



HENSMAN PARK NEWS

COMING EVENT:

PAST & PRESENT PLAYERS GET TOGETHER

We are having a get-together on Friday 26 March 2010 between 6pm and 8pm and would love to see as many of our past and present players as possible.

There will be finger food, wine, champagne, beer and soft drinks with the ambience of some gentle background music together with a great door prize.

All we want from you is \$35 and your presence to make this a great evening.

Please come along and rekindle old friendships.

All past and present players of the club are welcome, so please contact any that you know.

We need to know numbers for catering purposes and ask that you contact Kerryl Chute as soon as possible.

Dress: Cocktail

RSVP 19 March 2010 Kerryl Chute Ph 9458 2640 or 0422 229 681 – email kerryl55@bigpond.com

ANNUAL DINNER

This will be held at the Club in May, so mark it in your diary now. The Club Dinner has been a highlight of Hensman's calendar in recent years and we look forward to this year's function again being a memorable evening.

ANJA DOKIC WINS NATIONAL TITLE

Congratulations to our fellow member Anja who won the National 12s Singles in Melbourne in January.

Coached by Mark Leuba for the past 4 years, she performed admirably and is reaping the reward for some hard work in these earlier years.

MARK LEUBA APPOINTED AS TALENT DEVELOPMENT COACH

Tennis Australia has appointed our Coach Mark Leuba as one of its Talent Development Coaches. Mark had the privilege of sitting on Rod Laver arena with some talented juniors during the recent Australian Open, discussing with them the finer points of the match in progress. He will have an ongoing part time role with TA as part of their program to develop our juniors. Well done Mark.

STATE LEAGUE

Our Men's team is placed 3rd at the moment, but is still a strong chance to win another Shield with a full team playing at the top of their game. Our team comprises Cameron Fenner, Miles Armstrong, Strahinga Bobusic, Lance Hinds, Ryan Offer and Mark Leuba.

Our Ladies team has performed extremely well this year and is currently placed 4th. Those to represent the Club so far are Teiwa Casey, Storm Sanders, Jessica Chaine, Jade Flindell, Astra Sharma, Sophie Allen-Fisher, Anja Dokic and Melissa Hett. With Astra, Sophie, Anja, Storm and Teiwa in the team we certainly have youth on our side. Special thanks to Melissa who is captain of our 1st Division team and has happily co-operated when it has been necessary to use 1st Division players for the State League.

Melissa Hett has proved to be a most valuable young member having taken on the job of Captain of the Ladies Division 1. This has meant a lot of work for Melissa and she has been efficient and extremely obliging. Thanks Melissa for your efforts.

FINANCES

The Club's Treasurer Ian Rundle advises that our finances are in a sound position. A small number of subscriptions are outstanding and we ask those members to correct this situation in the coming days. The development of the 3 acrylic courts (6 to 8) was financed by a 5 year loan from some of our members and we are pleased to say that the 3rd of the 5 instalments has recently been repaid.

GROUNDS

The grass on our courts is flourishing in the current warm conditions, and is withstanding the large amount of use each week even though some soft spots continue to challenge our Grounds people. Our Grounds chairman, Arnold Jones, continues to keep up to date with the seemingly endless number of maintenance jobs that crop up at our Club and we are very grateful to him for his outstanding service.

SOCIAL

Peter Hollow celebrated a big birthday at Bocelli's recently with his senior mates * York Tennis Club recently held its annual Round Robin tournament in which 14 Hensman stalwarts participated – another 4 spouses made the journey and we hear there was much merriment on the streets of York as most stayed the night * The Life Members social day was again enjoyed by our many regulars and winners included Arnold Jones, Ross Collard, Lachlan Napier, Mike McLean, Frank Thomas, Roger Nicholas, Sue Taylor, Dawn Pietzsch, and Jacinta Napier * Good to see Barry Bogaards at York with his many Hensman tennis friends. Jan Bogaards and Shirley Davies were the only ones to come home with a prize * Visiting the Australian Open in January we noticed President Joan Bonser and Jade Flindell, along with Graeme, Aden, Patrick and Sam Rundle, Alan Morcombe and Doug Napier * Teiwa Casey and Storm Sanders performed very well in the Junior Girls singles at the Open and Storm even had a support team from Hensman urging her on in her epic 3 set match * Ross Collard has visited Melbourne and the highlight for his was seeing the Ron Mueck Contemporary Art exhibition * John Bamfield is off to India shortly for a 5 week stay, starting off at Chennai (prev Madras) * Doug and Coralie Webster have toured New Zealand in January .

KNOW YOUR MEMBER

Our friendly Bar Manager Chris Kennedy, who is in his 4th year of this honorary task, was born in Melbourne. Later he was to spend eight years in Sydney (Bondi actually) before returning to Melbourne where he spent 20 years working with the Reserve Bank. In 1990 he saw the light and ventured to the West, where he held a position with the Burswood Casino. The best thing to happen to him over here was meeting his lovely wife Leonie and they have been married for 17 years now. One of the most memorable experiences Chris and Leonie have had is "house sitting" for a friend of a friend in San Francisco for 3 months – their only responsibility was to look after the owner's two cats ! They took the opportunity at the end of their 3 months to travel the rest of the United States and feel they have a good understanding of life in that country now. Chris enjoys his tennis and is very popular with the mid week Men's and the Saturday social group, and we are grateful for the dedicated service he performs in looking after the Bar at the club.

SPONSORS

We are pleased to welcome two new sponsors of the Club, namely **DND Electrical (Derek McKay)** and the **Red Kite Organisation**.

!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

FRANK THOMAS

WORLD CHAMPION - MENS 85s DOUBLES



Frank, pictured here with another stalwart Elsie Crowe, won the Mens 85s Doubles at the recent World Seniors Championships held at Robinson Park.

ON'YA FRANK

YOUNG STARS MAKING THEIR MARK

Two of our juniors (Teiwa Casey and Storm Sanders) were selected to attend a clinic conducted by Andy Murray at the Hopman Cup this year.

For those of us who saw this it was fantastic. There were only 3 players selected. Teiwa and Storm both looked most impressive hitting with Andy and his coach and impressed everyone. I was asked by several people who they were, how old etc. I proudly gave them the info, adding that they are our top two women players at Hensman Park Tennis Club.

EXCITING NEWS FOR TEIWA AND STORM

Both were granted wild card entries into the Australian Open Junior Tournament during January 2010 at the Tennis Centre in Melbourne.

A number of our club members at the tennis at the time were able to cheer them on.

PENNANT UPDATE – 17th February 2010

		Position	Wins	Losses	Draws
SENIORS					
Men's State League		3rd	6	4	2
Men's Saturday	Div 1	2nd	7	3	2
	Div 2	4th	3	4	5
	Div 3	1st	8	2	2
	Div 4	7th	2	8	2
	Div 9	7th	4	6	2
	Div 13	1st	9	1	2
	Div 14	7th	2	8	2
	Div 17	8th	1	8	2
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Women's State League		4th	3	8	2
Ladies Saturday	Div 1	7th	3	7	2
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Sunday Senior Men 0/50	Div 1	2nd	8	2	2
	Div 2	5th	5	5	2
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Sunday Senior Women 0/35	Div 1	3rd	4	6	2
	Div 2	5th	3	7	2
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Women's Night League	Div 1	3rd	6	4	0
	Div 2	4th	5	5	0
	Div 5	2nd	7	2	1
	Div 7	8th	2	8	0
Midweek Open	Div 1	5th	2	6	2
	Div 6	3rd	4	4	2
Grass 55	Div 1	8th	1	8	2
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Men's Night League	Div 3	5th	4	6	0
Mixed Night League	Div 2	5th	3	7	1
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JUNIORS					
Boys Junior State League	Div 1	6th	1	7	1
Boys 12 & Under	Div 3	5th	2	6	0
Boys 14 & Under	Div 2	3rd	3	5	1
	Div 3	8th	0	8	1
Boys 16 & Under	Div 1	3rd	4	4	0
	Div 3	1st	8	0	1
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Junior Girls State League	Blue	2nd	4	2	2
	Gold	5th	0	7	2
Girls 12 & Under	Div 3	2nd	3	3	3
Girls 14 & Under	Div 1	4th	4	4	1
	Div 3	6th	1	7	1
Girls 16 & Under	Div 2	4th	3	5	1