

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Past month has been a particularly busy one for the club. The State Underage Championships were held in the first week of February and were very successful. The cream of the States Junior players competed for the 27 events, and despite heatwave conditions the events were finalised in the five days, thanks to Margaret Napier and her capable team of workers. With heatwave conditions drink sales were booming, similarly with the 520 entrants and spectators, the ladies in the kitchen were kept very busy.

The club finances are \$1,000 better off as a result of this tournament, and we are all indebted to those who gave of their time in various ways to make the event such a success that it was.

The weekend pennant competitions are mostly finished now, and members are looking forward to the club events which are coming up. There are many events in the club championships, including handicap events, so we hope all members will participate in as many events as possible.

The summer side of the season will wind up with the 50th Anniversary Dinner on the 12th. April -- this is going to be a night to remember and we ask you all to keep it free to celebrate with members old and new the fifty years of tennis that has been enjoyed at the club.

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TENNIS NEWS:

PENNANTS: Two teams managed to reach the Grand Final, but unfortunately both were beaten. The two teams were the Boys Under 19, and the Girls Under 19, both competing in division two.

The Girls' team put up an excellent performance against the unbeaten Melville--Palmyra team, although the losing margin was five rubbers to one, the match comprised two - three set matches, as well as a tie breaker in two other matches. The team members Helen Dallimore, Jenny Whitely, Sue Mannolini and Ann Saunders improved tremendously during the season, and are to be congratulated for their effort in reaching the Grand Final.

The Boys Under 19 team lost on sets after being three rubbers all. Robert Murton played his last game of Junior Pennants, and had a

...sounding 6-1, 6-2 win to finish a very successful season in which he was undefeated.

Keith Begley also won his singles, and for a 14 year old, his was a most impressive performance.

Our remaining hope of winning a Pennant Sheild for 1974-75 now rests with the Boys and Girls Under 16 teams and the Mid-Week Ladies team--Best of luck to these teams for the finals which will be played over the next few weeks.

TOURNAMENTS: Geoff Thomas and Jenny Whitely won the Handicap Mixed Doubles in the City of Fremantle tournament, and Geoff was runner up in the Men's Handicap Singles.

In the State Underage Tournament there were a number of good performances by club members. Trevor Thompson reached the semi-final of the Under 14 Singles, as did Robyn Wood in the same event for Girls, to achieve this both players had to defeat seeded players. Trevor Thompson, at the time of writing had already caused another upset by defeating a seed player in Paul Robinson. in the second round of the State Closed Championship, surely State selectors will seed him for future events.

TENNIS CALENDAR:::~::~

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND HANDICAP TOURNAMENT:

The Club Championships commence on SATURDAY March 8th., with both championship and handicap events being conducted. The tournament will finish on the third weekend in March.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE LODGED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 2nd., with EITHER RODNEY SKIPWORTHY or MARGRET NAPIER.

JUNIOR PENNANT BREAK-UP:

A venue and date for this event will be announced at a later date.

CUNDERDIN VISIT:

A group of 12 members from the club are visiting Cunderdin for the Labour Day weekend tournament.

SOCIAL NEWS:

The Social committee proposes to conduct a games night at the club house on March 22nd. - more details will be announced at a later date. A very successful dance was organised by Geoff Thomas and social committee members, for the participants in the recent State Underage Tournaments conducted at the club.

DONT FORGET:- 50th. ANNIVERSARY DINNER SATURDAY APRIL 12th.