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*The Newsletter of the Steels Creek
Tennis & Social Club*

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OUR TEAMS - HOW ARE THEY GOING ?

In the current Winter season we have entered four teams. At the time of printing, the results are as follows:

Section 5 made up of Janice, Anthony, Geoff, Peter and Steve are in second place.

Section 10 team is Athel, Phil, Alby, Jim and Dave - also in second place.

Section 13 team is Fiona, Joanne, Heather, Steve and Norm is just one point outside the four.

Mid Week Ladies start their new season on July 13th. Ladies in that team are: Louise, Lindy, Dawn, Elaine, Ineke and Eileen.

THE PAINT JOB

Back in May all the frustrated painters in the club turned up for the big paint job. The outside of the clubroom was washed down and inside was given a new coat of paint. Lining and painting of the toilets



was almost finished. If you missed out on that effort, don't be disappointed, There'll be another painting bee sometime soon. Thankyou to the playing and social members who generously gave their time and labour.

GENEROUS PEOPLE

While this might be old news, it's not too late to thank all of the donors and club people who made the Spring Raffle a resounding success.

Prizes were donated by Immerse, De Bortoli, Global Ballooning and Graeme Gordon and of course preparation and production of the tickets was all Greg Leonard's work.

Overall the club made approximately \$930 which is a tribute not only to the donors but to all the people who sold and bought tickets.

It's rumoured that the next Spring Raffle will be a Wine and Dine affair where the prizes will be meals and wine at various venues.

FAIR GAME

So you missed the Game night at Vicki and Norms ! We hear tell it was a beauty. For \$15 a head, each of the 32 who attended had a choice of Rabbit Terrine, Goat Casserole, Stuffed Duck, Rabbit Italiano, Kangaroo Stew, Roast Venison and Yabbies. All provided, prepared, cooked and presented by Vicki and Norm. It was reported that a few people had reservations about some of the dishes but one taste soon put their fears to rest. (we hear tell that Norm forgot to cook the snake ! that might have tested one or two)



It's also reported that after the main course they had parlour games (the imagination runs riot) which included fishing for something or other and shooting with a bow and arrow at a Stags Head on the wall - someone (nameless) even missed the wall !! With exhaustion setting in at a great rate they settled down to Sticky Date Pudding, Apple Pie, Steam Pudding and Rhubarb and Apple Pie.

Thanks to Vicki and Norm for a good fun night and a good fund raiser.

Editors Note: Sorry, Didn't have any appropriate animals.

MEMBERSHIP MONEY

Please, your money is due by August 10th. A form, if not with this newsletter is available from the clubroom, the Secretary or the Post Office.

SHIRE LEASING PROPOSAL

A few weeks ago the club received notice from the Shire that they were planning to charge every club that is on council land an annual Lease/Rental fee.

Naturally enough the committee was very concerned about this added expense to our members, even though under the terms of the lease the Shire would be responsible for all outside expenses. With these thoughts in mind and many other questions, a meeting was arranged with the relevant council officer.

At that meeting we explained that we were a family oriented do-it-yourself club that charged very low fees. While our membership was small we provided a strong social and sporting focus in the area. We also emphasised that the club was on land that was originally donated many years ago to the local community.

It was a very constructive and amicable meeting and concluded with the Shire

Officer promising to have a further look at the lease agreement. The committee would like to express their gratitude to Simon O'Callaghan, Recreation Development Officer for taking the time to explain the Shire's position and patiently listen to our story. Thanks Simon.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK

The Annual General Meeting of your club will be held on Sunday August 1 at 12 noon at the clubrooms. Everyone can attend and it's a chance to put forward any ideas you might have. A BBQ will follow with the club supplying salad and coffee. Bring your own food and drink and a plate to share. Hit and Giggle to follow.

BALL MONEY

In a typical season we go through about 10 dozen balls and they've all got to be paid for.

That works out at \$60 per team per season which is \$15 or \$12 per person in a 4 or 5 player team. Don't forget to pay your captain

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN THE CREEK

To most people, having your driveway cosmetically challenged and your house invaded by 55 exuberant diners is not the ideal way to entertain. However for Heather and Athel Smith, it's all in a day's work, in fact they seem to revel in it.

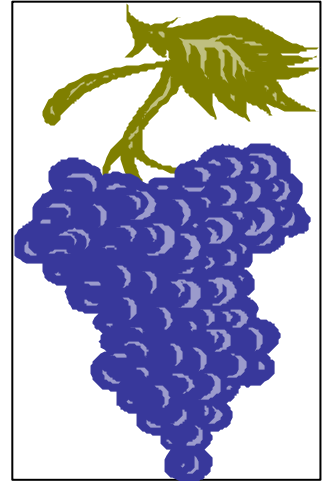
That was the setting for the June 26 mid-year Christmas Dinner, and what an wonderful event it turned out to be.

It was Christmas Dinner with the lot. Savouries, Turkey, Plum Pudding and sweetmeats - prepared by sixteen ladies and brilliantly served by the hard working kitchen staff.

Fifty-five diners, including many new faces, paid \$15 each, bought raffle tickets to the tune of \$363 and in all raised almost \$1000 for the tennis club.

Prizes for the raffles, generously donated by people in the community included a basket of toiletries, theatre tickets, fruit cakes, antique items, many bottles of wine and a hair dressing voucher.

The night was a huge success, made possible by the organising committee, the good hearted people of the community and above all, the enthusiastic generosity of Heather and Athel. A big thankyou to everyone.



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