



STEELS CREEK COMMUNITY NOTES - NO 89 (February-March 2011) FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VALLEY

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Captain Speaking

This is normally a fairly quiet time of year unless of course you happen to be a grandparent. There were two events of note however. On Thursday 20 January the CFA held a Bushfire Awareness meeting which was well attended and served as a useful reminder to be prepared. Then on Sunday 23 the barbecue was, as intended, a relaxed community get-together with music, fun and games. I am not sure if the children or the adults enjoyed the face painting and jumping castle the most. Thanks go to the Shire and Centacare for their sponsorship and organization.

Finally, a warm welcome to the families who have recently moved into Steels Creek

Mike Watkins

The Yarra Glen Art Show 2011 - Labour Day Weekend March 11-14

The Yarra Glen Arts Show is celebrating 10 years!

2011 heralds in a new era for this much loved Art Show with the exhibition expected to showcase over 500 works by 150 artists. Artworks inspired by or depicting the majestic beauty of the region will be judged by one of the original creators of the Show, Christine Mullen and Dean Putting, the first place winner at the 2010 Yering Station Sculpture Exhibition.

On top of that, the Yarra Glen Art Show Artisan Marketplace will showcase unique wares for the body, home and garden made by artists in the region.

Usually held over the Easter Weekend, the upcoming exhibition will be held during Labour Day weekend in March. From the 11th- 14th, the Yarra Glen Arts Show will provide a fantastic opportunity for local artists to present their work in the stunning backdrop of Alowyn Gardens. It's not too late to enter, entries close on February 25.

For an entry form call **Morgan Calder** on 9730 1552 or visit www.yarraglenartshow.com.au

Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Happenings

Clubhouse Construction: The new clubhouse is being fitted out. We are working with the State Sporting Authority for a big Opening Day – on a Sunday in late March. We'll have the usual free sausage sizzle, but also free coaching and more. Stay tuned for details by e-mail and posters around the "Creek".

Club Open Day: An Open Day was held on January 29 with prizes donated by Tennis Victoria. Over 50 people showed up for the free sausage sizzle and games on the courts. What was especially encouraging to see was over a dozen youngsters out on the courts, having a whack at the ball, and enjoying the day. So many new faces were there – we hope to see them back playing on one of the social hits or comps.

Saturday Tennis: Saturday competitions had both teams competing well this season – both in the top 4 of their ladders (so far). No competition on the courts from 18 December through January for the school holidays.

Morning Mum's Tennis: Ready to start up again? Contact **Libby Sharp 596 2175**, if you'd like to join in.

Social Tennis: Warm or hot, the tennis is always just right on Monday and Thursday night social tennis. We will be continuing our no-fee policy through to July. Come and enjoy the tennis and friendship. Come early for a BBQ with friends –and feel free to stay for tennis (or to watch and give sideline commentary).

Web site: www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/

Ed Bartosh, Secretary

The Chris Mullen Literary Award

Another year of interesting entries for which the Editor is sincerely thankful, a great mix of subjects local and otherwise. Always a difficult decision, but once made no correspondence will be entered into, this year it goes to **Ed Williams** for his Dogs Story JT 88. Congratulations Ed.

Steels Creek Paying It Forward

Following those terrible 2009 fires, we received help from many different places. It was unexpected and heartfelt. Your Tennis Club received support and help from government agencies, local and not-so-local businesses and other organizations. After the fires, Alby Leckie received a surprise call from the Hoppers Crossing Sports Club offering a donation that was used to defray costs for the lights at night tennis so we could encourage more people to come to the courts and enjoy a bit of distraction and exercise. We now have a chance to "pay it forward".

Your Tennis Club Committee has earmarked the profits of the recent Bunnings' sausage sizzle to be donated to support a couple of small tennis clubs affected by the recent floods in Queensland and Victoria. Thanks to the effort of some members, a donation from Coles Chirnside Park and extra donations by patrons on the sizzle day, we have \$1600 raised for this purpose. We'll add to it with some club money and any other local donations to assist the clubs in a tangible way.

We have been in contact with Tennis Queensland and Tennis Victoria for suggested worthy candidates. Tennis Queensland has suggested helping the Theodore and District Tennis Association with a donation to help clean up and recover after the Christmas floods. Theodore is a town of about 300 people located 200 Km west of Bundaberg on the Dawson River. The town was flooded in late December with Army helicopters having to evacuate the residents. This followed flooding back in March 2010 as well. We look forward to showing them that we care and wish to help them back as we were helped over the past 2 years. We are awaiting advice from Tennis Victoria for a candidate when the waters subside and needs become clear.

We'll send the message that says "we remember those who helped us when we needed help, we understand your pain, and you are not alone in getting through this".

Flood Victims - Assistance Sought

Could we have expressions of interest from those who would like to help the flood victims near Kerang. **Dorothy Barber** and I intend to go and see what targeted practical help is needed and then come back and try to meet specific needs. We would love to give back some assistance after being overwhelmed at the generosity of every one during our hours, days and months of need. We are hoping to find one of the small communities who were unable to sandbag. If you can assist in any way please let us know on hollylane2@bigpond.com.

We will advise on our return

Joanne Spears

Some Sons Do 'Ave 'Em.

I was sitting at my computer on 20 Jan (just gone) when a Happy Anniversary email arrived...then another...then another. I had to think a bit before I realised that it was 39 years before, to the date, that I joined the Army. The anniversary emails were from a number of my classmates. The realisation of the importance of the date (to us, anyway) then set my mind going and, for some reason, it went back to the months before I enlisted.

It was sometime mid to late-1971. Earlier that year, my father had informed me that I was going to join the Army. I would enlist as an Army Apprentice and 'study' at the Army Apprentices School, which was based at Balcombe (10 mins south of Mornington at the time). Whilst I had some input into the decision, it wasn't much of an input.

Basically, what he said 'went', which I suppose, set me up well for my future in the military. My input - I was 'allowed' to choose the apprenticeship I was to undertake until I turned 18.

I chose music because I'd been doing well with music at school (learning the violin and cello) and the Army had bands - so it was an easy choice for me. They didn't accept violins or cellos (can't march with a cello I suppose) so I was placed on clarinet whether I liked it or not (shades of my father??). My father didn't appear to be happy about my choice of music (at one point he questioned my sexuality) and informed me that when I attained the age of 18, I was to change to Engineering (his career) and become a graduate of the Officer Cadet School at Portsea. At my tender age (15), 18 was a lifetime away...I was more concerned about what was for dinner that night, never mind the following weekend or even one year hence...so three years into the future...forget it.

I had recently celebrated my 15th birthday and the thought of joining the Army, at that time, was a bit of a worry as I thought there was a real possibility that I might wind up in Vietnam, which was still a going concern at the time. The thought of that frightened me, let me tell you, but my father frightened me more.

The day came when I had to report to the Flinders Lane Recruiting Centre for the standard pre-enlistment medical check and numeracy, literacy, and psychological testing. In the days leading up to my 'testing' my mother dropped a bit of a bombshell. She told me that the Army doctors would want my 'wee'. I immediately experienced a feeling of incredulity (not that I knew what that word meant at that time). My dropped jaw must have told a story. In my mind I was trying to rationalise what my mother had just told me. With over 5 million cows, 10 million sheep and God knows how many cats and dogs in Australia, why would the Army want my wee!!!!

My mother eventually told me that they test it to determine various aspects of a person's health. I wasn't sure whether to believe her or not but felt it best to at least prepare myself, mentally.

On the day of testing, I recall leaving home at about 0730h to walk to the Lower Ferntree Gully train station to catch a train into town. I had to be at the Recruiting Centre by 0900h. As I was walking out, my mother reminded me not to go to the toilet until they'd collected my 'sample'. I was already feeling a little like I needed to go but decided to hold on.

The one-hour trip into town didn't alleviate my 'urge' and I was conscious that it was beginning to overtake all other thinking in my mind.

I arrived at the Recruiting Centre and immediately went into the testing room. I was starting to get tears forming in my eyes due to 'holding on' too much but sat down in the room and began to complete the first of three papers- Maths, English and the Psych test (this was one of the psych questions: A hoof belongs to a a) cow, b) horse c) human d) dog...don't ask me why I remember this question 40 years down the track...and don't ask me what answer I gave, either). Then came the English test, I can't recall the questions but I do recall having to cross my legs and think of anything but fluid.

Finally, the psych test. I think I completed it first.

Around 1030h, I finally got into the doctor's office, along with some six or so others. I was walking rather awkwardly by this time. It felt like I was hanging on to over 8 gallons of liquid (litres hadn't come into vogue).

I couldn't believe it, the first test was a colour blindness test. I was bursting. Why couldn't we do the test that would have enabled me to breath properly, again, first! Damn! The medical orderlies formed us into groups of two and a doctor stood holding a book that we all had to look at, in turn, in our groups of two. The pages in the book contained lots of different coloured and sized bubbles that formed various numbers – if you were colour blind to any extent you would see a different number to the one you were supposed to recognise. The routine was that one of the 'two' had to state the number they recognised on the left-hand page whilst the other had to state the number they recognised on the right-hand page. Easy. And so, through the book we went. The guy I was 'teamed up' with must have been colour blind (or I was). He took an inordinate amount of time studying his page and then gave the wrong answer. I wound up giving the doc his number as well as mine, anything to keep the process moving. I was becoming desperate by the minute.

Finally, I was taken into a small room by an orderly. In the room was a toilet cubicle. A different doc gave me a large, glass container (I recall it being about the size of a two litre jug) and asked me for a 'sample' pointing to the toilet cubicle at the same time. I understood. At last! I went into the toilet and filled the container to within a millimetre of the top. Tears of relief were pouring out of my eyes.

I gingerly came out of the cubicle and slowly walked, balancing the warm liquid in the container, the twenty or so paces to the doctor. I was glancing up to him and down to the liquid in rapid succession with every pace. I finally reached him (and without spilling one drop, mind you). 'What now?' I thought. Here's my 'sample'. What's next? With a smirk on his face he grabbed a small matchstick like object, dipped the tip of it into the fluid, said, "Thank you," and asked me to empty the container in the toilet.

I was stunned. "Is that it?" I asked. "Yep," he said. I slowly turned around and gently walked my precious and rapidly cooling cargo back to the toilet cubicle. All the way across the room my mind was in a whirl and my eyes were watering, still. Why did I hang on for so many hours? Surely that's not all! Is this some sort of sick joke at my expense? What was my mother on? What had I done to her?

Nope, that was it. I made it safely into the toilet cubicle and, as I was tipping the container into the toilet bowl, I vowed never to take any advice from my mother EVER again.

So you see, some sons DO 'ave 'em.

Graham Lloyd

King Parrot

Occasionally alone

Usually with consort

Royally attired in

Immaculate red and green regalia

Demands instant attention

Seed of the best variety

Sunflower preferred

Inferior seed to be left

For subjects of lesser degree

You have my aristocratic attention

Therefore, only the best for me

Lindy Montell

Food Writers Report

Christmas break at Pt Lonsdale a lovely surprise at a new casual restaurant called 360Q at the new Queenscliffe Marina. The head chef from Yering Station was in attendance for the month of January. The tower attached to the restaurant gives a 360 degree view of the bay and town ship, hence its name.

We wandered into this smart new development to be met by a sea of Yering Station wines. We had several meals here and watched cruisers come in to berth and have their pre-dinner drinks and hors d'oeuvres as we had drinks on the restaurants deck.

Fantastic stuffed zucchini flowers stuffed with crab and scallop, prawns marinated in Thai sauces served on a cucumber salsa. Duck ravioli with sweet potato puree and a duck in a confit in a little pot and Andrew's favourite goats cheese tart, all in all a fabulous variety of fresh produce from the Bellarine Peninsula and the Yarra Valley. We had a bottle of the Yering Station 2009 Pinot and not a hint of smoke; it is a very small release but delicious. The experience has convinced this writer to try Yering Station soon.

Judith Augustine

Butterfly Studio

Butterfly Studio is a community art studio located in Christmas Hills. It was established in mid 2010 as a bushfire recovery project and is supported by VBRRA and the Shire of Nillumbik. Butterfly Studio aims to provide a shared creative space, conducive to free reflection and expression. Our programs and workshops are designed to facilitate reconnection with the environment and re-establishment of relationships. Our artists are trained practitioners and professional artists who are experienced in working with community groups and who are connected with the local area.

Early 2011 will see the continuation of the studio's *Mosaic Gifting Project*. Fire affected residents are invited to order a new property number (for their block of land, rebuilt home, or their new home in a different area). Residents are encouraged to participate in the making of their new number, but if they would prefer, our artists and their helpers can undertake the task for them. These workshops are free. All Christmas Hills, Steels Creek and Yarra Glen residents (and friends of these communities) are invited to participate in this project.

The very popular Felting Circle will no be held at the Steels Creek Community Centre with Elizabeth Bromley (see below).

Register now for the 2011 Program. Our Term 1 & 2 calendar is presently being finalised but will include workshops and demonstrations from the list below. Requests for workshops are always welcome. Email us at butterflystudio@bigpond.com for a timetable.

Clamberers

Clamberers provide a series of monthly walks from March to November each year in nearby and regional locations. The walks provide an opportunity to gently explore or re-visit some of our beautiful bushland and other areas in good company.

A draft program of walks for 2011 will be circulated by email to Registered Clamberers during February 2011.

Ideas for new walks or reference to favourite old ones will be sought, as well as arranging leaders for this year's walks. It is proposed that once completed, this program will be circulated to all registered Clamberers for their information.

We do not have walks scheduled during the hotter months of December, January or February. Our next walk will therefore be at the end of March 2011, and details will be circulated to Registered Clamberers (see below), announced at Steels Creek Community Markets and included in further additions of *'The Jolly Thing'*.

If you would like to receive this information but have not been doing so, please register your details by emailing (or telephoning) Robyn Allan at drallan@wideband.net.au, telephones 5988 7073, 0409 139 371.

Garden Club

Our first occasion for the year will be a BBQ at Wendy and Tom Steele's, Lorimers Lane, Dixons Creek, ph 5965 2310. Tuesday 8 February, 6.30pm. BYO everything + a salad or sweet to share.

If you're already a member, you know all this, if not come along and check us out, you'll find that we are a friendly, non-competitive Club who will make you most welcome.

SCC4 Film Club

At long last the community center is undergoing its extensions, so the film nights are on hold but we are exploring alternative venues and will advise if and when one is found, any suggestions would be appreciated.

A Reflection

Was it Buddha that said what ever happened yesterday today starts anew and though there has been some time since yesterday and today in Steels Creek we are now seeing lush regrowth in both the bush and houses. Aided by the excellent rains, the spirits of many have been lifted to commence rebuilding and once again the community is growing. The evidence is all around, particularly evident at the Tennis bbq on last Saturday with all the children running around the new club rooms and onto the courts, the next generation, and a joy to behold. The words of the club song of the 2010 AFL premiers ran through my mind ""Side by side we stick together"", the strength of our little Community.

Andrew Chapman

Pomaderris vacciniifolia Project

There are several different aspects that have expanded our project, with volunteers now monitoring many sites where the post fire seedlings continue to develop. Steve has taken Candlebark Nursery personnel around the mature shrubs that are developing ripe pods for seed collection right now. Candlebark are also growing plants using seed from the Royal Botanic Gardens – and we will receive 2000 (!) of these to plant later this year. We would like to hear from Chum Creek, Toolangi, Steels Creek and Dixon's Creek residents especially - hoping you and/or your neighbors might care to assist our efforts by propagating this highly endangered and so-beautiful shrub on your properties.

From the HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch inc) newsletter

2010 Rainfall

2010 had the highest rainfall that I have recorded since I started recording in 1976. Midway through December I was hopeful that the yearly total would exceed 1000 mm, but it fell 9 mm short, although I suspect that some gauges at the northern end of the valley that are closer to the Divide, would have exceeded the 1 metre mark.

At 991 mm it was close to double the 2009 total of 517 mm.

The Bureau figures for Yarra Glen, recorded between 1890 and 1974, indicate totals of 1023 mm in 1952 and 1026 mm in 1960. Three years exceeded 950 mm being 1917, 1934 and 1956 and two others were above 900 mm with the two year total for 1916-17 of 1865 mm, so the district has certainly had some wet years in the past when compared with the Bureau average of 762 mm.

Barry Sheffield

Rainfall Report – end of January 2011

Gauge Location	December 2010 (mm)	January 2011 (mm) (to 30th January)	Total for 2010	Total for 2009
'Blackwood Hill' - Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek	93.5	88.0	1091.4	623.6
'Highlea' - Dixons Creek	114.0	131.0	1218.6	669.8
'Kilravock' – Adams Lane, Steels Creek	102	92	1,117	535
'Pencloe' – Steels Creek Road, Steels Creek	na	na	na	na

Several locations have reported total rainfalls for 2010 as being their heaviest, or among their heaviest, falls on record, around twice the rainfall of their minimum rainfall years (2006)

Rainfall from the Mt St Leonard Station for the month was 121.2 mm, last year total 1,639 mm date mm,

Relocation Notice

Whilst the renovations to the Community Centre are in progress a number of the Groups that usually meet there are now meeting elsewhere. If in doubt check with the convenor

Stitchers: Yarra Glen Living & Learning Centre, Anzac Av, Yarra Glen,
Art Group: At Margaret Brewsters, 11 Armstrong Gr, Yarra Glen
Book Group: Meeting in Members' homes.
The Growing Group: At the Calder's, 375 Pinnacle Lane, Steels Creek

But Please Note that the Market Day is being held at the Community Centre

Everyone has a story

Why not share it with the jolly thing readers, be it sad, serious or humorous: local or not. Jot it down and send it to the editor. You could be the winner of the fourth Chris Mullen award for literary excellence.

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The Grape Vine

Do you want to be kept up on **Local Steels Creek Happenings**, events and offerings?
Let me know and I will put you on the email list for the *Grape Vine* so you don't miss out.
achapman@woodards.com.au

FEBRUARY 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Social Tennis	2	3 Art Social Tennis	4	5 Tennis Comp
6	7 Women's Group Social Tennis	8 Social Tennis Stitchers Garden Club bbq	9	10 Art Singing Social Tennis	11	12 Market Tennis Comp
13 YG&DHS	14 Recycle Social Tennis	15 Social Tennis Stitchers Garden Outing	16 YG Township Group	17 Art Social Tennis	18	19 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp
20	21 Social Tennis	22 Social Tennis Book Group Stitchers	23	24 SMB Art Singing Social Tennis	25	26 Market Tennis Comp
27	28 Recycle Growing Group Social Tennis					

Recycle = reminder to put out your recycling bin

ART

Thursdays 1:30 PM – 4.30 PM SCCC - Bring your paints; discuss your art and share skills.

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

BOOK GROUP

4th Tuesday - 8.00 PM; 10 members – limited by library book resources. Lively discussions at SCCC. New Members welcome

Robyn Allan 0409 139 371

CLAMBERERS

Last Sunday (April to November). Since 1993, the walking group has walked over local tracks & explored the flora and fauna of the Valley and surrounding areas. Walks are announced at the SCCC Market before hand or see item on page 6

Robyn Allan 0409 139371 eda@wideband.net.au

FRIENDS OF YARRA FLATS BILLABONGS

Development of wetlands adjacent to Yarra Glen.
Working Bees third Saturday of every second month starting at 12 noon

Kevin Heeley 9730 1704 kevinheeley@bigpond.com
<http://yarraflatsbillabongs.melbournewater.com.au>

GARDEN

Newsletter, outings 2nd Tuesdays, 60 members. Fourth Monday Growing Group, 9.30 am at SC3 – all welcome.

Gillian Poulton 5797 8266

HEWI (Healesville Environment Watch Inc)

Environmental issues at Healesville Living and Learning Centre, 1 Badger Creek Road.

Maureen Bond 5962 1224 hewisec@bigpond.com.

HISTORY

The Y.G. & D.H.S. meets 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm Memorial Hall:

Mrs. Brenda Cawte 9730 1801
<http://www.yarraglenhistorical.websyte.com.au>

MARKET

2nd and 4th Saturdays at SCCC, 10.00 AM Sharp! Community announcements, local fresh produce, preserves, baked goods. The Creek's best home made scones, coffee and tea at every market!

Malcolm Calder 5965 2372

LANDCARE GROUP

Ongoing projects and a great opportunity to obtain information, advice and possibly funding about tackling Landcare issues of significance to YOU!'

Ivan Filsell Ph 5965 2248

**Check for possible Relocation = SC4 =SCCC = Steels Creek Community (and Cultural) Centre,
699 Steels Creek Road**

MARCH 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Social Tennis Stitchers	2	3 Art Social Tennis	4	5 Tennis Comp
6	7 Women's Group Social Tennis	8 Social Tennis Stitchers	9	10 Art Social Tennis Singing	11	12 Market <i>Art Show</i>
13 YG&DHS Art Show	14 Recycle Social Tennis Art Show <i>Labour Day</i>	15 Social Tennis Stitchers	16 YG Township Group	17 Art Social Tennis	18	19 FYFB Working Bee Tennis Comp Semi-final
20	21 Social Tennis	22 Social Tennis Stitchers Book Group	23	24 Art Singing Social Tennis	25	26 Market Tennis Comp Grand Final
27	28 Recycle Growing Group Social Tennis	29 Social Tennis Stitchers	30	31 SMB Art Social Tennis		

HALL & EQUIPMENT HIRE – DO NOT REMOVE ITEMS WITHOUT CHRISTINE TOMLINS' PERMISSION

To arrange hire of the revamped Hall and/or any equipment please contact Christine Tomlins 5965 2080

MOVIES

2nd and 4th Fridays – 6.00 PM classy food followed by classic movies at SCCC. **On Hold** .

Keith Montell 5965 2202

SINGING

Is now a Ukulele group meeting at Hargreaves Hill in Bell St Yarra Glen on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.

Angie Macmillan 97301998

SMB

Last Thursday 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM. Men's morning tea at Anita's Yarra Glen.

Gordon Brown 9730 1937

STITCHERS

Every Tuesday, 1.30 PM - 4.00 PM at YG L&LC (temp). Since 1993. 24 members, 12 regulars. Work shops plus, bring own work – knit, patch, embroider.

Jane Calder 5965 2372, Annette Conrad 5962 5995

TENNIS

Since 1911. Newsletter, competitions, 70 active and social members. Mondays, 7.30 PM*, (Social tennis). Tuesdays 9.00 AM - Social Tennis (contact 5965 2202). Thursdays 9.30 AM, Mums' tennis (soon). Thursdays 7.30 PM*, Social tennis. Saturdays 1 PM to 5 PM regular competitions. *Night tennis running strong under the lights.

Alby Leckie 5965 2354, Ed Bartosh 9739 1879

<http://www.yarraglen.com/SCTC/>

WOMEN'S GROUP Evening Friendship Group

1st Monday, 7.00 at JJ's in Yarra Glen. Come for company, conversation, food and coffee. You'll be made most welcome for a pleasant evening of food and chat.

Lindy Montell 5965 2202

YARRA GLEN TOWNSHIP GROUP

Meets the third Wednesday of the Month 7 to 9pm at the Yarra Glen Memorial hall. All welcome.

Jeanette Tucker 9730 2600

<http://www.yarraglen.com/townshipgroup/>

Cross Creek 43

Across

1. We see the black-tailed one round here (7)
4. Art Show month (5)
7. Doesn't happen with modern pens (7)
8. Bisect (5)
9. These remains may be holy (6)
12. Our skeleton is this (8)
15. *Enterprise* was a Sci-fi one (8)
17. Group of rhymed lines (6)
18. Was a major line of communication (5)
21. Plead (7)
22. ----- and greets (5)
23. Long lasting (7)

Down

1. Line of heaped up rubbish ready to burn (7)
2. This crop will have been flooded out in N Vic (6)
3. Do they need these locks at this university? (4)
4. The Bogong one is yummy, so they say (4)
5. No moss on this stone (7)
6. Coombe Cottage was this for Dame Nellie (4)
10. A second lot of this sense could be handy (5)
11. Healesville has some Giant ones (5)
13. Band to tie off e.g. a bloodvessel (8)
14. Starting point for sauerkraut (7)
16. Fellow member of the Commonwealth (6)
18. "All is ----, all is bright" (4)
19. They make a delicious pate when smoked (4)
20. Breeding farm, cool guy, collar fastener etc! (4)

Cross Creek 42 Answers

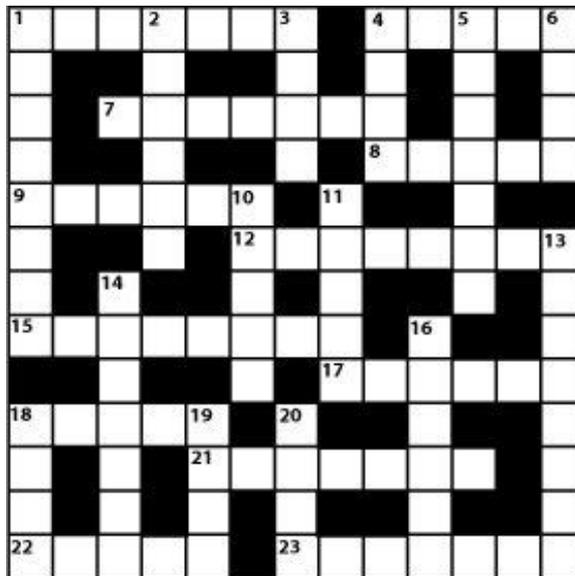
Across

1. So so 3. Squared 8. Idyllic 9. Stand 10. Chevy
11. Estate 13. Encephalogram 16. Cherry
18. Laugh 21. Pared 22. Hand-out 23. Red Poppy
24. Otic

Down

1. Stitcher 2. Style 3. Secretaryship 4. Upset
5. Chernobyl 6. Dodo 7. Play up
12. Emphatic 14. Cohered 15. Oblong
17. Radio 19. U boat 20. Spar

P.S. Does anyone actually do these crosswords, are we hitting the right note, or should we just go back to our patchwork? We'd love some feedback, the anagrammed compilers Jean/Jane



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HOOGIES

O F Y A R R A G L E N



No worries!

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 next *Jolly Thing*