

CLUB CALENDAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Movie Night

The wonderful success of the film society has resulted in more than twenty screenings of features and shorts from "Some Like it Hot" to Flash Gordon serials. Shows resume in late February - watch this marquee!

AMBULANCE = 20 minutes and \$ 750

At a recent film screening it became necessary to call an ambulance for one of the patrons. The continuous telephone link was most reassuring, response time was twenty minutes and the patient spent a night in hospital. Check your insurance cover ... the cost was \$ 750 – good value for safety!

Women's Evening Activities and Friendship Group

Next Meeting February 2, 2004. No meeting in January. As the November meeting coincided with Melbourne Cup we ran a reverse sweep and the loser was a winner! Many UFO's (un finished objects) were completed. The December meeting saw new members from Yarra Glen and Dixon's Creek completing the group project.

NEW BOOK EXCHANGE

An idea coming out of the Women's Evening is to establish a book collection at the SC4 as a community library to share titles, magazines and other suitable materials. Anyone interested please contact **Pam at 5965 2274**

Garden

Launch and Farewell Garden Club annual party 3 February
The New Year will be launched and the farewells made to **Beans, Dimseys** and **Rowes**. 6 p.m. at Tomlins place 169 Hunts Lane BYO everything and a salad to share, BBQ Provided. Come and meet the new neighbours, and say good bye to old friends moving on to new gardens.

Tennis

This season the Steels Creek Tuesday Tennis Ladies once again made it into the semi final of the Mountain Area Ladies Tuesday Tennis Association (Section 2) - only to be beaten by the very strong team from Mooroolbark who then went on to win the final. It has been a good tennis season, thoroughly enjoyed by all six team members: **Rachel DeVere, Dawn Gilman, Eileen Gordon, Louise Keyes, Lindy Montell, and Louise Nixon.**

92 years young – the Tennis Club started up in 1911.

Tennis Club Raffle Results

- 1st Balloon Ride for Two (Donated by Global Ballooning) Won by Graeme Williams, Yarra Glen Newsagency.
- 2nd Breakfast for two (Donated by Immerse Café) won by Jamie Duncan, Blackburn.
- 3rd Parquet Chopping Board (Donated by Graham Gordon) Won by Kate Handbury, South Yara.
- 4th Two Bottles of Wine (Donated by De Bortoli) Won by **John Houston**, Steels Creek
- 5th Manicure Set (Donated by Steels Creek Tennis Club) Won by M.A. Wilkinson, Lilydale.

Thank you to all who donated, sold, bought and won in the raffle.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sunday 14 December at the Tennis Club 12 noon onwards, free to all all members and friends come and celebrate Xmas Break. BYO drinks.

Night Tennis – a **COOL** way to spend the summer!
Monday and Thursday 7PM Players needed – contact Alby 5965 2354

BRUSH STROKES Art Club

Members of the Thursday art group have been given successful exposure in the last two months. **Jenny Tetlow** won **First Prize at the Lilydale Show** for her wonderful painting of a *Callistemon Purple Cloud* and **Third Prize** for *Oak Twig with Acorns*, **Christine Mullen**, **Margaret Houston** and **Malcolm Calder** were invited to provide pictures for hanging in the **RACV Club** Healesville in October and November. Malcolm, along with 15 other botanical artists has provided paintings for the first Botanical Art Exhibition at Kawarra Native Plant Garden in the Dandenongs. This exhibition continues until Sunday, December 7.

From January 5 to 9 the **Yarra Valley Arts Council** is holding its **8th Summer School of Music and Art in Healesville**. The programme includes Orchestra, Choir, a cappella Singing, Watercolour Painting, Pastel Drawing, Contemporary Painting, Sculpture, Nature Photography, felt making, silk painting, African Drums and Rhythms, as well as Art For Kids. **Applications close December 7. For information ring Noel on 5962 2708 or Nan on 5962 4727**

CLAMBERERS - 2003/2004

Walking in this beautiful area is always a joy, except in summer heat, which explains our April to October programme. During 2003 we've continued to explore local ridges within the Kinglake National Park, and also ventured further afield : Myrtle Creek/Wirrawilla rainforest walk, Warramate Hills from the south, Mt. Lofty approached from the river before the climb, and a return to Donnellys Weir via the Maroondah Reservoir Park. In Spring we enjoyed two very informative native orchid walks locally.

Some of our walks are short, others more strenuous; we try to grade and vary them to suit as many enthusiasts as possible. Any suggestions for new and interesting walks are welcome. Remember, everyone is welcome to join us, and in one or two walks next year we hope to include a bit of early history - stay in shape !

Weedbuster Week Works!

Weed invasion is second only to land clearing as the greatest threat to bio-diversity in Australia, and I'm sure we don't want to face the danger posed by weeds as seen in other parts of the Shire. A "low-key" event to coincide with Weedbusters Week 12/10 to 19/10 has seen residents of Old Kinglake Road and Brennan Avenue eliminating an outbreak of ivy and one or two other nasties near the corner of Old Kinglake and Steels Creek Roads. The idea to get together with people in the immediate area who would like to see Steels Creek stay relatively weed free has worked well. This first invitation is really designed to get the ball rolling, and I'm hoping it will lead to something more structured. Perhaps, down the line, our plan might include the weed-mapping of the area and addressing some of the outbreaks that are threatening private property where only the sheer force of numbers will solve the problem. To join the momentum contact

Rob Fallon 5965 2535

New Living and Learning Coordinator

The Committee of the Yarra Glen Living and Learning Centre Inc., sincerely thanks, Marlene, Chris and Margaret for their cheerful and willing service to the Centre, and we wish them well in the future. Welcome to Veronika, Jill, Karen and Julie to our committee. Veronika is our new co-ordinator, so if there is a workshop or course you could offer or would like to see run-----please phone **Veronika Gordon on 9730 2223.**

LETTERS email WWW

My husband, daughter and I will be moving to Steels Creek next month and would like to subscribe via e-mail to the newsletter (saves trees). Hopefully, through the newsletter we will be informed of events in the area and get the chance to meet neighbours.
Many thanks. Kind regards, **Sonja Fischer, James & Katharina Scott**

<http://www.communityguide.com.au/community.cfm/?yarraranges/site/communitygroups/friendsgroups/steelscreekcc/>

This is a web page devoted to Steels Creek – contributors needed

<http://www.yarraranges.communityguide.com.au/>

Just type in or click on Steels Creek from this page - AMAZING

<http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/>

Wonderful stuff here – statistics, applications, information all part of the paperless world.

“Nuts to You” says Old Bean

Rex Bean’s legendary Hazelnut Squares have a fanatical group of devotees.. It is rumoured that THE RECIPIE will be up for auction at the 24th January market with proceeds going to charity. Bring lots of money and savor one last bite.

CROSSWORD EDITOR REQUIRED

Please submit your own crossword based on Steels Creek details for publication in the next “ Jolly Thing!”

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DEADLINE for the next “*Jolly Thing*” is **Friday January 30, 2004.**