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# OVER THE NET

The Newsletter of the Steels Creek  
Tennis & Social Club

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## AGM

### STEELS CREEK TENNIS & SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **AGM** is to be held at the Club Rooms at 12 noon on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August. We hope you will take the opportunity to come along and contribute any ideas you may have. The meeting will be followed by a BBQ (with the Club supplying salad and coffee). Please bring your own meat and drink and perhaps a plate to share. A social hit will follow.

### COACHING

Negotiations are underway to attract an approved tennis coach to the Club for a series of lessons - perhaps over a period of five weeks. Also, in October, it is planned to introduce a 5-week course of coaching (during the day) to be sponsored by Vic. Tennis. This course will be for local women who would appreciate the opportunity of learning how to play tennis or to reactivate their skills. Interested? Then, please contact either Alby on 5965 2354 or Lindy on 5965 2202.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Year 2005-2006 fees are now due. You will find the membership form for this year at the end of this newsletter. Regrettably, the Tennis Victoria compulsory registration and insurance fee has been increased to \$17.00, but you will notice that Steels Creek membership fees remain attractively low. Thank you for your early renewals.

### OUR TEAMS

#### Mid-Week Ladies

Our Steels Creek ladies played a good season of tennis, finishing in the finals of Section 3. After a hard fought match, they were unfortunately narrowly beaten by Seville by four games. Dawn, Elayne (Captain), Lindy and Louise deserve our congratulations. Thanks also to Eileen, Hilary, and Robyn for their back-up support.

#### Saturdays Teams

During the summer season, two of our teams finished high enough to be in Eastern Region Tennis Assn. semi-finals, but sadly, neither made the grand finals.

Now halfway through the Winter season, the Steels Creek Saturday teams are doing well. In Section 6 we are currently 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder; in Section 8 - 5<sup>th</sup>; and in Section 11 - 4<sup>th</sup>.



Section 8 on a game day...

Additional players for our regular teams are always welcome (and sometimes necessary).

#### Social Tennis

The cold and wintry weather has affected attendance on **Monday nights**, and this night's social tennis has been postponed until mid-September. However, if any group of 4 or more would like to play on Monday night, please call Alby to have the courts opened. **Thursday night** tennis, however, is still going strong. If you are interested in joining this energetic group - please come along. Play starts at around 7 p.m. Come and join us!

## **YEARLY RAFFLE A SUCCESS**

Last December, we had a "Game Night" at the Stewarts that included our Spring Raffle draw. We had 10 sponsors who donated prizes, ranging from a balloon trip to bottles of fine Yarra Valley wine. We'd like to thank those sponsors: Global Ballooning; National Park Hotel, Kinglake; Fergusson's Winery; Immerse Restaurant; Cheese Freaks; and De Bortoli Vineyards. Thanks also to Greg Leonard for the preparation and production of the tickets.

Look for us to continue this tradition again this Spring around November. Any organization or individual who would wish to donate items or services for this year's raffle should please contact Alby at 5965 2354. The proceeds from this event (\$980) and other events are put aside for our future developments of the Club area (see next item).

## **FUTURE PLANS**

Plans to improve our courts, by covering the hard acrylic surface with synthetic grass, or similar, are underway, and grants will be pursued for this purpose. Off-road parking is also being considered if the new Community Centre proposal does not materialize.

## **MID-YEAR CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Over sixty people congregated at the Smith's for the Club's annual Mid-Year Christmas Dinner. A great time was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the ladies and gents who assisted with food preparation. We raised over \$1300 on the night, including the raffle proceeds. Prizes for the raffle were donated by Steels Creek Winery, Yileena Park Winery, DeBortoli Winery, Outlook Hill (Cru) Winery, R & C. Tomlins; Brammar Estate Wines, Bangay's Gordon Ridge, Barbara Dixon, and the Houstons, Leonards, Montells, and the Stewarts. Our thanks to all these people for their generous support. Also, huge thanks to the Smiths for their hospitality and Heather, Jean, and Gwen for organizing the event and making the night's festivities work so smoothly. See the next page for picture of the event.

## **SHIRE LEASING PROPOSAL UPDATE**

We have finalized a "happy agreement" between the Shire and the Tennis Club. Although we have to pay a yearly lease, it is locked in for 9 years at a very acceptable rate.

## **MAINTENANCE AND PURCHASES**

Regular players will have noticed that the sails, which provided very welcome shade during hot weather, have now been removed for the winter.

Various minor repairs have been undertaken during the year including the lining of the toilets, replacement of some interior woodwork and a box cover made for the water pump. Almost a dozen people (it did get a bit crowded) responded to a request for help with painting the inside of the Club room and toilets. These now look clean and bright. New curtains to match the colourful cushions have also enhanced the appearance of our Club room.

The purchase of a small oven will enable a greater variety of food to be prepared on match and social days.

## **OUTGOING & NEW EDITOR**

We would like to record our thanks to John Houston, who has so ably edited this Newsletter over the past few years, and welcome Ed Bartosh who has taken on the task as "Over The Net" Editor.

## **SCTC Web Site**

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

[www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/tennis/](http://www.virtual.net.au/~thejollything/tennis/)

## **THANKS TO OUR BENEFACTORS**

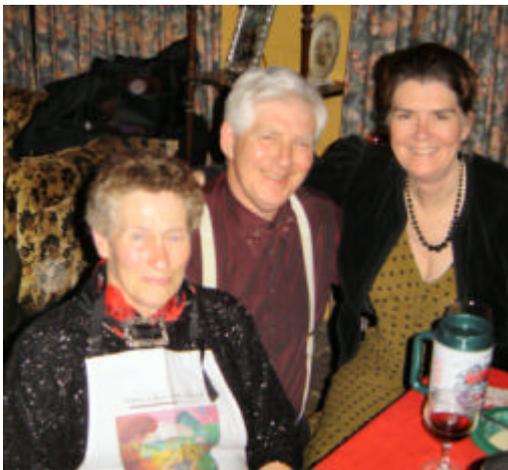
Thanks again to the **Yarra Glen IGA** for their continuing sponsorship of "Over the Net" and to **Phil Kehoe** of the **Yarra Glen Post Office** for his generous donation toward a new net.

## **Next Tennis Club Meeting**

Our next Tennis Club meeting is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 P.M.



Photos of the Christmas in June celebrants



Winners in the "Best Dressed" category



"Not another 'orange' ticket raffle winner???"

## Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club Inc.

There are two ways you can enjoy the Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club.  
As a Playing Member or a Social Non-Playing Member.

**PLAYING MEMBER**

Date.....

Name: .....

**Membership (Per Annum)**

Address: .....

Family \$45 [ ]

.....Post Code: .....

Senior \$20 [ ]

Junior \$10 [ ]

Telephone: .....

Compulsory

Vic. Tennis

E-mail:.....

Reg/Insurance

\$17 per player [ ]

**Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Signature: .....

**SOCIAL NON-PLAYING MEMBER**

Date.....

Name.....

**Membership (per Annum)**

Address.....

**\$10**  
per person [ ]

.....Post Code.....

Telephone:.....

E-mail:.....

Signature .....

Complete the Playing or Social Non-Playing Member part of this form and return it with your money to:  
The Secretary, Steels Creek Tennis & Social Club, P.O. Box 213, Yarra Glen. 3775  
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