



# 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, 13<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.



*Crew at the 2005 AGM BBQ—a bit cool though!*

### OUR TEAMS

#### Mid-Week Ladies

Our Steels Creek ladies played a good season of tennis, finishing just out of the finals.



*Winter 2006 Section 10 posing after a match...*

#### Saturdays Teams

Last winter, our Open Sets (OS)-6 team won their pennant. During the summer season, two of our teams finished high enough to be in

Eastern Region Tennis Assn. semi-finals. The OS-5 team won their premiership, and OS-8 was the runner-up. This winter, we have 3 teams again, and all three are in the running for the playoffs. Last year's OS-6 team is 4<sup>th</sup> in their ladder in the OS-4 competition – bumped up 2 sections. The OS-10 team is 2<sup>nd</sup> and the OS-12 team is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place heading into the final month.



*Winter 2006 Section 12 in action...*

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 late-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, as always, is still going strong. Groups of 6-10 are showing up lately. If you are interested in joining this energetic group - please come along. Play starts around 7:00-7:30 p.m.

#### **COACHING**

This past year included a special coaching deal with Tennis Victoria. At a subsidized rate, beginner ladies were offered 8 weeks of lessons. We had 12 ladies take up the offer. They had such a good time, the lessons were extended for another 4 weeks. The coach was Darrel Taylor, who came from King Lake to do the lessons. A committee of members looked after up to 9 toddlers during the lessons. Much improvement was noted in the participants, and we even gained a few members from the experience. With this success, we are considering future coaching sessions, so let Alby know if you are interested in classes.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER

As usual, the pre-eminent Steels Creek social event of the year was a rousing success. Forty-five people congregated at the Lowe's for the Club's annual Mid-Year Christmas Dinner. Thanks to all the ladies and gents who assisted with food preparation. We raised \$1080 on the night, including the raffle proceeds. There were numerous prizes donated by club members and local businesses. Prizes for the raffle were donated by Steels Creek Estate, Yileena Park Winery, Brammer Estate, Barbara Dickson, R & C. Tomlins; Greg Leonard, Jim Crynes, Ed Bartosh, Bangay's Gordon Ridge, Athel Smith and the Houstons, Montells, and the Verhoevens. Our thanks to all these people for their generous support. Also, huge thanks to the Lowes for their hospitality and Jean, Vicky, Lindy, and Gwen for organizing the event and making the night's festivities work so smoothly. See the web page for a few pictures of the event.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Year 2006-2007 fees are now due. You will find the membership form for this year at the end of this newsletter and on our web site. We have felt it necessary to raise the dues by \$5 to \$25 for individual and \$50 for family player memberships. Social and junior memberships are staying the same as previous years (\$10). There is no change in the compulsory Tennis Victoria Insurance (\$17). Thank you for your early renewals.

## SCTC Web Site

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

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

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PO Box 213  
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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.

## YEARLY RAFFLE A SUCCESS

Last Spring, we again had a fine raffle to raise money toward our improvements projects. We had five sponsors who donated prizes of meals and bottles of fine Yarra Valley wine. We'd like to thank those sponsors: National Park Hotel, Kinglake; De Bortoli Restaurant, the Cru Restaurant, and Brammar Estate and Yileena Park vineyards. Thanks to all those who helped, from the selling of tickets to donating prizes. Look for us to continue this tradition again this Spring around October. Any organization or individual who would wish to donate items or services for this year's raffle should please contact Alby at 5965 2354.

## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

In case you were wondering where these dues and raffle proceeds were going, some of the things we have paid for with these monies are: court fencing, a new hard surface, lights, toilets, water tank and pump, sun sails, concrete path, the verandah, a new BBQ (come and see it after the AGM), safety gate, proper drainage, and gardens. Accrued funds will go toward future projects.

## FUTURE PLANS

Plans to improve our courts by covering the hard acrylic surface with a body-friendly surface, such as synthetic grass or classic clay, are still underway, and grants are being pursued for this purpose. At least we'll be cleaning up the courts shortly to make them more presentable. Off-road parking is also being considered if the new Community Centre proposal does not materialize.



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As a Playing Member or a Social Non-Playing Member.

**PLAYING MEMBER**

Date.....

Name: .....

**Membership (Per Annum)**

Address: .....

Family \$50 [    ]

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

Senior \$25 [    ]

Junior \$10 [    ]

Telephone: .....

Compulsory

Vic. Tennis

Reg/Insurance

\$17 per player [    ]

E-mail:.....

**Total:     \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Signature: .....

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**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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**Christmas in July - 2006**



