

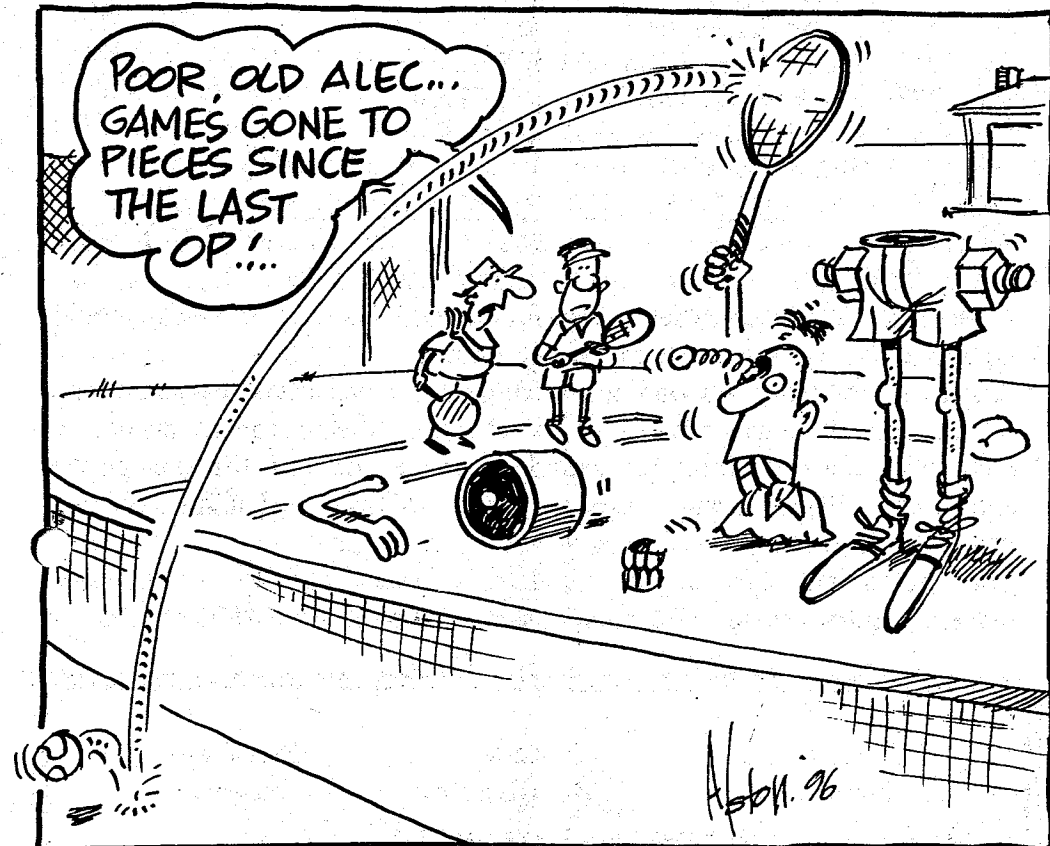
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CLUB TENNIS PROGRAM FOR SENIOR PLAYERS

APRIL

Sat 6 Social Tennis with Easter Hot Cross Buns
Mon 8 Easter - P.M. Organised Social Tennis
Sat 13 Social Tennis - Hancock Breast Cancer Charity Day
Sun 14 Interclub v Reabold at Reabold A.M.
Sat 20 Social Tennis.
Sun 21 Brooking Mazda Tennis Event A.M.
Fri 26 Junior Championships from 4.15 P.M.
Sat 27 Junior Champ. A.M. Social Tennis P.M.
Sun 28 Junior Championships All Day.

MAY

Fri 3 Presentation Dinner Dance Tawarri Recept. Centre
Sat 4 Junior Champs. A.M. Social Tennis P.M.
Sun 5 Junior Championships All Day.
Sat 11 Junior Champs. A.M. Social Tennis P.M.
Sun 12 Junior Championships All Day. Finish
Sat 18 Captain's Event - Mixed Doubles. Curry Night
Sat 25 Social Tennis.

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

An entry form is enclosed. Dates are the 3 consecutive week-ends starting Friday 26th April. Previously the tournament has been played on two weekends. We hope to see more entrants and the extra weekend should help to accommodate the exemptions permitted.

A special newsletter has also been provided to cover some aspects of the tournament where we have made a few changes. Please read all this before completing the entry form, particularly in connection with the exemptions allowable. Please ensure these are strictly followed and understand we have to insist on this to achieve a well-run tournament.

This tournament caters for all standards of tennis and not just pennant players. Entries close at the Clubhouse on Friday 19 April 1996 at 5.00.

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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

25 March 1996

Dear Members,

Here we are in the busiest playing months of our club year. Our championships are in full swing, league finals have been played and we have entertained more international visitors with tennis and friendship. Interclubs versus Peppy Grove, Claremont and Mandurah were enjoyed by all participants. So too were the Smash Cancer event, Harvey Beef night, Bowls night, Cocktails Plus and Di's Madhatters tea. My thanks go to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make these events successful and fun. Please remember to check your blue fixtures card for future events. April is a particularly fun-filled month so contact the organisers and get your names down to join in. Organise your groups and book tables for the Presentation Dinner Dance with Pam McVeigh or Yvonne Plows. Early reservations will ensure good tables! Do note that the date has been changed to Friday 3rd May. The organisers regret this clashes with the Bunbury Vets on 4th and 5th May. I hope all of you playing in that will see fit to attend the Dance and travel down early on Saturday to Bunbury. The venue for the dance is Tawarri Reception Centre on the foreshore, about 1 km towards Freo from Steve's.

Congratulations also to Len Bainbridge and his staff at Brooking Mazda for again winning the dealership award. Any member who has experienced a visit to Brookings, either for purchasing a vehicle or vehicle service, has been highly appreciated. Well done Len and thank you for your many years of sponsorship.

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PRESENTATION

DINNER DANCE

CHANGE OF DATE

FRIDAY 3RD MAY

At Tawarri

The Esplanade, Nedlands

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER (Cont).

My personal welcome to all our new members. A list appears later in the Whisper. Please make yourselves known to everyone and have fun.

My congratulations to our teams who won shields in the Tennis West Summer League. At the time of writing we have 4 winners: Saturday Ladies Div. 5, Sunday Men's Div 1 and Men's O/45 Div. 2 and Junior Boys 14/U Div. 5. (3 mid-week ladies teams are playing in finals).

I trust everyone noticed our 'Alston' on the front page of the last Whisper. Thank you Brian Somes for that and your hard work putting our Whispers together. Thanks also to your cheerful band of helpers who envelope etc.

A special word of thanks to our coach John Thorpe. You do so many things quietly and efficiently that I can't list them all. I do appreciate you answer the phone, attend to new membership enquiries when no one else is around during the week etc. You spend hours and days helping Tony Hammond organise our State Grade team, and the list goes on. Well done John!

Gres & Fred have filled the Formstone Planters - beautiful flowers to come!

I mentioned several months ago that Jim & Kathy Crone had donated to the club a copy of 'Tennis West', the newly written history book of W.A. Tennis by Dr. Harry Phillips. We now have a stock of these books for sale on a first come basis. Please see Brian Somes or me for a copy. Numbers are limited and this is a first edition so be very quick. The price of \$40.00 is not unreasonable for a small run edition and in hard-back quality.

Special congratulations to Cathy Rinaldi and Lachlan Menzies for success in the Hyundai Challenge. They were runners up in a close fought final and Yvonne and I were on the edge of our seats right through. In addition to their prizes, our club received a substantial cheque for their efforts. A very suitable use will be found and will be reported in a future Whisper.

Cathy received a special prize from the manager of Hyundai for her perseverance and contribution to Junior tennis. Very well done both of you and best of luck with your tennis futures.

Finally, my thanks go to Allen MacKinnon for this role over many years as Junior Pennant Organiser for our club. Allen is another quiet achiever whose work is done so very efficiently that few realise how much time he devotes to the job. Allen is retiring from this duty due to increased work commitments. You will be missed and your work will be remembered by many members for years to come.

Thanks members for your friendship.

Michael Plows - President

MIDWEEK LADIES' PENNANTS

Five of the nine teams Dalkeith entered in the Ladies' Midweek Pennants competition made it to the semi-finals, and three went through to the finals. Congratulations to Divisions 6, 7 and 9 and good luck for the final on March 27.

Now that the summer season is over, please put your name in the box on the sets desk if you want to play winter midweek pennants. Forms are beside the box, and entries close on Saturday April 13.

Linda Siddall - Pennants Supervisor.

MIDWEEK LADIES' THURSDAY GROUP AT 9.30

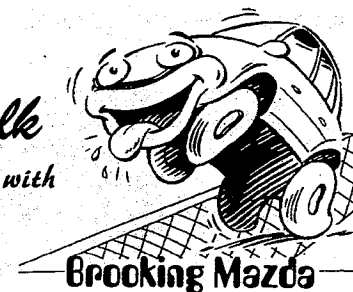
Over recent months we have had the pleasure of meeting and playing with a number of new members who have joined the club and are taking advantage of Thursday morning social tennis. There is quite a contingent of ladies playing on Thursdays with a little more regularity. We have a fabulous morning and it is something to look forward to. So take advantage of conditions before the winter rains arrive. Regards.

Jean Lynch - Mid-Week Co-Ordinator.

Latest happenings at 101 Stirling Hwy

The big news around 101 this month is the awarding of the 1995 Mazda Master Excellence Award to the dealership which now makes it two in a row. Fifteen dealers throughout Mazda's Australian network were presented with this award acknowledging their excellence in all areas of their business. It is a credit to all staff that not only achieved the standard but maintaining it.

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The Annual Dalkeith/Brooking Mazda Social Challenge will be held on April 21st and the staff are dusting off their racquets and preparing for their annual hit. We look forward to another wonderful social occasion with members.

The month of April will see a couple of new models making their debut in the showroom with the all new Mazda 929 and in our light commercial range the new B Series. The B Series will now also boast a diesel variant which is certain to attract a lot of buyer interest. A facelifted 8 seater MPV will also be introduced during the month. Of course April also heralds the Motor Show and this will be a busy period for all at the dealership.

We were pleased to see that a number of Dalkeith members were able to join us on the Swan River recently to view the Eunon Australia Cup. It certainly was a great week of yachting and we are sure Brian and Margaret Somes would have been delighted with the result as Peter Gilmour was the winner.

THE MEN'S STATE LEAGUE TEAM

State grade finished on a very positive note when the team defeated title holders Wembley Downs 6 rubbers to 3 in the final qualifying match.

While the season generally was disappointing a few positives emerged which should make the side a far more competitive unit next year.

Jeremy Bogue made the transition from an inexperienced junior to one of the most valuable lower order players in the comp. with wins over far more experienced and highly fancied players.

John Thorpe continued his outstanding form from recent years and proved to be the best no. 5 in the comp. recording only 2 losses for the season.

Scott Marshall performed creditably in the tough no. 2 position and would have contributed greatly to the tennis education of some of the younger players with his sheer competitiveness and court demeanour.

Paul Fairchild and Adam Howard showed some good form during the season, but need to display that on a more consistent basis.

Blake Brinklow found the no. 1 position more than he could cope with this year, but will no doubt have learnt a lot from the experience and will be much better equipped going into next season.

Lachlan Menzies tried hard but was generally out-gunned by the bigger, stronger opponents he faced, but still secured 2 wins.

My personal thanks go to Gres Cohen for his preparation of the venue for home matches and generally for his support right through the season.

Tony Hammond - Team Manager



The State Grade team, tired, but happy after beating Wembley Downs on 25/2/96 - L to R - Tony Hammond (Mngr.), Jeremy Bogue, Scott Marshall, John Thorpe, Adam Howard & Blake Brinklow. Absent, - Paul Fairchild.

THE JUNIOR CLUB

Another initiative by the Junior Co-Ordinator and Junior Sub Committee is to introduce a ladder of players standards. In order to set this in motion we have made an attempt by guesstimating the position based on pennant's ratings and performance at the last Club Championship.

Of course the initial ranking may be controversial to some but the success of the whole idea will be if you turn out to prove us wrong! The rules for the ladder are as follows:-

1. You can only challenge up to four places above your own name.
2. If the challenge is successful you will replace your name for the person you have beaten and vice versa.
3. Once a challenge has been offered, the recipient must agree to a time for the contest to take place within 2 weeks of the challenge (14 days). If the person challenged fails to turn up at the agreed time or does not re-arrange a suitable time within the same two week period, then the challenger receives a walk-over and can swap positions as a forfeit.
4. The challenge must be played out on the courts available at Dalkeith and the challenger can choose the surface provided either is available at the time of the contest.

There will be prizes every six months for the most improved player. Also the outcome of matches played will be renewed over the same period and adjustments made to gradings accordingly.

We are also in the process of providing gradings for Juniors. The idea is to give a grading that is equivalent to a senior's (adult) grading. Juniors of 15 years and over, with a grading of 3.4 or above may join in on Saturday afternoons and the intention is to generate as much interest as possible in gearing juniors to graduate into Seniors' Tennis. The more that join in on this basis, the better, and you will find the experience worthwhile as the adults will welcome your involvement.

We have not ranked all of you as we cannot be sure of your form relative to one another unless you have been involved in Summer Pennants and/or the last Club Championship. All those not named on the ladder are entitled to challenge any of the last four named on it. If the challenge is successful the challenger will take the place of the person on the ladder and the beaten player will then be positioned at the bottom of the ladder.

Each challenge will be one Pro-Set (9 games tie break 8 all).

The ladder will be one of the criteria used for pennant selection.

Colin Relf - Chairman, Junior Club Committee.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR.

It's hard for me to believe, but I'm about to enter into my sixth month as Dalkeith's Junior Co-Ordinator and I love it! The Juniors continue to show their support for the events and programs that are organised, and there will be plenty more in the next six months to keep everyone playing and having fun.

A reminder to all members to get behind the juniors and to come on down and show your support while they play their club championships. Remember they are the future of Dalkeith so support them well.

Junior Club times are:-

Friday 4.30 - 6.30 p.m. Sunday 9.00 - 11.00 a.m.

Andy Franklin - Junior Co-Ordinator.

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SUMMER TENNIS LEAGUE 95/96

Here are a few paragraphs about the Club's winners - written prior to the Mid Week Ladies finals.

Ladies Div 5 - Saturday.

Dalkeith defeated Kingsley.

Team:- Denise Davies, Libby Scott, Vicki Bakker, Susie Lau, Marg Lutz and Jane Travers

A great season, with motivating team spirit that got us through to the finals and with the help of Marg and Jane.

Denise made it look easy; Libby followed suit; Vicki and Susie did it the hard way in 3 sets, with Susie showing her fighting spirit to come from behind to win the 3rd set. So, no doubles needed to be played!

Vicki Bakker

Men's Div 1 Pennants - Sunday

Team:- Paul Sawyer, Scott Van Heurck, David Leahy, Glenn Smith, Mike Webb Ware, Geoff Barker.

Dalkeith won the Sunday Pennant final with a good all round team effort with a special mention going to David Leahy and Glenn Smith. Divvy one, with both singles and doubles being played, is a tough competition to win and it was a credit to the boys to bring home the bacon (or should I say "Babe").

Mike Webb Ware.

Men's O'45 Yrs Div 2 - Sunday

Team:- Peter Rigg, Doug Smith, Ken Adam, Graeme Scott, Mike O'Dea and Graham Hardie.

It was agreed to alternate the players in this star studded team through the semi-final and final. Graham Hardie made a significant contribution in the semi-final. The day before the final Graeme Scott suffered a back injury that meant he had to be rested on the big day! However the final was all power and play stopped when Dalkeith were unassailable winners and only dropped one rubber.

Ken Adam.

Boys 14/U Div 5

Team:- Ben & Jamie Campbell, Ben Hawley, Andrew Pettinau, Tim Pullin and Jonty Abery.

A great win against Kingsley in the final. This talented team came from third spot (at Xmas interval) to win an exciting match, by one set, showing revenge for 2 earlier losses to Kingsley.

RACKETIQUETTE

TIE-BREAKS

The tie-break settles a set when the score reaches 6 games all. Many players forget how the tie-break works, so here comes the Tie-Break User Guide.

Singles

1. A player scoring 7 points wins provided he/she leads by a margin of 2 points. If the score reaches 6 points all, the game extends until the 2 point margin has been achieved.
2. The player who served the 1st game of the set serves the 1st point of the tie-break from the right court. The opponent serves 2nd and 3rd points from the left and right courts respectively, and thereafter each player serves alternately for 2 consecutive points (left then right court) until the winner is decided.
3. Players change ends after every 6 points and at the end of the tie-break.
4. Player serving 1st in the tie-break receives serve in the 1st game of the next set.

Doubles

The only concern here is that players preserve their serving sequence throughout the tie break.

FOOT FAULTS

Lots of chat recently on footfaulting. Let's clarify what rule 8 does not allow. It IS a footfault if:-

1. Your foot touches the baseline before hitting the service.
2. You move either foot onto the court (ie touching the ground inside the baseline) before hitting the service.
3. You stand with a foot on or beyond the imaginary extension of the centre-mark or beyond the outside edge of the sideline.
4. After taking up stance, you move the front foot forward MORE than the length of the foot, and place any part of the back foot on the ground alongside or past any part of the front foot before hitting the service. This describes a walking/running service and the rule outlaws such a service.

TAKING ACTION ON YOUR OPPONENT'S FOOTFAULTS

In non-umpired matches it is the right of the receivers to call footfaults on the server (doubles only, called by receiver's partner). However, this is **LAST RESORT** action and risks dispute and retaliation - **NOT RECOMMENDED**. Of course, the opponent must be warned first of your intent. Better to try to persuade, rather than enforce. If you are a footfaulter extraordinaire, it's in your interest to take corrective action - 1 hour with John Thorpe. If a referee is present, an adjudicator can be placed at the net post to call footfaults on both teams/players. It is no excuse to say that the footfault gives no advantage. The rule does not care about the degree of infraction or its consequence. I hope footfaulting was not a feature of the club champs.

TIP

To avoid controversy over the score, the server should announce the game score before starting a game and the point score prior to serving each point.

RULE BOOK OFFER

A must for all players is to know the rules. I have copies of a small pocket sized Rules of Tennis booklet available for \$2 produced by Tennis Umpires Australia. Call me to place an order. Any questions/comments to me on 386 7379, fax 386 9379, email perryj@ozemail.com.au.

Jonathan Perry

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome to the Club the following members who have recently joined:-

Teresa Anderson	Mid Week
Anthea Connor	Junior
Sandra Formica	Single
David Khouri	Junior
Nicholas Woodall-Mason	Single
Cheow Yew	Single

A welcome back to the club is also extended to Clare and Richard Werren and family who have returned from an overseas posting.

COST OF MEMBERSHIP AT THE CLUB

The Management Committee of the Club advise that there are vacancies for membership in the various categories and members are encouraged to bring along their friends. As an incentive for those joining from April '96 the Subscription Fees for the part year to 31 October 1996 will be rebated. Past members who may be considering returning to tennis at the Club do not have to pay Nomination Fees. Any enquiries should be made to the Club Administrator on 386 2579 or to a Committee member.

RESULTS

Boatshed Challenge played on 2 December 1995.

Congratulations to the winners:-

Ladies	Lyn Micha
Men	Lou Koch

THE TERMS OF TENNIS

A little humour about our game.

NEW SET	What you require having just received hard volley in the mouth
PUFF OF CHALK	Effeminate Line Judge
GOOD RETURN	Retailers' and Manufacturers' dream
RACKET	Sicilian Open
OUT OF COURT	Settlement agreed prior to game
TRAM LINES	Where it is easier to drive a tram than to drive the ball
MIXED DOUBLES	A cocktail served at the club bar
MATCH PLAY	Playing with fire
VOLLEY	What you will face if that vital shot is not made a winner
BACK HAND	Remark made by your partner after your somewhat abysmal stroke
LOVE 40	Nymphomaniac's dream
SMASH	An overhead shot and not the well known brand of food
ADVANTAGE	Or should be, subject to the standard of one's game
FOOT FAULT	An encroachment onto the court whilst serving and not a reason for surgical operation.