

HENSMAN PARK TENNIS CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER

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Now that the season is well under way it is appropriate that we keep members informed about what has happened in the Club so far this Season and what is likely to take place.

October is always the month where competition for places in Pennant teams really 'hots' up and when a large number of new faces appear at the Club. The Captains and Vice Captains have once again done a terrific job in sorting out the large number of pennant teams that this Club fields and it is a tribute to their organisation and to the acceptance of our challenge system by players, that Hensman Park manages to avoid the arguments and bad feeling that often seems to plague some other Club over team selection. To the 30 odd new members that have joined us so far this season we welcome you to our Club and trust that you will enjoy many years of happy and enjoyable tennis. The oft quoted comment "that the more you put into it the more you get out of it" is very apt so far as a tennis club is concerned and you will certainly realise this if you make full use of the tennis and social life of the Club.

Our new Groundsman, Greg Paull, is settling in well and doing a good job on the courts despite difficult weather conditions early on. Unfortunately some of those bare patches you see were caused by some bad whiting last season and are proving difficult to overcome due to the excess lime which is now in the ground.

Bob Howman retired recently from Australia Post and he and Margaret have now involved themselves heavily in the Club to the benefit of us all. We can't compete with Australia Post - the pay is non-existent, the hours are long and the floors concrete, but at least the bar is just around the corner. The freshly painted verandah and general tidiness around the Clubhouse is part of Bob's handiwork.

Coming Tennis events at Hensman

National Panasonic - 16 years Championship - is to be held at the Club from 21st to 24th December.

Country Week - from 25th January, 1982.

Assistance from Club members during these events is required. The income from fixtures such as these help Club finances and keep subscriptions at reasonable levels.

Junior Club. Cec Gardiner and Geoff Thomas are doing a great job on Sunday mornings with these youngsters. Starting from scratch at the beginning of the season they have signed up over 40 young hopefuls. Tremendous to see the courts full on a Sunday morning.

Keith Begley our No. 1 A grader 3 seasons ago who is now studying in U.S.A. spent 3 months with us during the winter, played in the Winter Pennant competition and helped Hensman win the A Grade for the second successive year.

Robyn Wood is now back from U.S.A. permanently (?) and although not playing Pennants is showing herself around the Club fairly frequently and will no doubt be 'with it' again shortly.

Philip Chamberlain and his family will be spending Christmas with his parents and having a holiday from his coaching commitments in Memphis, U.S.A.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Elaine Skipworth on umpiring the final of the Panasonic Women's Singles - very well too - a new TV star!!

Debbie Hall - 21st birthday at the Clubhouse on Saturday, 21st November and

Garry Napier - same event, same venue on Saturday, 5th December

Colin Napier - selected in the State Reid Cup Team to play in Adelaide during January. (15 and under)

Glynis Mitchell - Manageress of the State Pizzey Cup (schools) interstate teams competition in Adelaide during the last week in November.

Kerryl Chute - Manageress of the State Wilson Cup team that will compete in Sydney and Hobart in January

Doug Napier - Manager of the State Linton Cup Team same as above.

Barry & Joy Tognolini on the birth of their daughter - comment of the year from proud dad - 'I guess the days of washing once a week are over'.

Vice President Dene Rundle, went off to India for a few weeks and will be an expert on curry and the simple way of life when he returns just in time for Christmas.

Social Scene

From the list of names and interest of members the Christmas Get-together and Smorgasbord on 19th December should be a great success. If you missed out on that one don't forget to come along to the Tennis at 7.00 a.m. and Champagne breakfast on Sunday, 3rd January - more details from Social Committee members.

Don't forget the BP State Open from 11 - 17 January at Royal Kings Park - tickets are available to club members at reduced prices and help is needed in several areas - contact M. Napier.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who have contributed to the smooth running of the Club so far this season and trust that their support will continue. To all members and their families I would like to extend greetings for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR with plenty of time for tennis and its associated activities.

DOUG NAPIER
President.