

OVER THE NET

The Newsletter of the Steels Creek
Tennis & Social Club, Inc.

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AGM

STEELS CREEK TENNIS & SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **AGM** is to be held at the Clubroom (if completed) at 12 noon on **Sunday, 21st November**. We have been delaying it in the hopes of having the AGM as the first use of the new building. We hope you will take the opportunity to come along and contribute any ideas that you may have. The meeting will be followed by a BBQ (with the Club supplying sausages, coffee and tea). Please bring your drinks and perhaps a plate to share. A social hit will follow.

FLOODS WASH THROUGH COURTS, BUT SHIRE COMES TO THE RESCUE...

After the fires came the floods. A torrent of water washed down the creek on New Years Eve. With debris blocking the opening under the bridge, the water looked for an easier route. It found it through our courts and adjacent properties. The water and mud also entered the SCTC clubroom; toilets and storeroom, requiring a big clean up by club members on New Years Day. The silt left the courts a bit hard to play upon, but the Shire came to the rescue and had the courts reconditioned.



Play is as good as new. Come enjoy a hit during the day or during organized social hits on Monday and Thursday nights. With the nice weather returning – and the new clubroom soon to be available – things are looking bright for your Club.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Year 2010-2011 fees are now due. You will find the membership form with this newsletter and on our web site. There is no change in our dues or the compulsory Tennis Victoria Registration fee this year. This fee is required for all playing members (whether competing or not).

Thank you for your renewals. As of this date, only half of you have renewed from last year. We appreciate your support.

DAY AT THE “AUSTRALIAN OPEN”

Fifty valley residents and club members were treated to a day at the Australian Open, courtesy of Tennis Victoria, McKenzie's Tourist Services and the Shire of Yarra Ranges Bushfire Relief. Tennis Victoria donated 50 seats in Hisense Arena to see Victoria Azarenka, Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic continue their climbs toward the title. McKenzie's donated the use of the bus, and Jim Aiken drove us down and back. The Shire of Yarra Ranges supported us through their Bushfire Support Team with funding for lunch and incidentals. A great day was had by all – and it really helped increase our Open Day attendance the next day.

OPEN DAY – JANUARY 2010

SCTC, with the support of Tennis Victoria and the Shire of Yarra Ranges Bushfire Fund, held an Open Day and BBQ at the courts. Coach Andre Mewett gave coaching clinics all day long for both kids and adults.



Almost 50 people came for the sausages, social and tennis. It was great to see the kids learning the sport; they did better hitting their target in the competitions than the adults did.

Look for another day soon to celebrate the new club facilities...

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISERS

Have you missed Alby and other committee members running up to you with a book of raffle tickets in their hands? Well, thanks to the folks at Bunnings Croydon, we have been substituting a day under the marquis flogging quite tasty sausages for pestering our neighbors for a “donation”. Come join us on the courts for a friendly ‘no raffle’ hit or at the marquis on January 22nd for a snag.



OUR TEAMS

Social Tennis

Monday night tennis is going well, in spite of the cold weather and the closure for construction of the clubroom. **Thursday night tennis** continues strongly. All are welcome – even if you haven't played for a while. Play starts around 7:30 p.m. on either evening. With the warm spring and warmer summer coming, this is a great exercise outlet for fun and good health. Also, because we have been so successful at the Bunnings events, there are **NO LIGHTS FEES** for night tennis for the near future.

Mid-Week Ladies

Our Steels Creek ladies are having a break from their Tuesday competitions. Social tennis is the thing. Check with Lindy or Heather if you are interested.

Saturdays Teams

We continue to support two Eastern Region teams for Saturday afternoons. If you are interested, we have all levels playing – from the pretty darn good to the beginners. Contact Alby or Steve Shortis if you are interested in a bit of weekend fun.

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Steels Creek Christmas in July was held on July 10th at the Cutagee Estate on Willow Bend Drive. Another great success – in spite of the power outage at the start of things. But Jean and the ladies had the food all ready in time – and all went well – as long as Rob or Phil were there to silence the smoke alarm...

Thanks to all who showed up for the fun.

STEELS CREEK TENNIS & PLAY GROUP

Libby Sharp and Morgan Calder set up a mothers tennis group at the Steel Creek Tennis Club, where mums bring their kids to the courts and have an hour coaching session or social game while the kids play. At the last session, there were ten players to form rotating teams with some on the sideline to watch the kids and natter while the other mums played. They had provisions for a social game to take place at the same time as the coaching to allow for more people to join the action.

This was set up with help from the Woman's Health 'Woman's Gathering After the Fires' grant to get women and the kids in Steels Creek together after the bushfire. It was available when people were starting to want to 'do' things together and get some exercise. "It has grown into something that has produced much laughter and a positive distraction from the monotonous activities of rebuilding and establishing a new kind of life after the fires." Said Morgan. "We run our group on a Thursday during school term dates, and at the end of term 2 we had a mini tournament with four awards, followed by a BBQ." Having taken a break over term 3 due to the cold winter, They're hankering to get back on the court and get together.



SCTC RECOGNIZED BY STATE AWARD

Your SC Tennis Club was recognized at the 2009 Victorian Sport and Recreation Awards ceremony on 23 November 2009 at the MCG for its "outstanding contribution to bushfire recovery". The press release said "Sports clubs such as Steels Creek Tennis Club are at the heart of many communities and provide a place for families and friends to get together and in times of adversity, sport can play a key role in building community strength. Our bushfire-affected clubs are playing a key role as communities rebuild, recover in the months and years after the fires." This was unexpected by us, and we are grateful to our community for their support. Thank you.

FUTURE PROJECTS

• Parking Project

Our project to develop safer, off-street parking has been shelved as the proposed land was not available for purchase. However, the Shire is still working with us on options. We thank all those who came to a recent public meeting about one ill-fated proposal, especially for your support of other options for your Club. We'll see what can be done near the courts in the future.

• Club Building

Thanks to a grant from the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance and the Shire of Yarra Ranges, a new building is replacing the familiar 'bus shelter' room and outdoor toilet block. The foundation was laid in late October, and a building should be rising soon. The new basic kitchen facilities and indoor toilets will be a welcome improvement.



Demolition started in late September

Foundation laid late October

We are discussing plans for a big celebration to open our new building with the State Government. Look forward to an Open Day with high caliber exhibition players here in Steels Creek.

SCTC WEB SITE

See pictures and info about the Club on the web at:

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

Track the Saturday teams on the web at:

<http://www.ertinc.org.au/>

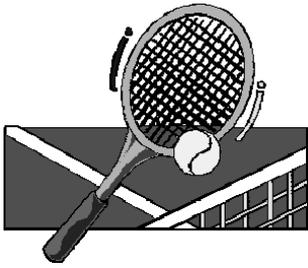
by selecting "ladders" then "senior ladders" then "Steels Creek" from the Club drop-down menu.

Ritchies IGA Community Benefit Program

Your Club is receiving donations from Ritchies Yarra Glen IGA under their Community Benefits Program. They have given us almost \$600 in the last 12 months thanks to your use of the CBP card. If you would like a card or key chain dangle, contact Ed Bartosh. We appreciate your support and use of the program when shopping at Ritchie's.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM 2010-2011

APPLICANT(S) DETAILS				
SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SEX (M/F)	DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)	Check if Social Member
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Home Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____	Postal Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____
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E-mail: _____

Phone(s): Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Is this your "**Primary Club**"? Yes No (please check as appropriate)

If not, please note your Primary Club and Tennis Victoria Player Reg. No:

Primary Club: _____ Tennis Victoria Reg. No: _____

[Your "**Primary Club**" is usually where you play most of your tennis (and pay your Tennis Victoria registration fee). If you paid your fee elsewhere, do not pay it here.]

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Category (Please tick)	Membership Fee (per annum)	Tennis Victoria Registration *	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 60.00	\$ 27.00 per playing member or \$78 per family	
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	\$ 30.00	\$ 27.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 17)	\$ 10.00	\$ 27.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Key Deposit	\$ 10.00 (one time) (\$5 refunded upon key return)	\$ 0.00	

* Tennis Victoria Registration fee covers club and personal accident insurance and Tennis Victoria administrative fees. If you play comp tennis at this Club, you must pay the Tennis Victoria Registration.

I have (or wish to have) a key for the courts: (please check here) _____ (**\$10 deposit required**)

I acknowledge that I agree to abide by the rules of the Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

(Please deliver to the club with payment or post to the address listed above)

Privacy Statement:

The Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club requires this information for the purpose of providing your Club Membership and your Registration to Tennis Victoria. Your personal information will be forwarded to Tennis Victoria to be used in accordance with the purposes of Tennis Victoria to provide membership services. Individual members can access their personal information through Tennis Victoria and the Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club upon reasonable notice.

For Use of the SCTC Secretary	
Application Received: _____	Tennis Victoria Reg Sent: _____
Payment type: _____	Key Issued: _____

To return form, simply fold with this flap out, enclose cheque,
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From:

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