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Welcome all, in this edition:

- Maree's bits
- Captain's notes
- Finally – The Aussie drift

MAREE'S BITS

Rules of tennis course

If there are enough people, Tony Glentworth, Development Officer NZ Umpires Assoc, will be running a Rules of Tennis course and introduction to umpiring on Sunday 15th May in Hawera.

It would be a 3 hour course followed by an on-court session for those interested in line umpiring and following Tony who is going to Wimbledon next month. Times 11am – 4pm.

The charge is \$30 per head which, on completion of the course, is used as the first year's membership fee for successful candidates. It is open to all ages but he suggests 14-15 years up. Please email j-edwards@clear.net.nz Monday 9th May if interested

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES

All Championship Singles/handicapped must be completed by Sunday 15 May or earlier.

FINALLY

As a bit of a grammar nazi, I was pleased find out that there was a national punctuation day on March 4th. I was so chuffed I told my mate that I was going out to celebrate. He told me to go out and drink myself into a comma.

Apparently it's no longer politically correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, so try this one:

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, a German, a Yank, an Egyptian, a Jap, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an African went to a nightclub.

The bouncer said, "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai."

It was saddening to hear that Roland Hiri was leaving our shores for the great land that is Western Australia, famous for its marvellous wines and huge karri trees. Some might call it social suicide to leave all your friends to go and live in another country.

Personally, I call it Hiri-karri.

I'm sure we all hope Roland has success chasing the filthy lucre. With the exchange rate as it is, he is sure to come back a millionaire in no time and with the frequency that he breaks racquets he will need to be making a decent quid. Having said that, I have insisted he join my old tennis club in North Perth, which has mainly grass courts, so will be more Roland-friendly. I can't guarantee that the natives will be Roland-friendly, though, especially if he starts talking about ruggery. Perhaps a crash course in the rules (or lack thereof) of Aussie rules football might be in order. If he likes cricket, I can help him with his underarm bowling if required.

To celebrate/commiserate Roland's departure, there will be a gathering at the club on Saturday night (7th) when Roland will be buying drinks for everyone, all night*. All are welcome and kick-off is at 5.00 P.M.

*May not be true

Enjoy your tennis.

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