be too many years away. It may also be appropriate to consider introducing 2 year terms of office for the Board, on a 50/2 basis so that at least 50% of the Board will remain in offiafter each election so that there is some assurance of continuity.

Having said much more than I intended, perhaps some of you out there may have similar or different thoughts, whichever it may be, I would like to ask every one of you to consider taking on some role in the clubs administration next year, be it as a Board of Management member, one of the sub-committees or helping on a regular basis on any of the various rosters.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in August (date t.b.a.) at which time the election of office bearers takes place. It is possible that several of the current Board will not be standing for reelection, and therefore "new blood" will be required, and it would also be a healthy situation if there was an election or two for some of the positions. Please consider!

In closing I would ask that you please make a special effort to attend the AGM, as it really is an important part of the clubs administrative process.

GARRY NAPIER

NEW MEMBERS

The following people have joined our club, we welcome you and trust your association with Hensman Park will be long and enjoyable:

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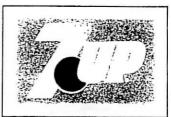
FRIDAY 20TH MAY 1994

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

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CLUB TOURNAMENT 1994

Many thanks to Ken McIntosh and Nicole Pound for all their help over the harrowing three weeks of the tournament. Also to Jan Hart and Pam Gardiner for all their behind the scenes work.

The tournament overall ran very smoothly, thanks to some great weather, though we experienced some difficulty on the final weekend with the clash of the Veterans Tournament. We are taking up this matter with Tennis West and hopefully this will not happen again. Thanks to the opponents of people playing in the Veterans Tournament for their patience.

Unfortunately this year there seemed to be a number of forfeits, mainly due to injury. We would like to remind players in forthcoming years that if they intend forfeiting that it is much easier on the tournament committee and their opponents if they have the courtesy to let them know in advance of their intention to forfeit the match.

Congratulations to all the winners commiserations to all those who did not quite get there. Hope to see winners and losers alike at the Club dinner for the presentation of trophies.



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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1994

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

MENS SINGLES Ashley Burton d Colin Napier

6-3 6-4

FEED IN Vincent Sutizna d. Graeme Rundle

6-3 6-2

MENS DOUBLES Ashley Burton & Mark Tory

Colin Napier & Barry Tognolini

6-2 5-7 6-1

LADIES SINGLES Siobhan Drake-Brockman d Kerryl Chute

6-0 6-1

FEED IN Joan Bonser d. Vicki Houston

6-4 6-4

LADIES DOUBLES S. Drake-Brockman & T. Drake-Brockman

Kerryl Chute & Glynnis Barber

7-5 7-5

MIXED DOUBLES Colin Napier & S. Drake-Brockman

Mike Brett & Kathy Williams

6-2 6-4

MENS 0/45 SINGLES Alan D'Orsogna d Doug Napier 0-6 6-2 7-5

MENS 0/42 DOUBLES Dene Rundle & Doug Napier

Randy Raux & Barry Daniel

6-3 7-5

LADIES O/40 SINGLES Winner Round Robin

Kerryl Chute

LADIES O/40 DOUBLES Joan Bonser Isla Green

Joan Campbell & Kerryl Chute

6-1 6-2

BOYS U/18 SINGLES Winner Round Robin

Vincent Sutizna

HANDICAP EVENTS

MENS SINGLES Mathew Kirk d Scott Wilson

MENS DOUBLES Peter Franklyn & Anthony Hall

Bill & David Artingstall

6-5 3-6 6-3

Christiane de Bissy d. Julie Strack LADIES SINGLES

6-1 6-2

LADIES DOUBLES Leanne Davy & Janelle McGann

Julie Strack & Lynnette Gardiner

3-6 6-5 6-4

MIXED DOUBLES David Hassett & Lynnette Gardiner

Ken Houston & Christiane de Bissy

6-2 6-4

PLATE Mike Letherby & Pam Gardiner

d

Barry Daniel & S. Taylor

9-7

MIXED O/40 DOUBLES Keith & Isla Green

Pam Smith & Kevin Fitzgerald

6-4 6-3

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CAPTAINS ROOMS RENOVATIONS

Earlier this year the Board of Management approved plans for the renovations to the Captain's Rooms.

The purpose of this work is provide a suitable working office area for Board members, storage provision for filing of club records, appropriate storage area for tennis balls and an improved working environment for duty captains.

For many years club records have been passed from office bearer to office bearer and held at various homes, whilst tennis ball storage has also cluttered up the homes of many a club captain. Also the club membership database is maintained on the clubs computer and much of the administrative work is now done utilizing the word processing package.

It was therefore considered appropriate to renovate this area to provide the facilities that are now required. This work has now commenced and it is anticipated that it should be completed by the end of May. The budgeted cost of the proposed work is \$6000, the major part of this being for the cabinetwork which has been contracted to The Woodworkery (Sam Davy) who submitted the most competitive quotation.

Whilst work is in progress we expect that there will be only minimal inconvenience to club members.



Peter and Maree Overheu are moving to Dalkeith * Overs has also sold his VW Beetle and bought a BMW and dreams at night of becoming a yuppie * Rachel Cook and boyfriend Adam have just returned from a holiday in Queensland * Julie Strack is off to work in Manjimup for a month 3 Graeme and Jane Rundle are off to holiday in Karri Valley in June * Keith Begley has moved into a new house in North Perth * Debbie Adams celebrated her 21st Birthday in style at the Napier Mansion with a large contingent of members joining the party * Lynnette Gardiner also recently celebrated her 30th birthday with a gathering from the club A number of members ended up "dirty dancing" in Barry and Jan Bogaards living room after the Ian Hutchison Day * Alister has spent a week down south digging divets * When you are seen often enough with the same person, people begin to talk, don't they Rosemary? * The Crommelin's in on the front lawn of Sue and Steve Ker's new home ominous *

HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING OF INTEREST

The editors of the Herald are always on the look out for any storys of interest, be it gossip or any other matter.

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M. Hessels & D. Menzies

6-4

D. Adams & V. Burke EMRIK GROUP

R. Byrne & B. Hyde

6-4

MEN

GROUP WINNERS

SLAZENGER GROUP P. Nadebaum & P. Searle

C. Napier & A. Anderson

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K. Hardiman & G. Keyser

I. Hutchison & M. McLean PRINCE GROUP

B. Bogaards & K. McIntosh

6-2

M. Moylan & N. Roberts DUNLOP GROUP

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MIXED

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B. Edwards & K. Edwards PUMA GROUP

M. Schoolland & M. Leatherby

6-1

MIZUNO GROUP J. Strack & N. Ryan

M. Bayley & A. Morcombe

NIKE GROUP B. Hutchinson & R. Raux

> L. Ker & R. Ker 6-1

FINESSE GROUP J. Walkden & K. Judge d

> J. O'Boyle & V. Narustrang 6 - 1

TEAM PRIZE

PAM SMITH, MIEKE SCHOOLLAND NORM BURKETT, MIKE LEATHERBY

LACOSTE GROUP	J. Luckman & J. Francis
	d
	S. Ker & S. Ker
	6-1
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Garry,

In the last Hensman Herald there was a request from members regarding articles of interest for the newsletter. As a member of Hensman I have not contributed to help the newsletter and know what a difficult task you have. My article may not be suitable or interesting enough but I will leave that up to the scribes. Here goes:

As I am a Rottnest Voluntary Guide committing myself to many school duties and tasks for Environmental Education on Rottnest Island. I thought Hensman members may like to know that the controversial documentary by Channel 9 "Sink or Swim" was a great success and had a TV rating of 26, which I am told is an excellent rating. meaning most of the public were watching this programme and are very interested in the future of Rottnest.

I was asked by Channel 9 to be part (a small part on film) of the programme. Many hours of hard work for many people, and most of it ends up on the editing room floor.

This documentary gave people of the public a good look at the Rottnest of today and to think about what they would like for the future of this magical magical island off "our" coast.

Many people have given their opinions to me, at my house and whilst I am out and about, at shopping centres, libraries, golf clubs, places of work, tennis clubs, family social functions etc, Rottnest Island, Geraldton, tennis touring over easter etc etc. Any group of people like to discuss what affects a favourite holiday place and Rottnest is a "hot topic". The majority, if not, nearly every Western Australian person seems to want the island to remain simple and unchanged!!

Changes, only to updating some areas like more water, sewerage, painting houses etc. Western Australians want simplicity and reasonable cost rates for good safe family holidays; so no "high rise" for Rottnest!! The Queensland coast Islands have all the high rise, and very expensive holidays too. Let Western Australia remain different then everybody can enjoy the only island we have.

Keep it all simple and enjoy the environmental side of life. Salt lakes, sea and surf, walking, riding bikes, reading and just day dreaming!

from:

Mary Andrews

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MASTERS GAMES

Many of our members journeyed to Albany during the Anzac Day long weekend to compete in the Masters Games.

Despite the overnight rain threatening to disrupt proceedings, the days cleared to be fine and sunny, ideal tennis conditions.

By all accounts a good time was had by all, and some fine results achieved.

GOLD MEDALS

Womens Doubles 51-60
Mens Dbles combined 110+
Mixed Doubles 40-50
Mixed Doubles 51-60
Mixed Doubles 61+
Mens Doubles 61+
K

Gwyn Thomas & Wendy Curtis
Randy Raux & Frank Thomas
Randy Raux & Jo McNaughton
Wendy & Laurie Curtis
Gwyn & Frank Thomas
Kevin Fitzgerald & Frank Thomas

SILVER MEDALS

Womens Doubles 40-50 Mixed Doubles 61+ Jan Hart & Auriol Heary Kevin Fitzgerald & C. Katz

BRONZE MEDALS

Mens Dbles combined 110+ Kevin Fitzgerald & Norm Burkett

Mens Dbles combined 90-110 Laurie Curtis & Ken McIntosh Mens Doubles 40-50 Norm Burkett & Randy Raux Womens Doubles 90-110 Wendy Curtis & Jan Hart

CELEBRITY OF THE WEEKEND!

Jan Hart, pictured displaying the forehand drive, page 57, *THE ALBANY ADVERTISER*, Thursday, April 28, 1994.

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PLAYERS

Wilson Cup Girls U/18 - Siobhan Drake-Brockman Reid Cup Boys U/16 - Mark Williams

MANAGERESS

Reid Cup Girls U/16 - Keryl Chute Margaret Court Cup Girls U/12 - Andrea Mitchell

STATE RANKINGS 1993

Mens No. 4 - Mark Hlawaty

Ladies No. 6 - Siobhan Drake-Brockman

Boys 18 & Under No. 5 - Jeffery Cotter

Girls 18 & Under No. 2 - Siobhan Drake-Brockman

Girls 18 & Under No. 5 - Monika Sekulov

Boys 16 & Under No. 4 - Casey Blanchard

Boys 16 & Under No. 6 - Vincent Sutisna

Girls 16 & Under No. 1 - Siobhan Drake-Brockman

Girls 16 & Under No. 3 - Monika Sekulov

Boys 14 & Under No. 2 - Mark Williams

Boys 14 & Under No. 5 - Luca D'Orsogna

Boys 14 & Under No. 9 - Matthew Kirk

SIOBHAN TO EUROPE

Our number 1 Ladies player, Siobhan Drake-Brockman has this week departed to Europe as part of an Australian Junior Team. The itinery takes in major tournaments, including the Italian and French Opens and Wimbledon, and possibly the U.S. Open.

Siobhan is currently ranked No. 3 in the I.T.F. (International Tennis Federation) World Junior Rankings, which is a very notable achievement. The club took the opurtunity to congratulate Siobhan on this achievement , and many others, by the presentation of a beautiful hand crafted timber jewellery box. Sincere thanks to Sam Davy for his fine craftsmanship and committment in the making of this gift.

President Garry Napier made the presentation (following Ian Hutchison Real Estate Round Robin), reading the lengthy list of achievements from the plaque inside the lid of the box, which was warmly received by the large crowd in attendance.

A letter has since been received from Siobhan thanking the club for the presentation, saying that the gift is something she will always treasure, and closes with the sentance "I will always be proud to be a member of Hensman Park".

We wish Siobhan well on this current tour and look forward to seeing her back on the courts at Hensman next season.

PENNANT NEWS

'Hensman had 16 teams entered in the Tennis West Tennis League, and at the end of it all, we had 2 victorious teams.

Those were our Saturday Men's Diviion 6, Peter Le Surf, Ian Rundle, Alan Andersson and Captain, Geoff Chisolm, and Sunday Men's Division 10, with Captain Ken McIntosh, Matthew Moylan, David Hassett, and Rod Dalton, with keen reserves, David Siglin and Colin Bailey.

Those who missed out were Saturday Men's Division 1, Saturday Men's Division 3 and Saturday Men's Division 9, all of whom lost very close fought finals.

Our Saturday Ladies' Division 1, Saturday Men's Division 18, Sunday Ladies' Division 5, and Men's Over 45 Division 5 all made the finals series, but unfortunately "dipped out" at the semi-final stage.

The Men's Over 45 Division 2 just failed to make the finals and our Ladies Over 40 Division 2 only managed one "gold star" - a well earnt one.

Likewise, the Sunday Men's Division 3 saved their best for last, posting their first "gold star" in the final game of the season.

Congratulations to all players for a successful season and a special thanks to all those people who filled in playing as reserves when the need arose.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

NORTHAM TOURNAMENT

MENS SINGLES

J. Cotter d. J. Muir

MENS DOUBLES

J. Cotter & J. Muir

OVER 40

Isla Green & Barbara Lyle

MIXED DIV B R/UP

Cec Gardiner & Lyn Gardiner

KOJONUP

MENS SINGLES R/UP

Colin Napier

MENS DOUBLES

Colin Napier / Doug Napier

LADIES SINGLES R/UP Kathy Williams

GERALDTON

Randy Raux and Pam Smith won a mixed doubles - which one?



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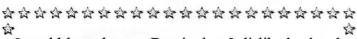
Sunday 1st May 1994 saw the running of the Annual Ian Hutchison Day, in perfect weather.

Many thanks go to June and Dene Rundle who allowed their home to become the "meeting place" during the planning phase, and for their invaluable input throughout the exercise.

Thanks are due to the large group of people who assisted with various aspects of the day. Particular mention should be made of the kitchen brigade headed by Kim Siglin with assistance from Marlene Morcombe, Lola Weaire, June Rundle, Fay Totterdell, Lois Ker, Nicole Pound, Debbie Adams, Leanne Davy, Jan Hart and Manu McCrow.

On the operational side the sets were ably run by Dene Rundle, Garry Napier and David Siglin, whilst the lunchtime bar duty was enthusiastically managed by Lynnette Gardiner, Jan McGann, David Hassett and Brendan McGann.

The success of the day resulted from a concerted team effort by a large number of members.



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DOUG WEBSTER has been a member of Hensman for 24 years, has had previous experience on the committee as treasurer and would currently rank amongst our most keen and enthusiastic social players; all very appropriate credentials for his new role as Membership Chairman.

A product of W.A.'s South West, Doug was raised on a dairy farm at Cowaramup and completed schooling at Margaret River before seeking employment in the big smoke. Commencing with a short stint in the sales section of a local confectioner, Plaistowe's, he then made a move into the insurance industry and remained in this field ever since. Over first 10 years he acquired considerable experience in the claims assessment area and was offered a senior posting with a national company based in Sydney. He was not keen to make a shift with his then young family, and elected instead to set up his own insurance assessment business, which he has operated successfully now for nearly 25 years, which takes him to all parts of the state, having recently been as far afield as Albany and Kununurra. Doug is currently in the process of reviewing all of the clubs insurance needs and policies.

Doug's tennis career started somewhat tentatively thanks to a neck injury sustained as a teenager, however a combination of physiotherapy and determination finally enabled him to overcome the problem. Whilst his neck movements may have been constrained for a while, he has certainly never shown any difficulties in covering the court. The fact that he can still produce a fair turn of speed is probably hereditary characteristics, his father having competed in the Stawell Gift during the mid 1920's.

Doug and wife Coralie have 3 children; son Cliff who has recently completed a University Degree in Chemical Engineering and daughters Allison and Melinda who are presently studying Nursing and Teaching respectively at Curtin University. Cliff and Allison are club members, both having come through the provisional junior system.

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SPORT is an excellant way for a parent to bridge the generation gap. There are few better ways to relate to your kids than throwing a netball, kicking a footy or having a round of golf together. Even more so if you become involved as a coach, assist with running the local club or simply make the effort to turn up as a passive onlooker each week.

Arthur Ashe one of the true sportsman of tennis, a Wimbledon champion and an American tennis hero wrote in a letter to his daughter just before his death last year;

Whatever else you learn in school, I would like you to master at least two 'life sports', those you can play long after you are out of school.

Sports are wonderful; they can bring you comfort and pleasure for the rest of your life.

Sports can teach you so much about yourself, your emotions and character, how to be resolute in moments of crisis and how to fight back from the brink of defeat.

In this respect, the lessons of sports cannot be duplicated easily; you quickly discover your limits but you can also build self-confidence and a positive sense of yourself.

Never think of yourself as being above sports.

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