

Senior Snippets

Friday, January 12 - Day Five (LAST DAY!)

The Transport guys have been doing a fantastic job - with maybe ONE exception. Robert seems to think he can start his bus with the key in the ignition back-to-front! The engine starts up OK, but you don't go anywhere! Great for getting to venues on time!

Another bus story... JJ from Qld sat herself in the bus with 25 mins to spare before departure time. 25 mins goes by, still sitting there, she wondered why it hadn't taken off. She finds the transport guys, asks why, and discovers they had no other passengers, so they cancelled the trip! Oh, no! How can she get to her match? No worries, they'll take her in another vehicle! Oops, ignition problems, and it won't start! (Could it be Robert and his key again?)

Baby News - NOT from Regal Apartments, but from Brisbane. One NSW couple have just become grandparents for the first time! A bouncing 6lbs 15oz girl, named Hanna Kathleen. Congratulations to Adele and Barry Wilson.

Who is the Victorian man they call "Chicken Legs"? (Steve M)

Also, who's the Victorian lady who has big problems in her hired car getting lost in Perth?

There's one 70+ S.A. lady who has never been married. Any "eligible bachelors" out there 65-70? Her friend, also an SA lady, has never been a bridesmaid (PB) wants to be one before she drops off the perch.

WA 45+ Captain (JK) was looking everywhere for her "Prince" drink bottle. Someone MUST have taken it by mistake! Guess what? She arrived home to find the bottle sitting on the kitchen bench. Still nice and cold, and full.

What Senior man "pulled his back out" putting on his socks? He spent the next half an hour hugging a pole in the hope he could put it right.

Update on NZ lingo. Not only do they have a "Chilly Bin" not an Esky, but they wear "Jandals" instead of "Thongs". Seems their "thongs" are actually "G-strings" - hmmm..... interesting!

An amazing thing happened at Robertson Park. 45+ ladies were playing in front of the clubhouse, when all of a sudden during an extended rally, the ball hit the top of the net, and the net dropped down to the ground!

Thursday, January 11 - Day Four

Any resemblance to the truth in any of these stories is strictly accidental.

Some teams we hear, have been praying for rain. Could they please stop it or ask Hughie to redirect it to the farmers?

Our "Broome tourists" are in the news again. This time they both went to tennis without knickers and skirt!

Somebody thinks she can play tennis without her racquet! Susan P left hers at Alexander Park.

Great music at the Club last night had many people on the dance floor. But who was it that got into Wanda's pants? It's a first for 2007. (It was just that she got hot dancing, and traded them for a skirt.)

"Lose 6-love and you drop your pants" - What if you are down 6-love, 5-love and save ten match points? You pray for a miracle, and they got one - the whistle blew! (NSW 65Men)

35/40 women just play harder when down 5-love. The motivation? Knickers are in poor condition!

Is there a seamstress out there who wants a job? The ACT girls are struggling to keep their skirts down in the wind. Performing "Marilyn Monroes" and trying to play tennis is VERY tricky! They need lead weights sewn into their hems.

No word yet from "Regal Apartments" re: the imminent birth. Next thing we know there will be unusual noises for another reason Like making baby No. 2. ?????

Robyn Castle

Wednesday, January 10 - Day Three

Tennis West and the Hopman Cup organisation have just completed the Amateur Hopman Cup. Congratulations to the two WA Seniors who won it. PATRICK ROWLAND and ANNE NENER.

How to be considered "Sunsmart"? Be a volunteer helper at Robertson Park and put up the Sunsmart sign on Court 7 UPSIDE DOWN! - Now who was that?

Some people think they are "too smart" to make it into this column, by being goody goodies. BM from S.A. is one of them.

Danielle, 35-yr old from WA. You have made it, by being the first lady to shower in the Men's. How did we find out? The men told me they had to wait forever, till you came out!

There's some discrepancy about the Captain's right to limit the social activities of his/her team members. One such person issues the order "NO SEX". A lady's response: "that's a foregone conclusion!" One man supported it: "women weaken legs".

Whatever you do, don't leave your wallet in the Motel room and go back for it prior to your first match of the day. Two ladies had this experience and ended up heading for Broome! They thought the scenery looked a little remote. Not only that, but when they did a U-turn, they almost got bogged in the sand! Their Captain was not worried.. she had four players at the courts ready to start!

Did you know? New Zealand competitors don't bring their food in an "Esky" - they pack a picnic lunch in a "Chilly Bin"! Watch out for the photo soon on the web!
Pieter from Canada warns: "watch out that the Canucks (Canadians) Gaskin and Walker, behave themselves! They are party animals."

Advertising must work..... As a pedestrian was passing, he asked the Transport guys for some sunscreen as he had forgotten to apply before he left home. Being a good sort, the Transport guy sent him to the Seniors centre to get some - complimentary!!

Don't forget, hand in any gossip to the match control desk at the centre you are playing at, it does not have to be the truth!

Thanks, publicity officer, Robyn Castle

Tuesday, January 9 - Day Two

Lots of excellent tennis was played on Monday, and all centres provided quality food and drink, prepared by a band of enthusiastic volunteers. A great start to a fantastic week.

Monday night - Frantic efforts by most players to get to their respective State Dinners!

Captains were heard to issue statements like:

- I surround myself with good young players
- Grey hair - "shit happens"
- My team is awesome
- Remember the "F" word - "focus"
- Don't mess with me. My initials are "TNS"
(Take No Shit)

What about this!! Some players received a letter under the door of their unit which reads:

"Dear Guest, I would like to inform you that in the next day or so, one of the residents close to you will be giving birth in her apartment. So if you hear any unusual noises, please don't be alarmed."

Which Queensland Captain 60+ had a smile on his face when Qld lady team member was seen wiping sunscreen that was spilled over the front of his shorts?

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Monday

Tennis Seniors Australian Championships 2007 – Perth

“Press Release”!

We are all welcome in the beautiful City of Perth! 134 teams from all over the country plus our friends from “across the ditch” in New Zealand, and players from Canada! Robertson Park is looking a picture, as we are all able to take advantage of the magnificent courts for practice, and then the air-conditioned bar area, for more “practice”, of a different kind! Alexander Park and Mt Lawley will be open from Monday, providing more top quality courts and amenities.

“Today’s goss”

It started at the airport, Perth. Our first publicity stunt – by a 50+ lady.....
The quarantine beagle poised attentively beside her cabin bag! What did it sniff out?
THE APPLE. Mmmmmm – confiscated. (How embarrassing!)
Then a 60+ man got into the act..... A salad sandwich. So he ate it!

A plane from Sydney arrived without two of its scheduled passengers. They missed the boarding curfew. “No bag check” – “No boarding”!

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