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The ALLEN SEDDON HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP.

July 29th 2006. Report by the editor.

Gerry Slora (Handicap 31) had beaten Steve Watson, Simon Wratten, and Richard Thomas before meeting Sally Grant in the semifinal. At 15/30 down at 5all, 1 set all Gerry thought his end was nigh. However he managed to win the game and the match 4/6 6/3 6/5 and take his well earned place in the final.

Ed Loades (53) started with a bye but beat Mike Harwood and Jane Terry before sorting out our tournament sponsor Simon Allen 6/2 6/3 in the semifinal.

On a hot morning in July the final had Ed receiving a handicap of 30 owe 1/2 30.

A tough proposition for Gerry.

Ed started by serving an ace then left a chase which enabled Gerry to get into the match with a fine force to the grille. Gerry could not sustain progress as he suffered from the enormous handicap and a youthful, fast, strong opponent with a good eye for a ball. Ed was 4 love up before Gerry staged a revival with strong defensive volleys as Ed peppered the dedans.

Gerry generally has a very solid, unhurried volley but at set 5/3 down perhaps the nerves became a factor and he netted two in succession to give Ed the set 6/3.

The second set went from one side to the other. Ed hit hard low shots into the mainwall corner and Gerry reached them and returned them time after time into the tambour. This lead to Ed hitting too hard and increasingly making unforced errors on the return of serve. Gerry took the set 6/4. The pattern continued but at 4/5 down Gerry made an error on return of serve to give Ed 6 match points.

He needed only 1 as he served an ace to take the title.

The editor made the presentations on behalf of the Allen Seddon Partnership and Ed will soon see his name up on the Honour Boards and receive the sponsors prize of a new racket.



THE NEW SEASON.

As usual the year kicks off with the Lady Hamilton trophy at home.

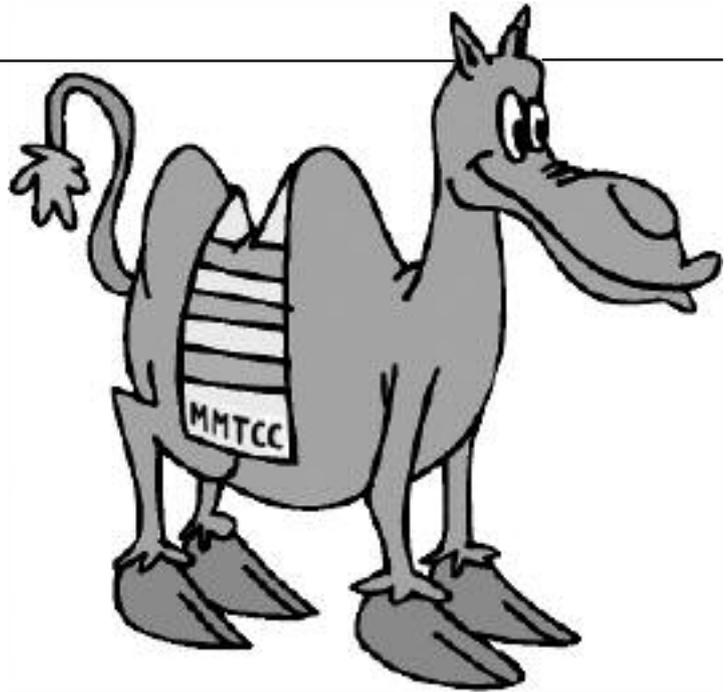
This will be on October 1st—so ladies dust off your rackets and book some restorative lessons. The men start with a trip to Bristol and Bath—always a good fixture. Also on 1st October.

For trophy hunters the Moreton Shield has been changed until the winter as there was a clash with the National Open Handicap Tournament (20-30 Handicaps) being played at Leamington on 6th-8th October.

OFF COURT

CAMEL-----Our Campaign for Effective Lights has been maintained throughout the summer. Whilst the lights remain dim and substandard during some of the evening we do have news that a new electricity substation is to be installed in our grounds in the near future.

We hope that this will bring a satisfactory conclusion and the lights can be put out on the CAMEL campaign.



MORETON MORRELL GOLF SOC ANNUAL COMPETITION.

Andrew Hamilton is sure to want to defend his title. (Could this be for the fourth time?)

However he has yet to tell the editor where or when this prestigious event will take place. Please let Tom Granville (a previous winner) or Andrew know if you would like to play.

It is just possible that Andrew will be beaten at last as he has recently become a member at Stratford where his handicap has been adjusted to reflect his talent (surely shome mishtake :ed).

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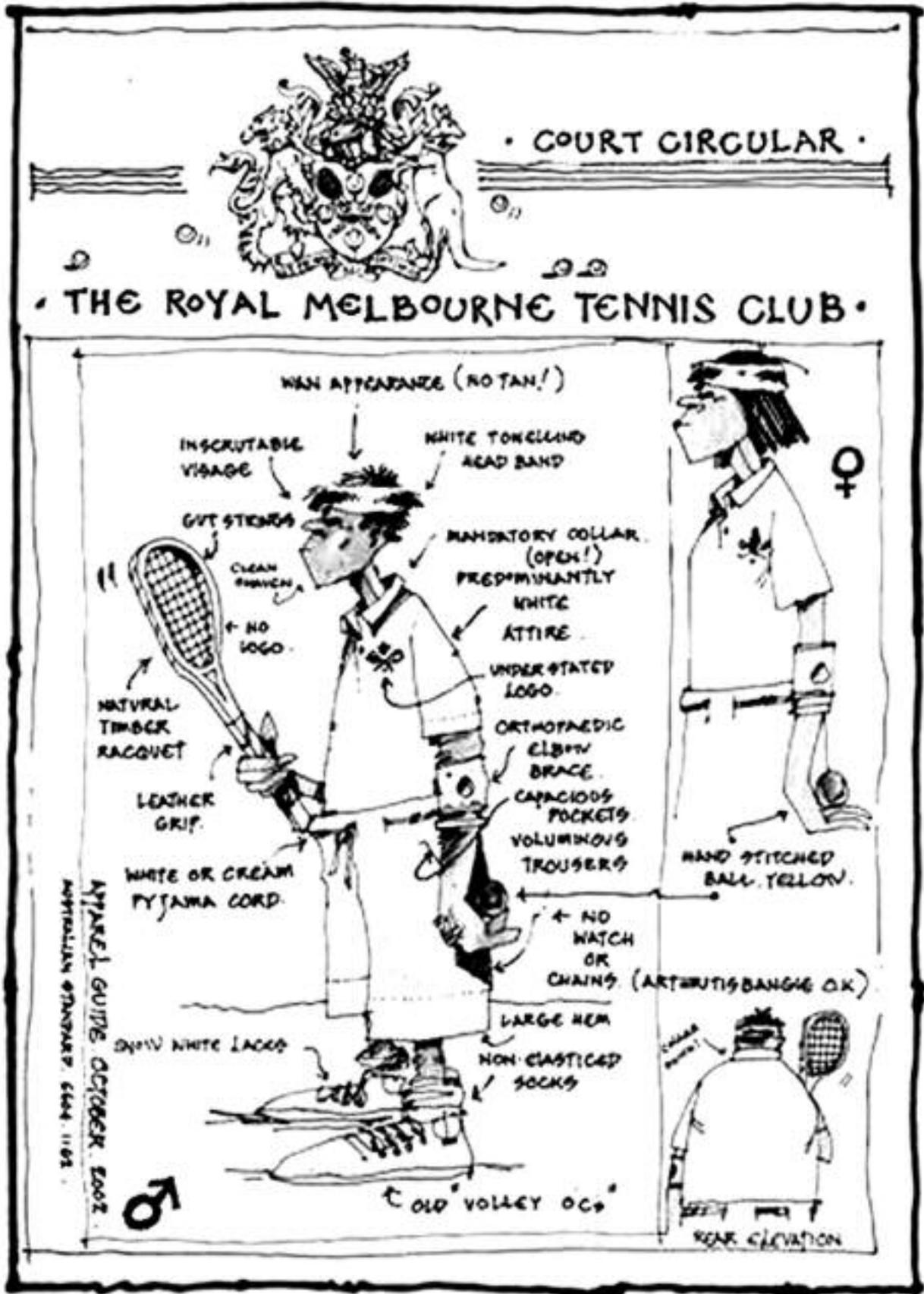
It has come to the notice of our trusted correspondent that our Chairman (may his name be praised) has recently been a guest of honour at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

Dress was formal, the cakes excellent and the gardens beautiful.

Following this occasion Sir Andrew has become more mindful of 'on court' dress and he will be discussing the important issues with his colleagues on the Tennis & Rackets Committee.

This committee has Sir Andrew as its Chairman so meetings take place regularly at Queens Club, Lords and Huntercombe Golf Club to coincide with appropriate fixtures on the national sporting calendar.

Hypocrotease offers the following help with the 'Dress Deliberations' which have been adopted by our friends down under:



2007 BOOMERANG TRIP.

Our team is complete. Six solid players will make the trip to Melbourne in January to take part in this extraordinary event.

There are 35 teams entered in the Boomerang Cup and about 40 pairs also will play in the RMTTC Handicap Doubles.

Full reports will be in the spring Court Circular.

