



OVER THE NET

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

Summer
2011

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STEELS CREEK TENNIS & SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The 2011 AGM was held at the Clubroom on Sunday, 23rd October. The meeting was followed by a BBQ with the Club supplying sausages, coffee and tea.

Officers remain:

President	Alby Leckie
Vice President	Norm Stewart
Treasurer	John Poulton
Secretary	Ed Bartosh
Social Coordinator	Jean Lowe
SCCC Representative	Heather Smith
Committee Member	Gwen Leckie

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Year 2011-2012 fees are now due. You will find the membership form with this newsletter and on our web site. Tennis Victoria has raised their fees for affiliation (and insurance). We have also shifted the \$3 covering club affiliation from the affiliation fee to membership. At the AGM, new fees incorporating this new cost were approved.

Please note that we have received a grant from VicSport to subsidise coaching. If you wish to take advantage of this program, you MUST be a financial senior or junior member. Social members are not eligible for this benefit.

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

OPEN DAY – JANUARY 2011

SCTC, with the support of Tennis Victoria and the Shire of Yarra Ranges Bushfire Fund, held an Open Day and BBQ at the courts. Previous 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.

NEW COACH FOR STEELS CREEK TC

Hey guys I'm Lee Patrick, the new Head Tennis Coach of the Steels Creek Tennis Club.

Throughout my coaching career so far I have coached at many different clubs around the Eastern suburbs, as well as two stints coaching on summer camps in the USA.

My plan for Steels Creek Tennis is create a club where everyone feels welcome and is



given opportunities to participate in tennis through many different tennis activities to suit any standard, as well as being a family friendly club and a great place to be. The coaching I am running is on a Tuesday evening after school for children of all ages with lesson from 4pm till 6pm. Then there is time for anyone interested in having private or semi-private lessons from 6pm till 7.30pm. Followed by an Adults coaching group from 7.30pm till 9pm. On a Thursday morning there are 2 ladies coaching group starting at 9.45am till 10.30 then 10.30 till 11.15.

For any information or inquiries contact Lee Patrick on 0412 402 265

Or contact Albert Leckie (club president) on 5965 2354

See you on the tennis courts at Steels Creek

GRAND OPENING FOR THE NEW CLUBROOM

We celebrated the Grand Opening of the clubrooms on Sunday, May 18th. Council Mayor Terry Avery and Cr. Jeanette McRae assisted Life Members Jean Lowe and Alby and Gwen Leckie in cutting the ribbon. About 60



community residents and members came to see the event, enjoy morning tea, and then a BBQ and hit – despite impending rain. Danielle Lowerson, Community Tennis Officer with Tennis Victoria, provided games and prizes for the younger set.

*** NEXT OPEN DAY:

Sunday, 29 JANUARY 2012 ***

STEELS CREEK TENNIS & PLAY GROUP

Our 'Girls + Kids' group on a Thursday morning at the tennis club is going great guns! Lee, our new coach is enthusiastic and positive about our shot making— we can even get a 'Great connection', or 'Good swing' called out to us, when we hit it in the net! He keeps us running and keeps our scores, as we concentrate on getting the ball back in the court. It is great to see the improvement in (most of!) our games since we started our regular coaching sessions. Thanks for organising a new coach for the club Alby.

After many months of tennis mornings at the club the loud and energetic army of children between the ages 2-5 have generally worked out how to entertain themselves in and around the club house (with some supervision of course!) and have made and cemented new and old friendships with each other, which is great to see. The days of tearful children hanging off the fence calling out to "Muuuuuum" seem to be behind us, happily! Lee is also kind enough to take the children for a 10 min session of fun on the court after the Mum's have retired for a cup of tea, which they love and look forward to each morning.

In the last few weeks we have battled a few mornings of gusty, strong winds to make sure we get our time on the court—we know we can play better than it looks like we can on these days! Why does it have to blow a gale so often on Thursday mornings?! We think we must be due for a few still and warmer mornings in the next few months...

So, all in all, the Thursday morning Girls + Kids are having a great time keeping fit, trying to improve our tennis and taking the chance to get to know and spend time with other locals from the area. Aren't we lucky to have such a great facility and fun group of people to enjoy each week in the beautiful Steels Creek?

Thanks to Libby for setting up the group and continuing her efforts to keep it rolling so smoothly, and to Alby for your support- and your hand in the great clubhouse which we are all enjoying. *Meridie Jackson*

JUNIORS TENNIS

Juniors Tennis has started at Steels Creek Tennis Club!!! Which is pretty exciting, and so far its all going really well. Under the enthusiastic eye of our new coach, Lee, we have 14 children in attendance. They are aged from 3 to 11 years and are divided into three classes. Lee brings along his mini-net and some special soft balls. This really makes things a bit easier for the beginners. The littlies are learning ball skills, whilst the older kids are practicing their match play. All the kids are having a ball!!! Meanwhile the Mums and Dads are enjoying the sunshine and also having a bit of a chat and a cool drink!!! –

Maree Rothwell

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 instead of pestering our neighbours for a "donation". Last fiscal year we made \$4,000 under the Bunnings marquis.

If you can help, keep these dates in mind and join in for a few hours:

Friday January 27th (Australia Day weekend)
Sunday April 8th (Easter)
Friday May 25th
Friday June 15th
Friday October 26th

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.

OUR TEAMS

Social Tennis

Monday night tennis is going well, in spite of the cold weather. **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 summer coming, this is a great exercise outlet for fun and good health.

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 if you are interested in a bit of weekend fun.

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

SCTC held its first Christmas in July in the new clubrooms. What a great success it was! Fifty-five friends joined to celebrate a communal feast and tradition of the Club. Foods were prepared by various ladies under the orchestration of Life Member Jean Lowe. It was warm and crowded, but no one missed the old clubhouse for a



second.

Thanks to all who showed up for the fun.

FUTURE PROJECTS

• Parking Project

Our project to develop safer, off-street parking has been dusted off the shelf by the Shire and neighbours. We look forward to some improvement this coming year.

Ritchies IGA Community Benefit Program

Your Club is receiving donations from Ritchies Yarra Glen IGA under their Community Benefits Program. They have given us \$409 in the last fiscal year 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 IGA.





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM – 2011/2012

APPLICANT(S) DETAILS				
SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SEX (M/F)	DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)	Check if Social Member
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 (if known):
 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.]

Category (Please tick)	Membership Fee (per annum)	Tennis Victoria Registration*	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 66.00	\$ 28.00 per playing member or \$98 per family	
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	\$ 33.00	\$ 28.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 17)	\$ 13.00	\$ 28.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Key Deposit	\$ 10.00 (one time) (\$5 refunded upon key return)	\$ 0.00	
Total paid			

* Tennis Victoria Registration fee covers club and personal accident insurance and Tennis Victoria administrative fees. If you play comp tennis at this Club or have a court key, 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: _____ Payment type: _____	Tennis Victoria Reg Sent: _____ Key issued: _____
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To return form, simply fold with this flap out, enclose cheque,
and seal sides and top and add a stamp.

If mailing
back, place
stamp here

From:

TO: Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club, Inc.
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Please Join or Renew your Membership
2011-2012 Dues now due....

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