



**THE HISTORY OF
ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS
CLUB
FROM 1932 TO 2022**

**CELEBRATING
THE HISTORY OF THE
ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS
CLUB
IN THE CLUB'S
90TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation as the traditional custodians of this country and its waters and that Alexander Park Tennis Club stands on Noongar country. I pay our respects to Noongar elders past and present, and acknowledge their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.”

In this the Club’s 90th anniversary year I felt a duty to update a previous account of its history written in 1982 by Life Member Keith Treadgold. With due respect to Keith, I have included his work in this production. We are so fortunate that from our beginning in 1932 our leaders have retained records of meetings and important letters that detail the development of our Club.

I have been able to tap into those records to help tell the story of the Club’s founding, and expansion in the years just prior to World War II and our growth and success since. This includes not just providing great tennis facilities and some of the best grass courts in the State, but also staging many tournaments and helping produce numerous top-class players.

At the same time, the Club has become a cherished community hub for players young and old, families, and the wider neighbourhood and tennis fraternity.

For instance, it’s not unusual for generations of local families to have been members, played here, grown up and then have their children learn and play the game at the Club.

Like many clubs around Australia, our members and players are the lifeblood of the Club. They are passionate, involved and have helped the Club win many accolades over the years including WA Club of the Year in 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2018; and Australia's Most Outstanding Club in 2015.

Our growth would not have been possible without support from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries’ and The City of Stirling and I acknowledge their many contributions. I especially thank Tracy Willet Museum Curator for the City of Stirling for her advice and help with the preservation of our historical documents.

I also acknowledge Tennis West the governing body of Tennis in Western Australia who continues to provide opportunities for our members to compete in League and Tournament play.

For the past 25 years our Club has had a close association with School Sport WA hosting their national tennis carnivals the Pizzey and Bruce cups The very best juniors in the country get to play on our magnificent grass courts and it has been a privilege working with Robyn Brierley and Andrea Rundle to present without doubt the best carnivals in the country.

I pay tribute to past life members Vera Coyle, Pat Guinness, Rob Menkens, Ken Davies and Eric McManis who often talked to me about the early years of the Club. I can understand now that they were “passing on the story”. Researching the history only makes me wish I had paid a lot more attention.

For this project I’d like to thank our President Sandy Castleden for her support and encouragement and Journalist Tony Malkovic for his expert advice.

Many thanks also to Scotty Walsh, of Scotty's Media, who took the eye-catching aerial photo of the club and Perth skyline that is used on the cover of this publication, and all the others whose photos are included.

There are now only a few people whose membership dates back to the 1960's and 1970's and I have valued the words of wisdom from Alan Wall (Singles Champion 1963-64,64-65), Fred Thomas (President 1975-76,76-77), John Pedler (Treasurer 1971-72,72-73), Ian White (President 1982-83,83-84,84-85), John Shortill (President 1996-97,97-98,98-99), Mal Nichols (President 2004-05,05-06,06-07,07-08) and Peter Quinn (Life Member 2012).

With the Club's centenary only ten years away I trust that this production will again be updated and that we all will continue to keep the story alive.

Ken Brown OAM

FOREWORD

On the occasion of its 90th anniversary year, it is with great pleasure and enormous pride that the Alexander Park Tennis Club presents a written account of its history from 1932 to the present day.

It is not planned to produce this history in hard copy format but will be maintained as a live document that can be updated as required. It is available here for downloading and enjoyment.

Why do we record history? One of the key reasons why our history is important is because it helps us understand our past times and gives an insight into the current situation and Club culture for the information of members, stakeholders and other interested parties.

A reading of this history will reveal the outstanding contribution the Club has made by its people and events, past and present, to the growth and development of tennis in Western Australia and indeed, in the nation.

It is hoped that current and future members will be inspired by this outstanding chronicle and immerse themselves further in all on and off court events and activities associated with our great sport of tennis at Alexander Park.

Mal Nichols
President 2004-2008
16 July 2022

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CHAPTER 1

THE BEGINNING AND THE WAR YEARS

In 1932 a Mr Noel Brady considered that a Tennis Club would be a great acquisition for the residents who had recently built homes in the newly developing area of the No. 4 Estate, Mt Lawley. He was soon joined by supporters for the venture and together they were successful in persuading the members of the Perth Road Board, under the Chairmanship of the Hon. John Scaddan, an ex-Premier, to allocate an area on the reserve where the Club now stands.

The reserve was subsequently named Alexander Park to commemorate the services to the community that have been given by the Lawley ward member of the Perth Road Board, Mr S.B. Alexander.

The following is a copy of an article in the West Australian newspaper Friday 13 October 1933.

A MT. LAWLEY RESERVE.

“Alternative plans of a proposed lay-out of a recreation reserve bounded by Clyde road, Holmfirth-street and Melrose and Inverness crescents, in the Mt. Lawley No 3 estate, were considered on Tuesday by the Perth Road Board. The plans provided for 12, tennis courts, a bowling green, a soccer, or hockey ground, a children's playground, a car park, and a combined tennis and bowling pavilion and social hall”.

“One of the plans, in which the tennis courts were placed north and south, was favoured by the Alexander Park Tennis Club, which asked the board to construct courts accordingly. As the board had received proof of the Club's incorporation; it was decided to accede with the Club's wishes”.

For the first three years, the Club's executive officers were Messrs E.L. Tyler, President: K.S. Andrus, Secretary: C.G. Eichhorn, Treasurer: and N.F. Brady, Captain.

The constitution for the Club was drawn up by Justice J.L. Walker, later to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and also President of the Western Australian Lawn Tennis Association. Over the years he was a good friend and frequent visitor to the Club.

One of the early problems encountered was that the courts were being laid out incorrectly, but fortunately Mr Norm Barrett, later to become the Club's first Men's singles champion was able to persuade the Perth Road Board of their error and the layout was corrected.

Originally 14 grass courts were put down and were maintained by the Perth Road Board in the early years. There were 10 courts on the main bay and 4 on the top bay.

A second-hand building was destined to be transferred to the reserve as the first Club house, but Messrs Brady and Andrus prevailed upon the Road Board to have a new building constructed.

Pending the development of the courts and the construction of the Club house a small party of the early members played tennis at Robertson Park in Fitzgerald Street, North Perth.

The Club pavilion was officially opened on Saturday 19 October 1935 by the Chairman of the Perth Road Board, Mr Harry Shearn MLA. and served the Club for the next 26 years when it was subsequently demolished in 1961. It was a wooden structure and was located about mid-way of the tennis courts on the main bay and close to where the present children's sand pit.



The following is a copy of an article in the West Australia newspaper Wednesday 16 October 1935.

“New Club to be Opened at Mt. Lawley. Possessing one of the finest Clubhouses in the metropolitan area and 14 grass courts, in excellent condition, the Alexander Park Tennis Club, situated in No.3 Estate, Mt. Lawley, will be officially opened on Saturday next at 3 p.m. The opening ceremony will be performed by the chairman of the Perth Road Board (Mr. H. V. Shearn). Officials of the West Australian Lawn Tennis Association will be present and exhibition matches, in which R. Ford, W. Stephen (the State champion), B. Davis and B Kinnane will appear, will be staged. Leading women players will also give an exhibition. A dance will be held in the Clubhouse in the evening”.

“The Club, which was founded about two years ago, is ideally situated in a new residential area, on a reserve of about twelve acres. After repeated conferences with the then chairman of the Perth Road Board (the late Mr. J. Scaddan), work was commenced on a portion of the ground and 14 courts were laid out, fenced, and planted with grass. A particularly fine pavilion has been erected, consisting of a large hall, kitchen and dressing and shower rooms for both sexes, and at present the membership of the Club is approaching the permitted number of 200, and the successful launching of the Club is assured”.

“The committee the other officers of the Club have worked enthusiastically since the Club was first formed and must be proud indeed of the fact that the appointments leave little to be desired. The original suggestion for the formation of the Club came from the present secretary (Mr. K. S. Andrus) and the work accomplished is due in a great measure to his keenness”.

The original committees had many problems to contend with, principally lack of finance, as they endeavoured to create a Tennis Club in the time of the state’s worst depression years, when unemployment was extremely high and consequently money hard to come by. In September 1937 there were termites found in the new Club pavilion. Nevertheless, the committee fought on towards their objective.

The following is an extract from the Treasurers report to the Management Committee (MC) on 12 April 1937

“In view of the serious financial position disclosed a general discussion took place in regard ways and means of effecting economies and as a result of that discussion the following recommendations were made.

- 1. Mrs Brady and Miss Simper agreed to investigate the expenses involved in the preparation of afternoon tea.*
- 2. The captain to ensure strict control in opening courts for play on the weekend thereby minimising the use of new balls*
- 3. The Secretary to take steps to have the telephone disconnected”.*
- 4. At the next meeting Mrs Brady reported on the cost of biscuits.*

“Charlie Carters agreed to supply and deliver loose biscuits at a half penny per pound less than the list price”.

It was decided to "give only one large and two small biscuits with the first cup of tea and make a charge of one penny for a second with no biscuits".

It was also decided that "two balls should be issued to each court in lieu of three."

The first mention of a coaching program for juniors was made in the MC minutes 12 December 1938.

"The availability of conducting a coaching scheme for junior members was considered and approved by the committee. It was decided that Mr Norm Wasley be approached with the view to his conducting this scheme and if his services can be obtained then advise all junior members to this effect requesting that they hand their names to the captain if interested in the scheme".

The January 1939 meeting recorded that Mr Wasley was not available having been chosen to "go east to play" so Mr Brady volunteered to coach juniors. This commenced on 22 January 1939.

At the same meeting a complaint was received concerning the "excessive use of oil on racquets to the detriment of the balls".

There was also the "matter of bad language and smoking on the courts. It was left to the committee who were requested to suppress these as far as possible and it was decided to place a notice in the men's room regarding the former."

At a MC meeting on 11 July 1938, it was reported "that the Club had probably lost a member because of objection taken to his mode of attire (...). It was decided to place a copy of that part of the constitution relating to costume to be worn on the courts in a prominent place at the Club house".

After the outbreak of war in 1939, the membership decreased as members joined the services. It was also resolved that as many male members will be engaged in military duties and will be in camp for lengthy periods a rebate be made on fees.

By the end of 1941 there were only 89 on the register, including 31 juniors. Four courts had been put into recess and problems were now many and varied. Groundsmen were hard to come by; petrol rationing severely limited the use of the mower, it was impossible to have nets repaired; new tennis balls were scarce and reconditioned ones available in limited supplies.

The minutes of the MC meeting held on 8 January 1941 makes reference to a letter from "The Lawn Tennis Association appealing for funds for a Spit-fire plane". There was also a suggestion that we should hold a "Patriotic Tennis Competition". This was held on "Sunday 28 July. Entrance fees, seniors 1/(shilling) juniors 6d (pence)".

The committee also received a letter in February 1942 "requesting that an air raid shelter be made for the kindergarten children in case of air raids".

In April 1942 the Club was asked by the Perth Roads Board "if they would form a committee to deal with evacuees from North Fremantle in the event of an invasion. The Club house

would be used as a distributing centre and the committee would arrange to convey the evacuees to their new homes and if necessary, supply refreshments”.

The July 1942 MC minutes record that *“in view of the tightening up of the brown-out regulations it was decided that the hall, kitchen and dressing rooms have block out paper placed over the windows and the light be covered with shades”.*

Throughout, this whole period and even well up to 1950 there was regular mention in the MC minutes relating to tennis balls, difficulty maintaining the courts and complaints about the Saturday Vice Captains (now we refer to them as the Duty Captains) make up of sets.

Tennis balls were, in the main, purchased from Boans in Perth and manufacture was even stopped during the height of the war. There soon became a market for second hand balls and members were required to use their own other than on Saturday afternoons when they were only supplied between 2.00 pm and 5.30pm for Club organised play. Tennis nets were also scarce and had to be repaired. To support the war effort, the lady members made camouflage nets and this material was used to repair the tennis nets.

When courts were closed in early August top dressing with loam or sand was carried out. As fertilizer was also in short supply fowl and potato manure was sometimes used. Members were also urged to try and purchase super phosphate from the hardware outlets.

The minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 22 October 1946 records-

“Returned Members: *Numbers of Club members have been discharged from the services and are now busy rehabilitating themselves in civil life. It is our earnest desire to see them all once more actively participating in Club affairs, and to those who have not yet re-joined, we extend a hearty invitation to resume membership”.*

Mowing the courts was restricted due to petrol rationing. The MC minutes of 21 January 1947 records. *“The Secretary advised that a letter to the Rationing Commission asking for an increase in our petrol ration for the mower had been successful and the ration has been increased by 100% being now 8 gallons monthly”.*

1948 AGM minutes state that *“hot showers have been installed in the change rooms”.*

Thanks to those few who helped the Club through the war years it survived, until some of the old members returned and new ones joined with enthusiasm and willingness to do their bit in re-establishing the Club. Participation in top dressing the courts, cleaning out weeds, painting the Club house etc. soon had the Club providing a centre for tennis and social activities.

CHAPTER 2

A NEW HALL AND THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE BOWLING CLUB

The honour boards in the club hall record the names of Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Club Captains, and Club singles champions. The MC minutes of 17 July 1945 record that a motion was moved and approved that *“a permanent board be erected in the Club house”*. Mr Dorman promised to donate it.

The club hall was made available to the local residents for many purposes as the minutes on the 1950 Annual General Meeting indicates. *“The kindergarten, baby clinic, Sunday school and Sunday evening services are conducted in the hall. The activities of these worthy bodies restrict the use of the hall somewhat, but until they can obtain their own premises, we will continue to assist them in every way possible and expect every consideration possible in return”*.

In 1951 the land on the north western side of the tennis courts was converted into a Bowling Club. Initially two rinks were prepared and the building included a kitchen, toilets and a small hall. The following is a copy of an article in the West Australian newspaper Tuesday 23 September 1952.

“A new Club that will enter the bowling competitions this season is the Alexander Park No. 3 Estate Club, Mt. Lawley. It will hold its first meeting at the Tennis Clubrooms on Thursday night. All members and intending members are invited. Two full-sized rinks have been put down and are nearly ready for play. Clubhouse facilities are also being prepared”.

Minutes of the MC meeting dated 8 June 1954 record that *“we grant permission until the end of the current year to the ladies of the Bowling Club to use our Club-house conveniences”*.

In 1954 a Sub Junior Club was started with play on Sunday mornings in order to give the juniors under the age of 15 years the opportunity to practise and develop their game.

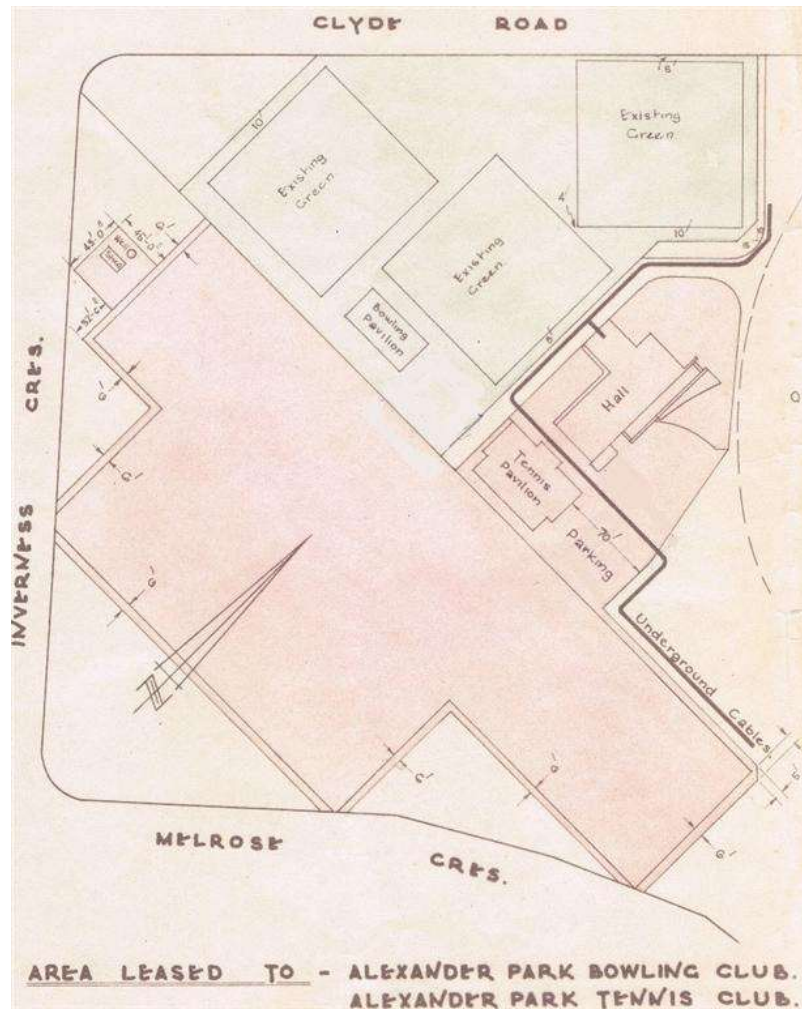
On 19 October 1955 it was agreed that a *“sub-committee meet the Bowling Club regarding the proposed building and alignment between the Clubs”*.

Before a new applicant could become a Tennis Club member it was necessary for the applicant to pass a “playing test”. Records indicate that many did not pass. On 13 December 1955 it was agreed *“that a playing test be conducted one day a month preferably the Sunday before the Management Committee Meeting”*.

Membership grew and in the Club’s silver jubilee year 1957 it had reached the record level of 293 members. Two new courts were added that year, one on either end of the top bay and a further two at the eastern end of the main bay followed in 1961 taking the total to 18

The first indication that a community hall was to be built behind the Club house was recorded in the minutes of the MC meeting held on 14 January 1957 *“the Perth Road Board are planning to build a hall adjacent to ours. This will cut our entrance off and the aspect of this is not promising. It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed to deal with this matter at a Road Board Meeting held on 13 February 1957”*.

This drawing shows the position of the hall in relation to the Bowling Club and the tennis pavilion



It can be seen from the plan that the hall was to be a separate entity to the Tennis Club and that the tennis pavilion opened in 1935 was to be retained. In support of this the Tennis Club had in 1955 submitted plans to the Road Board to make improvements to the pavilion, build a stand alongside it to view tennis matches and to build a storage shed.

On 13 February 1957 a conference was convened by the Roads Board with representatives from the rate payers and Tennis and Bowling Clubs to discuss the layout of buildings on the Alexander Park Reserve.

After the hall was completed in 1959 the Perth Road Board, (in response to a letter from the Club dated 4 March 1960) replied on 10 March 1960 stating that

“The Board proposes to arrange a lease of this hall whereby your Club would control the supervision and letting of the hall. Financial provision for the construction of a brick annexe to incorporate change rooms, toilets, showers and patio are to be built as additions to the hall. Provisions would be made for the ultimate removal of the tennis pavilion”.

A letter to the Club from the Perth Road Board on 19 September 1960 advised *“that the Board is prepared, subject to successfully raising Loan No. 117, to carry out extensions and additions to Alexander Park Hall to a maximum of £6,000”.*

The following is an extract from a letter from the Club to the Perth Shire Council on 22 July 1961.

“As you know the new premises for the Tennis Club are virtually completed, and the old building has been demolished. It is our desire to clean up the area between the buildings and the courts and make it presentable for the opening of the new season when we hope to have an official ceremony for the handing over of the premises by the Council.”

The Perth Shire Council officially handed management of the hall, that now had become the Tennis Club’s “Clubhouse” to the Club on 28 July 1961

On 6 October 1961 the Club’s letter to the President Perth Shire Council stated *“It is intended to combine the opening of the 1961-62 tennis season with an official ceremony to mark the handing over of the new pavilion by the Perth Shire Council”*.

The completion of the hall, incorporating a veranda facing the tennis courts with the western end enclosed to provide a Club lounge, change rooms, a kitchen and the demolition of the original pavilion marks a significant moment in time in the Tennis Club’s history.

Minutes of a MC meeting on 8 January 1962 indicates that the Club was experiencing financial difficulties. The finance committee reported *“that expenditure at the present rate will result in a deficit in the vicinity of £400 at the end of this financial year. To improve the position the committee recommended the following: -*

- 1 That all efforts be made to increase membership.*
- 2 That we make every endeavour to publicise the hall and increase the letting of same.*
- 3 That all sections of the Club do their utmost to keep expenses down and that all monies such as pennant fees and visitors fees be collected.*
- 4 That the position of the paid captain be dispensed with.*
- 5 That the position of the caretaker and part time gardener be reorganized. It was the original intention when we assumed control of the hall that one person would hold both of these positions and the cost would be £300 per annum but at the present time it is in the order of £550.”*

At the May MC meeting it was reported that *“the financial position had improved considerably in that past three months due to enforced economies”*

An interesting report in the December 1963 MC minutes suggest that *“a report on the mower says that the trouble was again caused by **Linseed** oil”!*

Both the Bowling and Tennis Clubs were in need of a storage shed for mowers etc. This was agreed to by the Shire of Perth on 30 April 1964 and a joint shed was built on the western end of the main bay of courts where it is today.

Membership in May 1966 was 209 down on the previous year and the financial situation was still a big concern. Also of concern was the deteriorating condition of the hall which was now about 10 years old and in need of significant costly maintenance. Income from hall hire accounted for about 40% of total income.

Whilst the hiring of the hall through the sixties and into the seventies continued to be an income source so did issues about vandalism, cleanliness and noise at night from bands. A formal complaint was made by residents to the City of Stirling.

At the AGM held on 22 August the minutes record that *“Mr Menkens rose and addressed the meeting re the point that there were no lady life members of the Club. The great record of service to the Club by Miss Pat Guinness was then noted by the speaker and in conclusion it was Mr Menken’s pleasure to nominate Miss Guinness as a life member of Alexander Park Tennis Club”*.

Minutes of the MC meeting held on 15 November 1966 contain several interesting matters. One was that the Tennis Club’s “financial outlook is not good” and that “drastic action is necessary”.

A recommendation was made to *“test feelings of members to see if sufficient are interested in becoming social members of the Bowling Club thereby making that Club’s facility available to our members”*. As the Bowling Club had a well-stocked bar, maybe that might have influenced the suggestion?

This was countered by *“Associate Membership of the Bowling Club has been mooted for many years but it would be of little help to us financially”*.

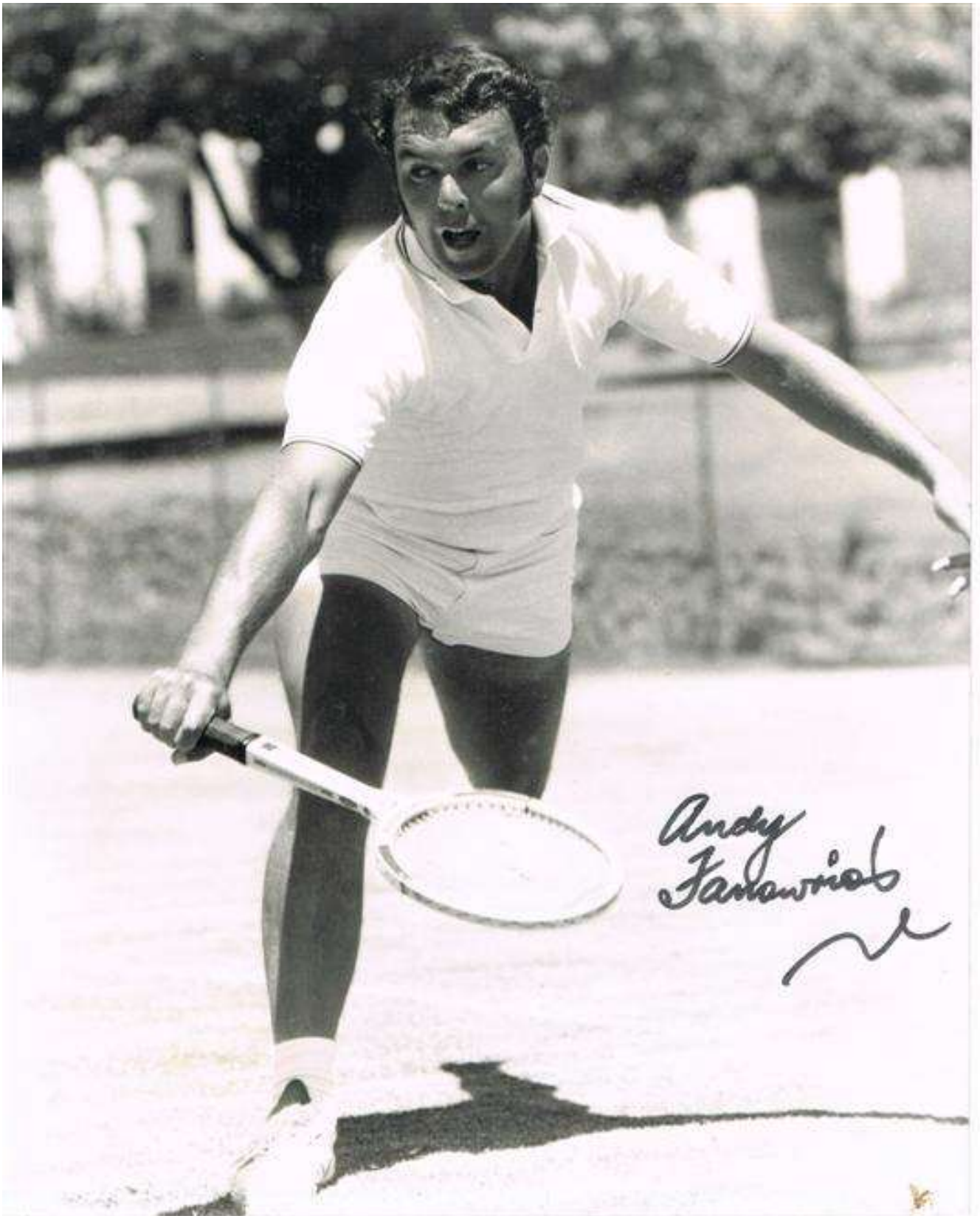
As is the case today talented tennis players were being “head hunted” by Clubs as this note in the 12 October 1971 MC minutes indicates. *“It was reported that an approach had been made to a player offering payment of Club fees and all tournament entry fees as an inducement to join another Club”*.

A hit up wall at the eastern end of the main bay of courts was completed and opened in May 1973. Mr Gerry New, who owned the Midland Brick company, donated the bricks.

In 1973 an application was made to the City of Stirling to build additional rooms out from the Club lounge at the western end of the veranda. This addition was to run south and be known as the “Life Members Lounge”. The project was eventually approved and completed in 1976. When the Club later took over the Bowling Club this area was used by the juniors and then the Menora Playgroup until it was again refurbished in 2009.

1975 was a very sad year for the Club with the tragic loss of the coach Andy Fanowrios. Andy lost his life in a boating accident off Rottneist Island. The minutes of the AGM note that.

“We record, with deep regret, the death of Mr. Andy Fanowrios. So much has been said that words can no longer do justice to the man. May the “Andy Fanowrios Memorial Scholarship” live for all time at A.P.T.C. to a tribute to him and what he stood for”.



The Memorial Scholarship was set up by the Club at a special day on 19 October 1975 and the following is a copy of the invitation sent to players at all Clubs to participate.

ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB inc.

MT LAWLEY WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6050

On Sunday 19 October we are setting aside our courts for a benefit day in memory of Andy Fanowrios to establish a junior development fund.

To make this the success we anticipate we would like you to be represented and have enclosed some application forms. It will be necessary for these to be returned by Wednesday 15 October 1975 to P.O box W2060, G P O Perth WA 6001. Entries will be limited to approximately 140.

This day will take the form of a self-handicapping tournament with sets on a time basis. Play will commence at 10.30 am sharp. Barbecues will be lit and play will be continuous.

The entry fee including one barbeque pack is \$ 5.50 per head men and women both welcome. Any entry not accompanied by the entry fee will not be considered

At the conclusion of play a brief presentation will be made to the winners

As an extra attraction, arrangements are being made for some of the stars from the Hitachi Nissan tennis classic to join in. This will obviously draw many spectators who are most welcome.

It is regretted but owing to a lack of courts this day is limited to adults only.

If any further information is required, please contact myself on 222 333 ext. 172 or Club Captain Graham Dyson 71 3726

Yours Sincerely

Fred Thomas

The award has continued and is made to a junior Club member on the Club's season opening day. It provides for the recipient, who has shown potential in tennis, to obtain professional coaching and equipment to assist in further development of their game.

On 18 October 1975 extensions to the Bowling Club clubhouse were officially opened. They included a well-appointed bar, lounge and a large hall.

In 1979 a motion was passed at the AGM held on 27 August for an amalgamation with the Bowling Club. The motion put was.

“That the Alexander Park Tennis Club (inc.) be dissolved as an incorporated body to amalgamate with the Alexander Park Bowling Club (inc.) to form an incorporated body to be known as Alexander Park Bowling and Tennis Club (inc.) with the express purpose of fostering and furthering the sports of lawn bowls and tennis for its members”.

The Bowling Club members met on 3 December 1979 and unanimously resolved not to amalgamate. It has been suggested that the decision was influenced by the fact that the Tennis Club having junior members who would also use the Bowling Club facilities?

1980 started out with reports of a beetle plague causing a great deal of problems and expense to maintain the courts to a respectable level. The President in his report at the AGM referred to the *“continued effects of inflation pushing up on costs (....) I fear for the Club to remain solvent, your tennis is going to cost more next season”*

Pam Hatt who took over as Club coach with the loss of Andy, resigned and Bill Boyle was appointed to the position.

In 1981 a number of projects took place.

A bar was added to the Life Members Lounge and a barbeque built. All the labour provided by members.

Pennant players came together and erected a pergola outside the Life Members Lounge.



ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

1982 was the Club's 50th anniversary year. Keith Treadgold, Rob Menkens and Ken Davies being the principal organizers of the celebrations that took place on Sunday 4 April. The organizers were especially pleased when 127 former members attended.

A big proportion of the attendees were ex office bearers, twelve presidents, nine secretaries, eight treasurers and thirteen captains.



KEITH TREADGOLD



ROB MENKENS



KEN DAVIES



**KEN DAVIES, HELEN COLLINS, KEN JONES, NORM COLLINS
GERRY NEW, ROB MENKENS, GEORGE NATHAN, KEITH TREADGOLD**



The following is a copy of the invitation sent to past members and friends.

ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB (INC)
MT LAWLEY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6050

17 February 1982.

Dear

In 1932 some enterprising tennis loving persons got together to form the Alexander Park Tennis Club. That is 50 years ago and the Club is now about to celebrate its golden anniversary

It has not always been easy: the war years took away a lot of impetus and at times the various committees despaired of the many problems which continually seemed to arise. However, Alexander Park has progressed to be one of the leading clubs in the metropolitan area and today stands in a very strong position.

Over the year's thousands of members have passed through the Club, a great number of whom have rendered wonderful service, and the present Committee could not let the opportunity go by to have a reunion of as many members as possible to help celebrate this 50th year.

The day set aside for this reunion is Sunday April 4th and I, on behalf of the Club cordially invite you to be with us on this occasion. The proceedings will be mainly informal, providing the opportunity for old and present members to meet and kick (or maybe hit) a few memories round. There will be a medal tournament to cater for the very active, and if you feel like participating, bring your togs along.

I'm told there is a challenge match being sorted out between Gerry New, Harry Dorman, Robyn Clayton and Keith Treadgold, which I presume means a tennis match. You never know how many more that will lead to. Anyway, whether you would like to play tennis or not, we would love to have you with us to be part of the celebration. The medal tournament starts at 2pm, so come down then to play or as soon after that as you wish to meet your old friends.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served from 4.30pm until?

We look forward to your company and I would appreciate your advising our hard-working secretary Mrs. Gerry Williams if you are able to make it. Write to her or ring on 271 4559.

See you on April 4th

Yours sincerely

*N Tolcon
PRESIDENT*

In 1983 two hard courts near the oval were constructed by the City of Stirling. The courts were included in the Club's leased area and as a consequence it benefited financially from court hire.

Adding these courts meant that the access road between Clyde Road and Melrose Crescent was closed. Also, a public toilet block in the park was removed.

With a lot of volunteer support from members in 1984 the grass courts were reticulated over the weekend 15 – 16 September. This involved digging trenches, laying pipes and attaching sprinklers.



Up to this point in the Club's history the Management Committee consisted of a President, Immediate Past President, two Vice Presidents, Captain, twelve Vice Captains, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Social Secretary, Bar Manager, Hall Secretary, and Grounds Director all of whom attended the monthly meetings. In addition, there also existed Social, House and Grounds Committees.

It was agreed to change the management structure and the constitution was amended at a Special General Meeting held on 6 July 1987 to provide for a Board comprising six directors with specific portfolios along with a President, Vice -President Secretary and Treasurer.

In 1986 another attempt was made to amalgamate with the Bowling Club. This again failed and the minutes of the MC meeting on 1 September 1986 record that tentative plans were being draw up and presented to the City of Stirling for building extensions to the Tennis Club. The proposed extensions included enlarging the current Life Members Lounge and alterations to the hall kitchen.

By February 1988 it became apparent that the Bowling Club was near collapse through lack of members.

The following is a copy from the minutes of the Board held on 1 February 1988.

“T Clarey advised the meeting in confidence that the A P Bowling Club were to put a proposal to their members to amalgamate with the MT Lawley Bowling Club. This will have relevance on any plans we may have for extension/expansion. City of Stirling will be looking at the total complex”.

Within a short time after that meeting a series of other meetings and events took place one of which was that the Alexander Park Bowling Club members vacated their Club facilities and the remaining members joined the Mt Lawley Bowling Club.

The City of Stirling combined the leased areas of the Bowling and Tennis Clubs into one and in July 1988 the Alexander Park Tennis Club took control over the area previously occupied by both Clubs.

This marked the start of a new era for the Tennis Club and so began the task of converting the Bowling Club buildings and greens into a Tennis Club.

CHAPTER 3

A MOVE TO THE BOWLING CLUB BUILDING AND THE CLUB'S GOLDEN YEARS

The City of Stirling had set aside \$50,000 in its budget to make alterations to the Bowling Club building.

With no significant windows on the south side overlooking the tennis courts and no change rooms or showers building these became the first priorities. A "captains office" for the person arranging social play sets was an add on to the outside wall of the bar. Hence an explanation as to why there is a door between the two rooms. It was not as some might think a quick way for the duty captain to get a drink.

There was also a good deal of debate about what to do with the three bowling greens, a suggestion was to retain one for bowls and croquet. In the end it was agreed to convert the green on the west side to synthetic grass courts and the other two greens to grass courts. This added 6 more tennis courts giving 26 in total.

A lot of the work involved in converting the two greens into tennis courts was done by members under the supervision of Grounds Keeper John Gillett. This necessitated removing the overhead lights, taking down the poles and removing the bowling green surrounds and then erecting the fences around the courts.

When the whole project was completed, (buildings and courts) the total cost had blown out to around \$100,000, thankfully most of this was met by the City of Stirling.

The official opening of the "new" clubrooms was performed by Councillor Satchell Deputy Mayor of the City of Stirling on Saturday 14 October 1989.

Alexander Park Tennis Club was "on a roll" with membership at an all-time high 553. Without doubt we had the best grass tennis courts in Perth and clubrooms that possessed a well-appointed bar and hall.

The next step was for the Club to "make its mark" on the courts. What happens on the green side of the fence makes us a tennis club. How well we do it makes us a great tennis club.

At the 30 April 1990 Board Meeting "Ian White has come up with a proposition for developing a state grade team and has asked for the committee's authorisation. Players will be sought and encouraged to join in a training programme with the view of gaining entry to a state grade team.

The committee endorsed the proposal unanimously".

ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

The 60th anniversary of the Club was celebrated on Sunday 22 March 1992. A total of 238 people attended including 116 past members.

Among those present were Noel Brady, Max and Eileen Broadley foundation members and Mrs May Luff who as May Eichhorn was the first ladies singles champion of the Club in 1936.

During the afternoon the opportunity was taken to unveil a memorial board to the memory of one of the oldest and respected members Ken Davies, who had passed away in February 1991 after 51 years of continuous membership.

In October 1992 the front veranda overlooking the championship courts was extended out to the fence this gave excellent viewing to a much bigger crowd of spectators. Shade sails were later erected.



BEFORE EXTENSION



AFTER EXTENSION

In August 1996 the bank between the upper and lower bays was replaced with a retaining wall and the fence replaced. Apart from improving the appearance of the Club this also gave greater flexibility in the rotation of courts on the bottom bay as there was a gain of about 1.5m. The change also did away with the dangerous centre steps to the top bay and replaced it with access at both ends.



BEFORE



AFTER

A first for Alexander Park was the appointment of Bob Williams as the Club Manager. Bob's duties included managing the bar, membership accounting, promotion and hall and court hire.

The 90's were golden years for the Club which was well settled into the "new" premises. The bar was operating profitably under Bill Bond's management, membership was on a high and tournaments generated significant additional income.

The treasurers report as at 30 June 2000 showed assets of \$156,000 of which \$118,000 were in bank accounts.

The following indicates how this was achieved and how the Club used these funds.

ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB - THE NINETIES								
YEAR	INCOME ITEMS				EXPENDITURE ITEMS			
	SUBSCRIPTIONS			BAR PROFITS	COURT HIRE	WAGES	COURT UPKEEP	REPAIRS
	SENIOR	JUNIOR	TOTAL					
30 June, 1990	\$32,883	\$5,167	\$38,050	\$12,400	\$5,482	\$23,581	6,050	2,622
30 June, 1991	\$36,623	\$5,122	\$41,745	\$13,406	\$8,186	\$27,423	9,004	2,147
30 June, 1992	\$37,425	\$5,475	\$42,900	\$22,589	\$7,218	\$28,450	7,997	4,156
30 June, 1993	\$42,117	\$5,323	\$47,440	\$20,032	\$7,951	\$30,000	5,232	4,267
30 June, 1994	\$44,962	\$5,727	\$50,689	\$17,997	\$5,660	\$30,000	6,288	130
30 June, 1995	\$43,545	\$5,506	\$49,051	\$16,485	\$6,697	\$30,661	7,453	5,432
30 June, 1996	\$45,263	\$4,465	\$49,728	\$21,806	\$6,376	\$31,904	4,709	5,955
30 June, 1997	\$43,069	\$4,400	\$47,469	\$21,148	\$9,263	\$46,953	4,842	4,182
30 June, 1998	\$47,910	\$5,365	\$53,275	\$30,369	\$9,516	\$53,140	7,968	4,163
30 June, 1999	\$52,532	\$6,303	\$58,835	\$42,795	\$10,119	\$48,708	4,689	2,320
	\$426,329	\$52,853	\$479,182	\$219,027	\$76,468	\$350,820	64,232	35,374

The minutes of the 2003 AGM held on 16 August record the removal of the abandoned Infant Health Care Centre that was situated behind what is now court 7. This enabled the City of Stirling to provide more parking space and it also co-ordinated with the construction of a much needed "entrance statement" into the Club from the parking area.

The Infant Health Care Centre building had also been the meeting place for the Menora Playgroup, mothers with their pre-kindergarten aged children. The Club agreed to rent the Life Members Lounge to the group.



INFANT HEALTH CARE CENTRE

ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

2007 was the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Club and it was celebrated in style on Saturday 13 October the season opening day.

Approximately 200 guests, comprising past and current members and players were in attendance. Tennis followed by afternoon tea preceded the formalities at 3.30pm. Speakers for the opening day segment were Mal Nichols the Club President, Andrea Mitchell President of Tennis West and Terry Tyzack Mayor of the City of Stirling.

Life membership medals were presented to newly inducted Life Members Bill and Wendy Boyle.



Life members Bill Bond, Ian White Peter Tolcon, Alan Thornton, Bill Boyle, Pat Guinness Gennie & Ken Brown, Dos Whitley, Bob Williams, Wendy Boyle

The Club's premises were appropriately decorated and Ken Brown arranged a display of Club memorabilia.





A cocktail reception attended by about 150 members and guests commenced at 6pm with the Club providing finger food and some drinks to all present. Band music was provided and enjoyed by everyone with dancing until about 10.30 pm.

A large anniversary cake depicting the 75 years of the Club was presented and cut by Bill Bond and Pat Guinness



BILL BOND & PAT GUINNESS

A 75th anniversary pennant was produced and officially unfurled by the Governor of Western Australia His Excellency Dr Ken Michael when the Governor's tennis team visited for a social match.



HIS EXCELLENCY DR KEN MICHAEL RAISING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY FLAG

Over the years the hedge around the top bay had grown through the surrounding fence and had to be cut back every year. This was not only a big job for volunteers but also the cause of many lost balls. That did not please our ball captain Pat Guinness.



In 2007 The City of Stirling removed the hedge, replaced the fence and put a path and benches behind the courts for spectators. To appease the residents who regarded the hedge as “heritage” new shrubs were planted behind the path and benches that in time provided a visual and noise barrier.



In July 2008 Bill Boyle retired as the Club coach after 28 years in the job. Bill was not only a very popular person but he was also a champion tennis player.

Along with Wendy his wife they ran the junior Club with helpers such as Pat Guinness, Alan Thornton, Peter Quinn, Robert Lock, David Forrester-Walker, Ernest Bartels and Ric Maker. Both Bill and Wendy had been awarded life membership.



Applications were called for the position and Ian Ketteringham was appointed.

Ian along with Julie his wife introduced new programs for both juniors and adult members. They included match specific League training, an internal singles leagues for both adults and juniors and adult week-night hitting sessions. Early morning and evening Cardio tennis also became popular.

The two synthetic grass courts that were constructed in 1991 had deteriorated and they were resurfaced to Plexi Pave in September 2018.



In 2009 plans were drawn and approved to refurbish and make better use of the Life Members Lounge that was built in 1976. When the Tennis Club moved into the Bowling Club building in 1988 this area was used firstly by the juniors and later the Menora Playgroup.

Gus Connor prepared drawings for the renovations and John Halpin (a registered builder) agreed to be the project manager. Essentially the area incorporated the kitchen, old Club bar/lounge and Life Members Lounge in total 80 square meters.

By February 2010 the project was completed with a pro-shop for the coach, a Club manager's office and a meeting room. The meeting room was used when the Club hosted major tournaments but mostly by the Menora Playgroup.



COACH'S OFFICE / PRO SHOP

In 2010 Stephen Jones was employed as the Club Manager. As reported to members at the August 2011 AGM it was *“a strategy designed to enhance our profile, our participation rates, our programs and functions, our stakeholder interaction our facilities – indeed our overall professionalism.”*

CHAPTER 4

A MAJOR BUILDING REFURBISHMENT AND CORONAVIRUS

Apart from some minor improvements and maintenance the foot print of the Club building was still much the same as it was when the City of Stirling upgraded it prior to the handover in 1988/1989.

In 2016 three grass courts on the western end of the main bay were converted into two hard courts and the four existing hard courts were resurfaced.



The hit-up wall erected in 1973 at the eastern end of the main bay of courts was demolished and a new one with a half court was built alongside the two hard courts near the oval.



In 2018 with financial assistance from the State Government and the City of Stirling a major building refurbishment commenced. Essentially this involved.

- Building a commercial kitchen and store room on the north west corner of the building with a servery out to the veranda and in to the hall.
- Relocating the ladies and men's toilets and showers so as to give access from the western end of the building.
- Moving and widening the concertina wall that divided the bar area and the hall to create more space on the bar side.

The final phase of the building refurbishment was completed in 2021 with the veranda extension around the west end of the building.

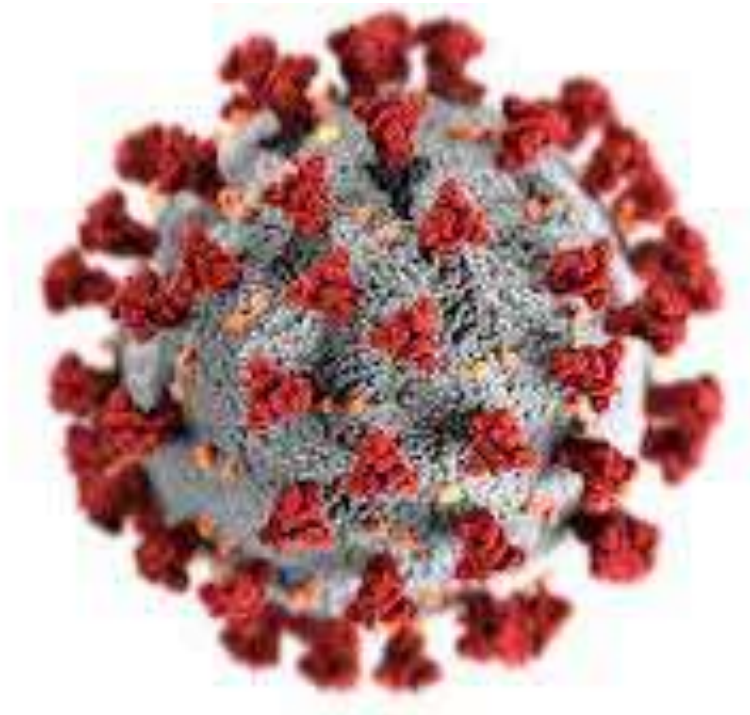




These projects were driven by the then President Ceri Wagnell who after seven consecutive years in the position “retired” at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. Ceri achieved a major transformation to the Club.

CORONAVIRUS

The first case of Coronavirus detected in Perth occurred on 21 February 2020. On 15 March 2020, Premier Mark McGowan declared a state of emergency in Western Australia, along with a formal public health emergency.



From 16 March, a range of restrictions were put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19 and these had an immediate impact on the Tennis Club.

On Friday 13 March the Club received notice from Tennis Australia that all competitions were to cease and two weeks later on the 27 March a notice was received from the City of Stirling advising that all Club facilities including tennis courts and bowling greens were to close. Nets were removed and the Club bar shut down.

This gave Clare, our Club Manager the opportunity to paint the bar area and attend to such matters as applications for job keeper and other grants.

Bar staff also received training on how to manage with the imposed restrictions on customer service. Coach Ian and his team had to change everything about how they operated with all coaches taking on COVID safety rules.

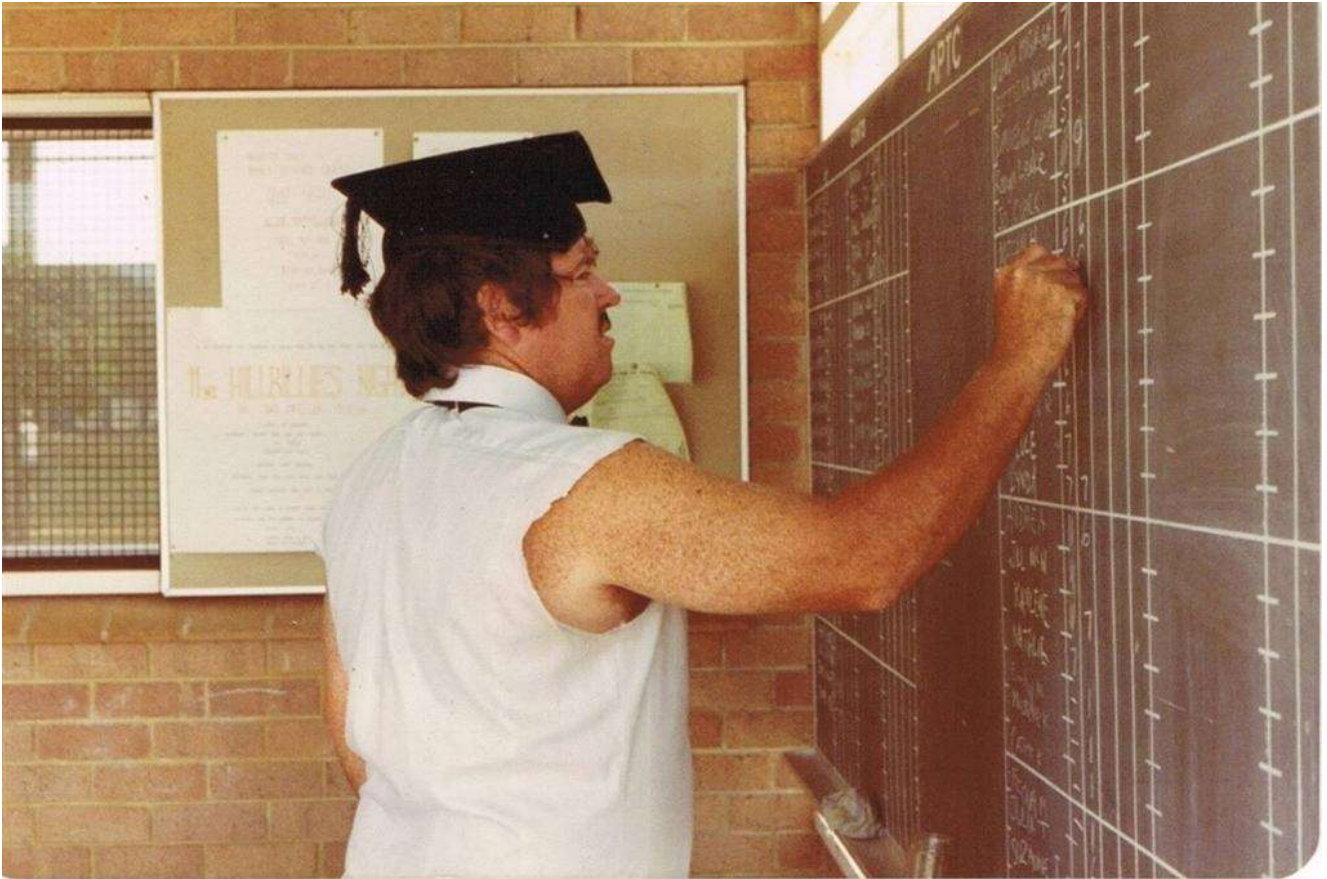
Despite all the restrictions and changes that everyone had to adjust to, people in general showed great respect, patience and support for the rules and each other and a greater appreciation for our Club that brings everyone together.

CHAPTER 5

CLUB TENNIS SOCIAL PLAY, TOURNAMENTS AND STATE LEAGUE

Saturday afternoons have always been the time courts are set aside for organized social play for adult members.

For the first 50 years the make-up of sets was carried out by two Vice Captains using a black board. One recording the names of the ladies and the other the men. Play would commence at 2.00 pm with five sets and a break for afternoon tea, the last set finishing at about 4.30 pm. With some of the courts taken for pennants a social player could hope for three sets.



PETER QUINN DOING THE MATHS

In 1984 Lynton Siford, a member and a computer programmer designed and built a computer program, "Perfect Match" to generate sets for social play. This was the first known program for tennis to exist in Perth.

With eighteen grass courts and two hard courts seven sets were now organized in an afternoon commencing at 1.30 pm and finishing at 5.30 pm. Members arriving at the start could now expect to play 6/7 sets in an afternoon if they so choose.

Junior players met on Saturday morning for coaching and on Sunday morning for pennants.

To accommodate the changing lifestyles of members and the addition of more hard courts under lights internal competitive leagues became popular on Sunday afternoons and mid-week evenings.

In October 2004 a new computer programme “MATCHO” developed by Lou Thomas was used for arranging sets. This programme was a very big improvement on “Perfect Match” and it was soon taken up by many other clubs in Perth and in country regions.

The use of computers to arrange sets required only one person. Brian Conduit “Captain Condy” took on that responsibility when he became Captain of the Club in 2004 and is still doing it.



CAPTAIN CONDY

Alexander Park has always been known for hosting tournaments and this dates back to the 1940's. The first open tournament conducted by the Club and sanctioned by Tennis West was:

The City of Perth Championships in 1940, then followed: -

The City of Perth Championships in 1950, 1953, 1956, 1959, 1964, 1986

The Spring Tournament 1967, 1970

The State Closed Tournament 1976, 1979, 1981

For the City of Perth Championships, a leading interstate player was brought over to Perth as a draw card to add to the success of those tournaments.

The Club over the years has been visited by well-known tennis personalities including Harry Hopman, Neil Fraser, Bob Howe, Roy Emerson, Margaret Court (nee Smith) Colin Long, the Indian Davis Cup players, N. Kumar and R. Krishnan and many other leading players of the day.

1991 COMMONWEALTH BANK WA OPEN 4 – 8 DECEMBER

Our excellent facilities did not go unnoticed by Tennis West. Following a visit to the Club by Alan Hicks the President of Tennis West who was most impressed by what he saw we were invited to tender for the 1991 WA Open Championships. We were successful and for the next three years the Club hosted the tournament and cemented its reputation as the finest in the state.

Andrew McLean was the number one seed and Darren Patten number two. Darren won the singles 3-6,6-3,6-4 against Mark Leuba.



Colin Howard representing the Commonwealth Bank (sponsors) presenting Darren Patten with the men's singles cup



Guy McKenna and Paul McNamee

The lady's singles event was a \$25,000 ITF Challenger and Jenny Byrne was seeded one and Kerrily Sharpe two. Jenny won the singles 6-4,6-2 against Victorian Kate McDonald.



Jenny Byrne

Hosting the WA Open resulted in a \$12,000 profit to the Club much of this came from catering sales. With Peter Quinn in charge of the kitchen he produced a menu for all tastes including of course strawberries and cream.

It was decided to use some of the profit to upgrade the bar and with Ian Peterkin's skill as a refrigeration mechanic the old Bowling Club fridges were removed and a cool-room with display units were installed. This and other minor improvements such as a new freezer and refrigerator in the kitchen and a television in the in the Club room all costing around \$22,000 were completed in August 1992

1992 COMMONWEALTH BANK WA OPEN 30 NOVEMBER – 6 DECEMBER

In 1992 the men's singles and doubles were part of the prestigious Ford Futures circuit with a US\$25,000 prize money incentive. This attracted a star-studded draw.

Many of England's Davis Cup team were competing with Chris Wilkinson seeded one and Kent Kinnear USA at two. Patrick Rafter returning from injury was unseeded as was Leander Paes. A young Mark Phillipousis competed in the doubles. In the singles final Kent Kinnear USA defeated David Adams AUS 6-2,6-4



Kent Kinnear

Given the tremendous success of the 1991 event the Club prepared for greater spectator support and as well as the court side boxes a grandstand was erected on the west side of the centre court.



Court side sponsor's boxes

serviced by

**Anita Cook, Jim O'Reilly,
Bernie O'Loughlin**



GRANDSTAND OPPOSITE THE COURT SIDE BOXES

Prior to the commencement of the 1993 season the kitchen was upgraded and Lyn Lansford replaced the wooded doors on the ground keepers shed with steel ones increasing the security.

1993 COMMONWEALTH BANK WA OPEN 29 NOVEMBER – 5 DECEMBER

For the third successive year the Club hosted the WA Open tournament. Once again, the men's singles were full of talent with last year's winner Kent Kinnear back for another try. Also in the event were Mark Phillipoussis, Leander Paes and Mark Petchey who was seeded second. Jamie Morgan was top seed.

The event was won by unseeded David Adams who was the 1992 runner-up.




DAVID ADAMS

In the ladies' singles unseeded Narelle Kimpton won for a second time


TENNIS SENIORS' CARNIVALS

From the 8th – 19th January 1996 Alexander Park was the championship headquarters for the A A P Australian Veterans Tennis Championships. At the time it was arguably the biggest tennis event ever held at the Club.


Headquarters of the Veterans Championships



Alexander Park Tennis Club inc.



22 Grass
Courts &
4 Hard
under
lights



Social
&
Competitive
Tennis

Excellent Bar & Clubroom Facilities

Membership Enquiries 276 2058
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Alexander Park "Class on Grass"
The Friendly Club Everyone Wants To Join!

In 2001, 2003 and 2007 the Club co-hosted the ITF World Seniors Tennis Carnivals and in 2009 the ITF Super-Seniors World Team and Individual Championships.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA'S INTERSTATE TENNIS CARNIVALS

School Sport Australia's interstate tennis carnivals at both primary and secondary level are the culmination of state-based programs that offer the gifted and talented students the opportunity to participate in higher levels of tennis competition.

In those years when it was the responsibility of School Sport WA to host either the Pizzey or Bruce Cup carnivals Alexander Park has been the chosen venue.

The Club has hosted the Pizzey Cup event in 1997, 2003, 2008 and 2014 and the Bruce Cup in 2012 and 2019. On each occasion the visiting state teams have been very generous in their comments about our grass courts and the professionalism in the way the events have been managed.

Traditionally an opening ceremony is held in the evening before play commences. When the teams come together on our show courts, they make a spectacular display.



PIZZEY CUP 2008



UNIVERSITY GAMES

In 2010 and 2016 the Australian University games were held in Perth and the Club hosted the tennis events.

TENNIS WEST TOURNAMENTS

Our keenness for tournaments was appreciated by Tennis West and as a consequence, the Club was allocated Australian ranking points tournaments each summer season from 2017 to 2022.

At the awards night in 2017 the Club won the “Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament award”.

COUNTRY CARNIVALS

The Club being associated with the annual Country Carnival became a regular event. From 1992 and up to 1997 the Club was a support Club for the carnival along with Leederville, Maylands and Bayswater each providing 12 courts.



2018 COUNTRY WEEK CARNIVAL

In 1995 Ken Brown was elected to the Tennis West Board and was allocated the “Country Tennis” portfolio. At the time country tennis was booming with record numbers of players competing at the Country Week Carnival.

It quickly became apparent to Ken that using four Clubs was very inefficient with some players competing at one Club in the morning and another in the afternoon. A change was necessary and from 1997 Alexander Park became the headquarters and ran the carnival with Mt Lawley Tennis Club as the support venue.

The number of players competing at the carnival has declined in recent years and 24 courts are now sufficient to run the event at one Club and Alexander Park has continued to be the venue of choice.

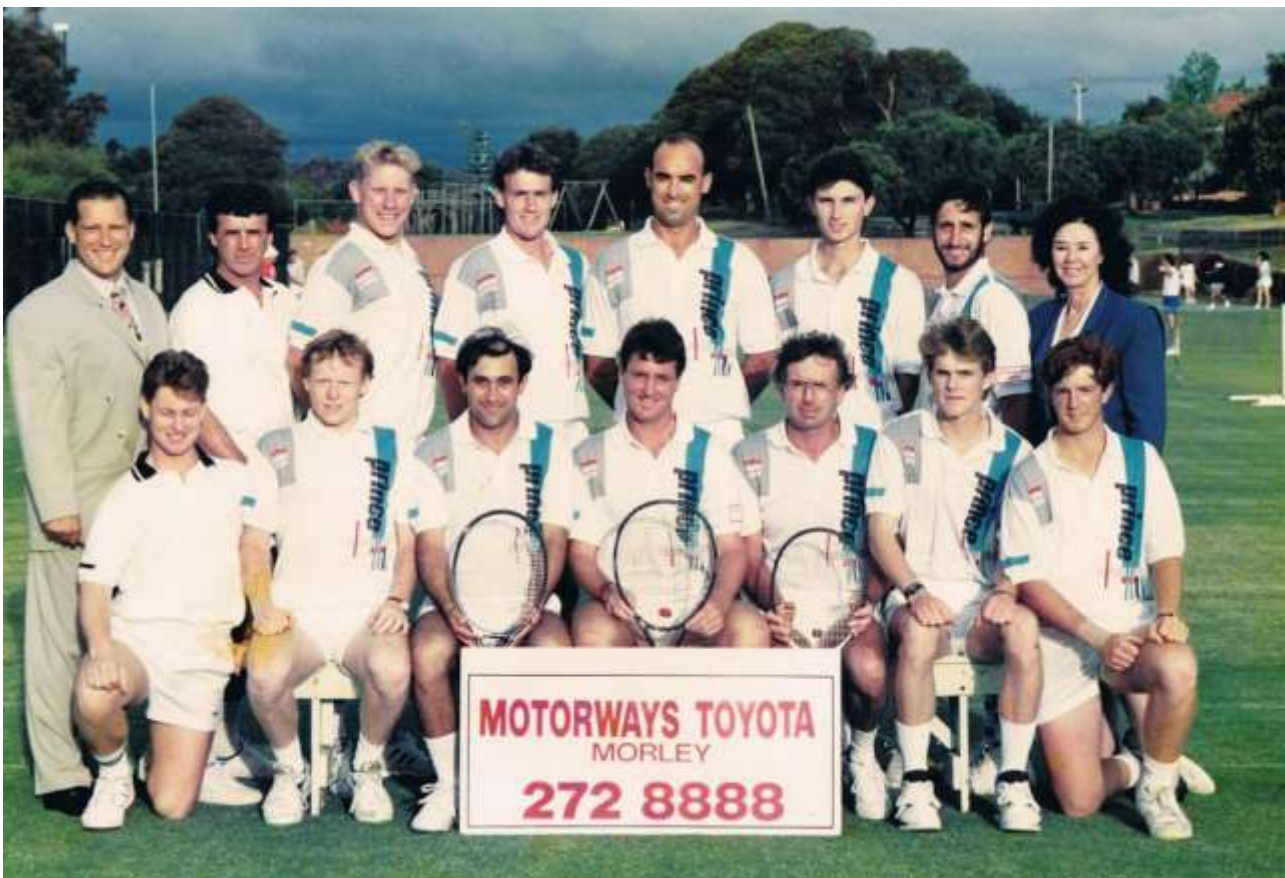
STATE LEAGUE

The Tennis West State League is the pinnacle team competition in the state for professional players and the states emerging elite players. Men's and Women's teams representing their Clubs compete over the summer season for a \$20,000 prize money pool. Having a team in this competition not only gives Clubs the chance to "show off" their star players but it also attracts spectators and sponsorship opportunities.

The minutes on the Board meeting on 11 June 1990 record that *"Bill Boyle reported on the progress made by Ian White and himself on the possibility of putting together State Grade Teams for APTC next season. Roger Grant and David Cully are interested in joining us and Tony Cunningham would probably return, we would have backup of players such as Tim Fanowrios, Greg Quinn and possibility Andrew Parker. Not much chance of getting a lady's team this season"*.

The Club's nomination was successful and we had a men's team in the State League competition for the next three summer seasons.

In 1991 and 1992 the team made the grand final but lost both to Dalkeith and Wembley Downs. In 1992 there was a Women's team



1990-91 MEN'S TEAM

(LEFT TO RIGHT)

Back row: Paul Marsh (manager) Ian Peterkin (Club captain) Troy Millen, Glenn Woodward, Shane Smedley, Toy Cunningham, John Campbell, Val Berzins (team administrator)

Front row: Greg Hutchinson (team physiotherapist), Greg Quinn, Saeed Behjat, Roger Grant (team captain) Bill Boyle, Andrew Parker, Tim Fanowrios.

ALEXANDER PARK STATE LEAGUE TEAMS (MENS/WOMENS) 1992/93



**BACK ROW (STANDING): JASON ROBERTS, SHANE SMEDLEY,
ADAM HOWARD, GREG QUINN, ROGER GRANT, KIM EVANS
FRONT ROW (STANDING): KELLIE SKINNER, PAULA PARENTICH,
MICHELLE PHILLIPS, KAREN VAHALA
SEATED: NATASHA VAHALA, KIRSTINE BUTCHER
ABSENT: ANDREW MCLEAN, JAYMON CRABB**

After a 25-year break from having a team in State League, the Club in 2018 decided to nominate a team in the men's 2018-2019 State League competition.

The aim, like it was in the 90's was to build a team around our talented juniors, Jerome Iaconi and the twins Reuben and Oscar Giorgio. This meant recruiting older and experienced players to support the younger brigade. Alex and Daniel Downey who were playing at state grade level joined the squad. The team finished in 5th spot in its first year back in the big time.

For the 2019-2020 season to make finals the Club had to recruit a player(s) to match the other club's best. Ed and Harry Bouchier who lived in Tasmania and had relatives in Perth were recruited. Both brothers were semi-professionals playing on the international tennis circuit and with them in the team we were eying off a grand final win.

Coronavirus hit Perth just prior to the finals in 2020 and all competitive tennis was cancelled.

Tennis West commenced the 2020-2021 season with no certainty that, due to the virus it would be completed. With the state borders closed the Bouchier brothers would not be available. However, Matthew Ebden a leading player in the Australian squad was spending the summer at home in Perth and he agreed to play some matches for the team until he could resume playing the ITF circuit.

The team made the finals but lost the first semi to Cottesloe.

Like the previous summer season, the 2020-2022 was played with closed borders so there was no opportunity to include the Bouchiers. Former state league players Ashwin Sharma and Joshua Bowen joined the squad.

The club also recruited Luca Katsamakis a former member and a number of other players to make up a division 1 team.

The state grade team finished third but lost the semi - final and the division 1 team lost the grand final. Whilst a grand final win eluded the men's teams, they had great support from the members.

This support for a high level of tennis on our show courts resulted in the Club nominating a women's state grade team in the 2020-2022 season.

As there were only a few players at the club who wished to play at that level it was necessary to recruit. Rather than trying to entice players from other teams the strategy was to look to older players who had played at state grade level.

By the time nominations closed we had a blend of both young and older women and we were able to enter both state grade and division one teams.



Alex Downey, Daniel Downey, Jerome Iaconi, Ashwin Sharma, Joshua Bowen
Peyton Duckett, Madeleine Watson, Sheridan Currie, Katy O'Shea, Marissa Gianotti

Both teams exceeded expectations in their first season by making the finals but neither went on to win the grand final.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club championships have been held every year of the Club's existence, except for five years during the War. Many of the Club's members have met with success in the WA State Championships and represented their State in interstate tournaments and some have even played at Wimbledon.

Many juniors from the Club have been selected in State coaching squads and those selected to represent WA in the Linton Cup teams were Brian Tobin, John Evans, Denis Watson, Tim Clayton, Allan Wall, Andy Fanowrios and Gary Same. In Wilson Cup teams, Maureen Sayers, Lyn Millard, Dorothy Whitely and Pam Brand.

Special mention must go to legendary champions Dorothy (Dos) Whitely (later Lee) and Bill Boyle.

Apart from winning twelve Club singles titles Dos won the 1961 State singles final and partnering legend Clive Wilderspin also won the mixed doubles against Fred Stolly and Helen Plaisted. In the same year she won her third successive junior singles title.

Dos toured many countries; playing at Wimbledon in 1965 winning a first-round singles and in 1965 winning a first-round doubles with Pam Brand.

Bill joined the Club in 1976 and became the Club Coach in 1980. He was singles champion nine times, six of which were consecutive. When he retired as Coach after 28 years. Bill served on the Board as Vice President from 2015 to 2021.



CHAPTER 6

SERVICE TO THE CLUB AND THE ASSOCIATION

The Honour Boards record the names of the executives since the inception of the Club. A list can be found in the appendices.

Several members served the Club well over long consecutive years such as Andrew Fisher President from 1936-1951, Leo Thomas Secretary from 1939-1951, Elizabeth Worrell Secretary from 1986-1994, Rob Menkens Treasurer from 1958 to 1967 and Ceri Wagnell President 2014 – 2021 and Ladies singles champion in 2007-08.

A former President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, Brian Tobin joined the Club in 1943. He was the first junior to win the Men's Championship singles title and was the Club's first representative in a WA Linton Cup team. In addition to his Linton Cup representation, for a WA home grown club champion his ensuing resume as a player and tennis administrator nationally and internationally, is impressive.

Australian top 10 ranked player 1956-62, Federation Cup Captain 1964-67, Tennis Australia Council 1965-89, President TA 1977-89, President International Tennis Federation 1991-99, Men's Professional Tennis Council 1982-89, Women's Professional Tennis Council 1983-85, Australian and International Tennis Hall of Fame 2002/3. As President of TA he presided over the Australian Open's move from Kooyong to Melbourne Park.

John Whitton, a General Manager of Tennis West (formerly known as the Western Australian Lawn Tennis Association), commenced his tennis as a junior with the Club in the early 1950's.

Mention must be made also of the service given to the Club by Mrs L. Thornton who was associated with the position of Hall Secretary for 19 years: Mrs A. Restall, who served the members with cups of teas and drinks for 27 years and was then followed by Mrs Balmer who provided the same service for over 20 years.



MRS ALICE RESTALL

Many members have served as delegates to Tennis West over the years and have contributed to the direction and management of tennis in WA. One of those was Eric Mc Manis who was awarded life membership of Tennis West in 1992. He was also awarded life member of the Club in 1972. Eric was a past Secretary and Club Captain and served on the Board in several other capacities over a long period of time.

Eric and his wife Heather worked tirelessly for the club and in particular the junior members.



Eric died on 28 June 2008. To honour his and Heather's memory Tasman, his son donated an annual award for a junior member.

On season opening day the Eric & Heather Mc Manis Shield is presented to a junior player who has demonstrated sportsmanship and fair play, qualities that Eric admired.

Greg Hutchinson was President of the Club for four years 2009 – 2013 and was also President of Tennis West from 2012 – 2015.



Greg was elected to the Tennis Australia board in 2015 and then re-elected in 2018 and he is still on the Board.

In 2020 Greg was awarded life membership of the Club

Ken Brown joined the Club in 1974 and served on the Board as Treasurer for twelve years from 1984-1987, 1996-1999, 2005-2011 and as President for four years from 1987-1991. He also served as Facilities and Publicity Director for a further five years. In 1994 Ken received life membership of the Club.

In 1995 he was elected to the Tennis West Board and was given the Country Affairs portfolio. He was also a Vice President of Tennis West.

In recognition of his voluntary service to sport he received awards from the City of Stirling in 1998 and 2003 and in 1998 a Local and Federal Government Award for Voluntary Community Service.

After serving as a Tennis Australia Referee for 15 years Ken retired from officiating at tournaments on 30 June 2021

On Australia Day 2013 Ken was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for “Services to the Sport of Tennis”.



His Excellency Governor Malcolm McCusker AO QC and Ken Brown OAM JP

When the Tennis Club took over the Bowling Club grounds in 1988 it inherited a beautiful rose garden that is also the final resting place for the ashes of some past bowling and tennis club members.



For the first six years Aimy Wills who lives across the road cared for the roses. Then for the next 28 years Gennie Brown took over that responsibility. Her work was acknowledged in 1994 with Life Membership.

Of all the Grounds Keepers who took care of the grass courts no one did it better or for as long as John Gillett. John became the 15th Ground Keeper when he took over responsibility for our eighteen grass courts in February 1987. That was the year before the Club acquired the Bowling Club and its three greens.

It was a massive job to convert two of the three greens into four tennis courts and the third into two hard courts. With exceptional organisation and leadership skills John, along with a team of volunteers completed the task and the end result was that the Club has the best grass show courts in Perth.

John continued to be actively involved in all of the improvements that took place until his retirement on 30 June 2022, almost 36 years of outstanding service. In recognition of this service John was awarded Life Membership of Alexander Park Tennis Club at his farewell function.



JOHN'S LAST VERTI MOWING 12 APRIL 2022

CHAPTER 7

AWARDS AND INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

In October 2012 the Club won the Most Outstanding Large Club award at Tennis West's WA Tennis Industry Awards night. This was a great achievement but little did the members know that the Club would again win the award in 2015, 2017 and 2018.

The Most Outstanding Large Club award recognises clubs that have an inviting culture, are accessible to the public, have implemented Tennis Australia programs and have increased competitive opportunities for players.



PRESIDENT CERI WAGNELL RECEIVING THE 2018 AWARD

In 2015 Alexander Park Tennis Club achieved even greater recognition by winning the national Newcombe Award for Australia's Most Outstanding Club.

The Newcombe Award celebrate and recognise the performances, achievements and contributions made by members of the tennis family each year.

In addition to these awards in 2017 the Club won the Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament for the Summer Silver Tournament hosted by the club in January.

The number and quality of grass courts, the welcoming Clubhouse and bar, and the efficiency of the management structure that works with many other committed volunteers, were all factors that have allowed the Club to successfully host many major tournaments, events and social functions over the years.

CHAPTER 8

ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB NINETY YEARS YOUNG

In 1932 Alexander Park Tennis Club had its beginnings in a garden estate. A walk around the surrounding streets is like an excursion through a lovely garden dotted with handsome well-built residences, a place of rest and quiet.

From the beginning reserves and playing fields were provided and improved and the history of the foundation and development of Alexander Park Tennis Club is a clear example of that.

Menora is an example of all that is best in Perth city life and that is the environment we are so fortunate to enjoy our sport and the friendships it brings.

The history of the Club's foundation and expansion in years just prior to World War two enlightens us to the unique difficulties members encountered. Fortunately, those difficulties were overcome and the Club continued to grow to become, in its 90th anniversary year a leader in the sport of tennis.

For the success and strong standing of the Alexander Park Tennis Club in the WA tennis world over the years, a tribute must be paid to its founders and the many members who contributed so much of their time and worked to create a foundation upon which members in the successive years have, and in the future will provide tennis and social facilities for the enjoyment of many.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

CHANGES TO THE LANDSCAPE

This series of aerial photographs provided by Landgate show how the Club has grown over the 50-year period to 2003.

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27 November 1953 – Tennis Club Building. Bowling Club first building.
Four courts on top bay



13 March 1961 – Hall completed. Tennis Club building still there but removed by July.
Six courts on the top bay



11 March 1965 -Tennis club building removed. Hall extensions completed. Bowling club building completed



30 August 1981 – Life Members Lounge completed



19 June 1985- Two hard courts completed and road way closed



6 February 1995 - Bowling club greens converted to tennis courts



21 December 2003 Infant Health Care Building Removed. Car park enlarged

APPENDIX 2

PROMINENT VISITORS TO THE CLUB



1959 Jan Lehane



1961 Harry Hopman



1964 Roy Emerson



1964 Tim Clayton & Roy Emerson



1966 Margaret Smith



Neale Fraser & Bob Howe

APPENDIX 3

MAJOR OFFICE BEARERS

SEASON	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CAPTAIN
1932-33	E.L Tyler	K.S Andrus	E.G Eichhorn	N.F. Brady
1933-34	E.L Tyler	K.S Andrus	E.G Eichhorn	N.F. Brady
1934-35	E.L Tyler	K.S Andrus	E.G Eichhorn	N.F. Brady
1935-36	E.L Tyler	N. Barrett	E.G Eichhorn	N.F. Brady
1936-37	A.W.Fisher	C. Millington	E.G. Sier	N.F. Brady
1937-38	A.W.Fisher	L.J. Walters	E.G. Griffiths	E. Kruse
1938-39	A.W.Fisher	E.G. Griffiths	A.D. Seal	E. Kruse
1939-40	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	G. Nathan	W. Merritt
1940-41	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	E. Mountain	N.F. Brady
1941-42	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	R. Neal	N.F. Brady
1942-43	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	Miss J Fitzhardinge	N.F. Brady
1943-44	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	Miss J Fitzhardinge	N.F. Brady
1944-45	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	Miss D Baines	I.H. Dorman
1945-46	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	Miss D Baines	I.H. Dorman
1946-47	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	I. Wright	I.H. Dorman
1947-48	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	E. Mountain	I.H. Dorman
1948-49	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	R.H. Ward	I.H. Dorman
1949-50	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	N. Perryman	I.H. Dorman
1950-51	A.W.Fisher	L.A Thomas	N. Perryman	E.R Masters
1951-52	G.M. Dear	R.G. Harris	G.R. Cadd	E.R Masters
1952-53	I.H. Dorman	R.G. Harris	A.F. Jones	D.D Mercer
1953-54	I.H. Dorman	K.S. Davies	Mrs P Brady	D.D Mercer
1954-55	K.L. Treadgold	R.L.G Menkens	A.F. Jones	N.W Collins
1955-56	K.L. Treadgold	R.L.G Menkens	A.F. Jones	N.W Collins
1956-57	K.L. Treadgold	R.L.G Menkens	E.J. Brownfield	N.W Collins
1957-58	G.L Wall	A.W. Hillier	E.J. Brownfield	L.L Grafton
1958-59	G.L Wall	R.L.G Menkens	G.B.K Jowett	R.E Meyer
1959-60	R.E. Meyer	R.L.G Menkens	J.H. Wilkinson	G.B Cross
1960-61	R.E. Meyer	R.L.G Menkens	E C Mitchell G.B.K Jowett	R.H Coyle
1961-62	G.B.K Jowett	R.L.G Menkens	B.J. Street	R.H Coyle
1962-63	G.B.K Jowett	R.L.G Menkens	B.J. Street	E.J.McManis
1963-64	G.B.K Jowett	R.L.G Menkens	B.J. Street	E.J.McManis
1964-65	G.B.K Jowett	R.L.G Menkens	B.J. Street	W.R.Jowett
1965-66	R.H Coyle	R.L.G Menkens	B.J. Street	N.J.Eastcott
1966-67	R.H Coyle	R.L.G Menkens	B.J. Street	N.J.Eastcott
1967-68	R.H Coyle	P.M Crowe	B.J Street J.D Norton	N.J.Eastcott
1968-69	P.R Masarei	P.M Crowe	J.D Norton	N.J.Eastcott
1969-70	P.R Masarei	S Tonkin	J.D Norton	R Morrison
1970-71	P.R Masarei	S Tonkin	J.D Norton	R Morrison
1971-72	A.D Thornton	E.J.McManis	G.J Pedler	P Tolcon
1972-73	A.D Thornton	E.J.McManis	G.J Pedler	N.J.Eastcott
1973-74	M.B Murdock	E.J.McManis	F.J Menner	G.L Dyson
1974-75	M.B Murdock	R Evennett	F.J Menner	G.L Dyson
1975-76	F.R Thomas	R Evennett	L Reid	G.L Dyson

SEASON	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CAPTAIN
1976-77	F.R Thomas	R Evennett	W.J Bond	R Povey
1977-78	D.W Pretsel	H.E Williams	W.J Bond	M Nichols
1978-79	D.W Pretsel	H.E Williams	W.J Bond	I White
1979-80	E.J.McManis	H.E Williams	R.R Williams	I White
1980-81	E.J.McManis	H.E Williams	R.R Williams	G Dyson
1981-82	N Tolcon	G.E Williams	R.R Williams	J Cunningham
1982-83	I White	G.E Williams	R.R Williams	J Cunningham
1983-84	I White	G.E Williams	R.R Williams	B Parker
1984-85	I White	R.T Fanowrios	K.R Brown	J Cunningham
1985-86	K.S Davies	R.T Fanowrios	K.R Brown	G Boland
1986-87	K.S Davies	E Worrell	K.R Brown	G Boland
1987-88	K.R Brown	E Worrell	B Conduit	R.R Williams
1988-89	K.R Brown	E Worrell	B Conduit	R.R Williams
1989-90	K.R Brown	E Worrell	B Conduit	I F Peterkin
1990-91	K.R Brown	E Worrell	B Conduit	I F Peterkin
1991-92	D Gow	E Worrell	B Conduit	I F Peterkin
1992-93	D Gow	E Worrell	B Conduit	P Rickey
1993-94	D Gow	E Worrell	G Butcher	P Rickey
1994-95	N Rahamitulla	E Worrell	G Butcher	P Rickey
1995-96	N Rahamitulla	E Worrell	R.R Williams	K Nazareth
1996-97	J.P Shortill	D Fletcher	K.R Brown	G.L Dyson
1997-98	J.P Shortill	D Fletcher	K.R Brown	G.L Dyson
1998-99	J.P Shortill	N Proud	K.R Brown	L Hancock Walker
1999-00	J O'Reilly	N Proud	R Locke	L Hancock Walker
2000-01	J O'Reilly	K Forbes	R Locke	J Clarey
2001-02	J O'Reilly	K Forbes	T McAlister	J Clarey
2002-03	E Worrell	K Forbes	S Gargano	K Tyler
2003-04	T Clarey	K Forbes	S Gargano	K Tyler
2004-05	M Nichols	K Forbes	S Gargano	B Conduit
2005-06	M Nichols	J Graham	K.R Brown	B Conduit
2006-07	M Nichols	J Graham	K.R Brown	B Conduit
2007-08	M Nichols	S Locke	K.R Brown	B Conduit
2008-09	E Bartels	S Poh	K.R Brown	B Conduit
2009-10	G.R Hutchinson	S Poh	K.R Brown	B Conduit
2010-11	G.R Hutchinson	S Poh	K.R Brown	D Butcher
2011-12	G.R Hutchinson	S Poh	R Locke	D Butcher
2012-13	G.R Hutchinson	K Pekin	R Locke	D Butcher
2013-14	T G Fanowrios	K Pekin	R Locke	D Butcher
2014-15	C Wagnell	S Castleden	D Tomasi	L Carson
2015-16	C Wagnell	S Castleden	D Tomasi	L Carson
2016-17	C Wagnell	S Castleden	D Tomasi	L Carson
2017-18	C Wagnell	B Podias	D Tomasi	S Castleden
2018-19	C Wagnell	B Podias	S Kerbel	S Castleden
2019-20	C Wagnell	B Podias	S Kerbel	S Castleden
2020-21	C Wagnell	B Podias	M Hannon	N Ogenis
2021-22	S Castleden	B Podias	A Pachajanov	M Randall

APPENDIX 4

SINGLES CHAMPIONS

SEASON	MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS	LADIES SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS
1932-33	NO COMPETITION CONDUCTED	
1933-34		
1934-35		
1935-36		
1936-37	N.E Barrett	Miss L. Eichhorn
1937-38	N.E Barrett	Miss D Paul
1938-39	N.E Barrett	Miss J. Knox
1939-40	N. Wasley	Miss J. Knox
1940-41	I.H. Dorman	Miss J Fitzhardinge
1941-42	I.H. Dorman	Mrs L Redman
1942-43	WORLD WAR 2 NO COMPETITION CONDUCTED	
1943-44		
1944-45		
1945-46		
1946-47	I.H. Dorman	
1947-48	B Tobin	Mrs F. Kean
1948-49	B Tobin	Mrs N.W. Collins
1949-50	N Collins	Mrs N.W. Collins
1950-51	I.H. Dorman	Mrs V Bandy
1951-52	J.H Casson	Mrs N.W. Collins
1952-53	J.H Casson	Mrs N.W. Collins
1953-54	J.H Casson	Mrs N.W. Collins
1954-55	L.L Grafton	Mrs N.W. Collins
1955-56	L.L Grafton	Mrs N.W. Collins
1956-57	L.L Grafton	Mrs N.W. Collins
1957-58	L.L Grafton	Miss M Sayers
1958-59	L.L Grafton	Miss D Whitely
1959-60	J.H Casson	Miss L Millard
1960-61	L.L Grafton	Miss L. G Dallimore
1961-62	C.G Fitzpatrick	Miss D Whitely
1962-63	L.L Grafton	Miss D Whitely
1963-64	A.L Wall	Miss D Whitely
1964-65	A.L Wall	Miss D Whitely
1965-66	A.W Fanowrios	Miss P.H Brand
1966-67	A.W Fanowrios	Miss D Whitely
1967-68	L. Grafton	Miss D Whitely
1968-69	A D'Orsogna	Miss L Jowett
1969-70	A Fanowrios	Miss L Jowett
1970-71	A Fanowrios	Miss L Jowett
1971-72	A Fanowrios	Mrs D Hatt
1972-73	G Same	Miss K Dugan
1973-74	A Fanowrios	Miss K Dugan
1974-75	A Fanowrios	Miss J Redman
1975-76	A D'Orsogna	Mrs D Lee
1976-77	S Cunningham	Mrs D Lee
1977-78	W.A Boyle	Mrs D Lee
1978-79	P Holten	Mrs D Lee
1979-80	W.A Boyle	Mrs D Lee
1980-81	W.A Boyle	Miss L Jowett
1981-82	W.A Boyle	Miss L Jowett
1982-83	W.A Boyle	Mrs D Lee
1983-84	W.A Boyle	Miss L Jowett
1984-85	W.A Boyle	Miss L Jowett
1985-86	A Cunningham	Mrs D Lee
1986-87	A Cunningham	Miss K Vahala
1987-88	W.A Boyle	Miss K Vahala
1988-89	W.A Boyle	Miss K Vahala

SEASON	MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS	LADIES SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS
1989-90	T G Fanowrios	Miss K Vahala
1990-91	R.R Grant	Miss K Vahala
1991-92	R.R Grant	Miss K Butcher
1992-93	R.R Grant	Miss M Phillips
1993-94	R.R Grant	Miss E Burton
1994-95	M Rundus	Miss M Phillips
1995-96	B Patten	N Eriksson
1996-97	G Quinn	S Stanley
1997-98	G Quinn	S Stanley
1998-99	C Lancaster	S Stanley
1999-00	G Quinn	S Stanley
2000-01	G Quinn	C Nunn
2001-02	G Quinn	M Antonic
2002-03	M Rundus	M Antonic
2003-04	M Rundus	S Locke
2004-05	D Butcher	L Carson
2005-06	D Butcher	A Frodsham
2006-07	J Davidson	A Frodsham
2007-08	D Locke	C Wagnell
2008-09	D Locke	K Proos
2009-10	D Locke	K Proos
2010-2011	D Locke	K Proos
2011-2012	D Locke	K Proos
2012-2013	A Spencer	K Proos
2013-2014	D Locke	L Carson
2014-2015	E Manso	L Carson
2015-2016	E Manso	M Randall
2016-2017	J Iaconi	S Iaconi
2017-2018	J Iaconi	S Iaconi
2018-2019	D Downey	S Iaconi
2019-2020	J Iaconi	S Iaconi
2020-2021	C Murphy	P Duckett

APPENDIX 5

LIFE MEMBERS

ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB LIFE MEMBERS	
1944	N.F Bradey
1951	A.W.Fisher
1952	L.A Thomas
1953	G.M Dear
1955	I.H. Dorman
1958	K.L. Treadgold
1962	R.L.G Menkens
1967	G.B.K Jowett
1968	M.P Guinness
1969	K.S Davies
1971	G.F New
1972	E.J.McManis
1973	R.H Coyle
1976	A.D Thornton
1978	V Coyle
1979	L.M Thornton
1983	W.J Bond
1987	I.D White
1989	D Lee
1992	P Tolcon
1994	K.R Brown
1996	E Worrell
2001	G.M Brown
2001	R.R Williams
2008	W. J Boyle
2008	W.A Boyle
2012	P. J Quinn
2015	B Conduit
2020	G Hutchinson
2022	J Gillett

APPENDIX 6

KEN DAVIES MEMORIAL 25 YEARS BOARD

ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB KEN DAVIES MEMORIAL – 25 YEAR BOARD		
G.M Dear	I Mathison	R Aitken
I.H. Dorman	P.J Quinn	J Hughan
*K.S Davies	R.A Quinn	T Pass
M.M Kean	K.R Brown	M Patman
*R.L.G Menkens	G.M Brown	P Clarke
*W.J Bond	T.W Clarey	T Simpson
*K.L. Treadgold	C.L Clarey	G Nassim
*M.P Guinness	*A.D.Thornton	L Montgomery
D Neil	D.W.Pretsel	B Conduit
L.L Grafton	R.T Fanowrios	I Peterkin
*D Lee	D.Gow	T Tripolitano
E.J.McManis	M Herron	R Veale
H.A.McManis	I D White	L Carson
V Coyle	D Waideman	S Poh
R.H Coyle	P Boland	E Bartels
I.J Ritchie	E Worrell	D Gilich
L.K Jowett	W A Boyle	A Clozza
*E.J Hogbin	W J Boyle	A Ling
P Tolcon	R R Williams	L Langsford
M.M Fanowrios	G E Williams	D Forrester-Walker
P.R Masarei	N Tolcon	R Locke
P. Masarei	S Tolcon	J Taylor
*P Casotti	E Jumeaux	S Clifton
M.F Stewart	K Simpson	J Cramer
B.M Stewart	C Day	R Maker
P.J Turvey	C Doughty	S Macdonald
W.C Hassett	E Jones	T Malkovic
E Hassett	C Stewart	
P.J Rickey	G Connor	
* J.P Shortill	C Francis	
N.J Guinness	D Hopkins	
P.M Crowe	G Hutchinson	
G.F New	R Murphy	
M.D Nichols	V Hockless	

* Denotes 50 years

APPENDIX 7

ANDY FANOWRIOS MEMORIAL TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP

ANDY FANOWRIOS MEMORIAL TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP	
1976-77	Frank Norton
1977-78	Miss E Herron
1978-79	Cathy Pinchin
1979-80	Mark Norton
1980-81	Leonie Stewart
1981-82	Tony Cunningham
1982-83	John Hughan
1983-84	Greg Quinn
1984-85	Karen Vahala
1985-86	Natasha Vahala
1986-87	Darren Skinner
1987-88	Elissa Burton
1988-89	Knute Richards
1989-90	Tim Fanowrios
1991-92	Mooi-Hoon Ling
1992-93	David Locke
1993-94	Bartosz Raczka
1994-95	Dror Maor
1995-96	Lisa Ammoscato
1996-97	Stephen Jones
1997-98	David Butcher
1998-99	Samantha Pilton
1999-00	David Parsons
2000-01	David Halperin
2001-02	Anita Pope
2002-03	Pierre Delpech
2003-04	Stephanie Locke
2004-05	Hayley Chan
2005-06	Lachlan O'Sullivan
2006-07	Deborah Olow
2007-08	Daniel Tait
2008-09	Daniel Demiris
2009-10	Matthew Dixon
2010-11	Sian Vinicombe
2011-12	Adrian Spencer
2012-13	Evan Manso
2013-14	Jasmine Carswell
2014-15	Shanelle Iaconi
2015-16	Jerome Iaconi
2016-17	William Shepherd
2017-18	Connor Lord
2018-19	Michael Ingram
2019-20	Aleksandar Podias
2020-21	Travis Boon

APPENDIX 8

ERIC & HEATHER McMANIS SHIELD	
2008-09	Emily Forrester-Walker
2009-10	Sian Vinicombe
2010-11	Matthew Hadfield
2011-12	Chelsea Pringle
2012-13	Jasmin Carswell
2013-14	Ben Prella
2014-15	Matthew Pirie
2015-16	Oscar Giorgio
2016-17	Reuben Giorgio
2017-18	Michael Ingram
2018-19	Aleksandar Podias
2019-20	Oliver Stockley

APPENDIX 9**CLUB COACHES**

Coach	From	To	Years
C Treloar	1940	1948	8
H Jacoby	1949	1950	2
Stan Edwards	1950	1961	11
Brian Ford	1961	1972	12
Andy Fanowrios	1972	1975	3
Pam Hatt	1975	1980	5
Bill Boyle	1980	2008	28
Ian Ketteringham	2008		

APPENDIX 10**GROUNDS KEEPERS**

Grounds Keeper	From	To	Years
Philbin		April 1942	
Goodlett	April 1942	March 1943	1
Mc Donald	March 1943	April 1945	2
Beaumont	April 1945	1948	3
Stagg	1948	1951	3
Weston	1951	1951	Weeks ?
Latimer	1951	December 1951	5 Months
Charlton	January 1952	July 1953	18 months
Foster	July 1953	1955	18 months
Shaw	1956	1957	1
Harris	1957	April 1963	7
Ted Pugh	April 1963	October 1979	15 yrs 9 mths
Don Pearce	October 1979	1985	6
Derek Becker	1985	February 1987	2
John Gillett	February 1987	June 2022	35 yrs 5 mths
Rob Firms	1 July 2022		

APPENDIX 11

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS
ALEXANDER PARK TENNIS CLUB - MEMBERSHIP

SEASON	ADULT	JUNIORS	MID WEEK	COUNTRY	TOTAL	SOCIAL
1932 - 1938 no records available						
1939 - 1941 total numbers only						
1938/39					156	
1939/40					146	
1940/41					100	
1941/42	58	31			89	
1942 - 1948 no records available						
1948/49	80	44	6	2	132	
1949/50	93	50	7	2	152	
1950/51	92	57	8	3	160	
1951/52	100	60		2	162	
1952/53	102	55	5	2	164	
1953/54	110	60	4	2	176	
1954/55	114	48	4	3	169	
1955/56	138	54	10	5	207	12
1957/58	129	84	11	10	234	16
1957/58	146	91	12	9	258	8
1958/59	127	84	18	5	234	12
1959/60	138	95	22	6	261	11
1960/61	114	142	20	5	281	60
1961/62	114	130	27	9	280	61
1962/63	96	112	25	6	239	64
1963/64	115	89	28	4	236	50
1964/65	112	103	30	2	247	44
1965/66	102	75	26	2	205	37
1966/67	114	91	28	2	235	43
1967/68	113	89	27	2	231	34
1968/69	119	94	30	5	248	41
1969/70	123	77	30	3	233	28
1970/71	120	89	28	1	238	28
1971/72	162	101	34	1	298	37
1972/73	176	153	51	2	382	36
1973/74	155	151	37	1	344	30
1974/75	171	151	34	1	357	29
1975/76	171	147	28		346	30
1976/77	147	156	27		330	36
1977/78	163	147	33		343	34
1978/79	215	173	34		422	35
1979/80	194	148	23		365	34
1980/81	200	164	21		385	24
1981/82	275	156	35		466	19
1892/83	283	162	34		479	23
1983/84	257	160	37	5	459	26

SEASON	ADULT	JUNIORS	MID WEEK	COUNTRY	TOTAL	SOCIAL
1984/85	256	120	34	5	415	26
1985/86	265	190	29	4	488	22
1986/87	257	208	25	6	496	19
1987/88	246	209	24	6	485	21
1988/89	282	247	20	4	553	24
1989/90	287	212	22	3	524	24
1990/91	332	182	21	11	546	20
1991/1992	314	219	18	6	557	16
1992/1993	313	193	24	6	536	15
1993/1994	267	149	27	5	448	21
1994/1995	243	141	40	1	425	17
1995/1996	240	129	37	2	408	13
1996/1997	238	125	47	4	414	13
1997/1998	224	138	63	2	427	11
1998/1999	216	130	67	3	416	12
1999/2000	208	110	62	1	381	25
2000/2001	216	118	56	2	392	29
2001/2002	184	143	57	4	388	45
2002/2003	190	144	48	7	389	58
2003/2004	167	138	43	3	351	55
2004/2005	147	130	44	4	325	51
2005/2006	130	127	32	7	296	50
2006/2007	160	119	41	5	325	53
2007/2008	198	128	42	9	377	52
2008/2009	165	106	48	5	324	57
2009/2010	179	116	41	5	341	45
2010/2011	158	102	41	4	305	34
2011/2012	175	86	43		304	41
2012/2013	183	96	46		325	33
2013/2014	179	98	37		314	31
2014/2015	169	62	43		274	14
2015/2016	202	108	50		360	46
2016/2017	232	83	41		356	40
2017/2018	228	70	33		331	64
2018/2019	280	65	37		382	61
2019/2020	295	63	36		394	79
2020/2021	262	65	59		386	45
2021/2022	309	61	51		421	50