



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, 12th August. 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 salad and coffee). Please bring your own meat and drink and perhaps a plate to share. A social hit will follow.



(Enjoying the BBQ at the 2006 AGM)

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Year 2007-2008 fees are now due. You will find the membership form for this year with this newsletter and on our web site. We have felt it necessary to raise the dues by \$5 to \$30 for individual and \$60 for family player memberships as we will be encountering a bit of expense to make full use of our grants from the Shire. The dues increases are dependent on approval at the AGM. Social and junior memberships are staying the same as previous years (\$10).

There is also a change in the compulsory Tennis Victoria Registration fee as they are replacing their registration system. This fee is required for all playing members (whether competing or not). With the change, registration will include "personal Injury" coverage which was an optional extra in previous years.

Thank you for your early renewals.

OUR TEAMS

Social Tennis

The cold and wintry weather has reduced attendance on **Monday nights**, but we are still enjoying good play. **Thursday night** tennis, as always, is still going strong. If you are interested in joining this energetic group - please come along. Play starts around 7:30 p.m. on either evening.

Mid-Week Ladies

Our Steels Creek ladies played a good couple of seasons of tennis, finishing as runner-ups in the Winter 2006 season.

Saturdays Teams

Last winter, three of our Open Sets (OS) teams were in the semi-finals. OS-4 team won their pennant and the OS-10 and OS-12 teams were runners-up.

During the summer 06-07 season, again three of our teams finished high enough to be in Eastern Region Tennis Assn. semi-finals. The OS-10 team won their premiership, and OS-4 was the runner-up.



(Open Sets 4 Winter Champs –
2005-06)



(Open Sets 12 Winter
Runners-up – 2005-06)

This winter, we have 2 teams again, and both are in the running for the playoffs. The OS-12 team is 2nd and the OS-13 team is in 5th place in the final month.

SCTC RECEIVES GRANTS TO ENHANCE FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

This has been an exciting winter on the financial front. Your Club has been applying for a grant to improve the courts for several years now – and it has finally come to pass. With the passage of this year's budget, the Shire of Yarra Ranges has awarded SCTC with a grant of \$15,000 toward the upgrade of our courts to a more body-friendly "Mod-grass" surface. Based on preliminary bids, this grant may cover half of the cost for the project, with your hard-earned savings covering the rest. The new surface can be put down over the existing base, saving quite a bit in the construction. We will be shooting for a spring completion of the project, so stay tuned.

Sport and Recreation Victoria has also seen fit to provide us a grant under their Sporting Uniform Grants Program. With this grant, your committee has started a program to purchase shirts and hats with the Steels Creek Tennis Club name and logo for players and members. Players will receive a subsidy for the shirt/hat set, and members can also purchase the items to identify with the Club. This will make our teams a more cohesive and recognizable adversary in their matches. Look for these before the start of the next season.

Also approved with the Shire's budget was a line item to purchase added land adjacent to the Club for off-street parking and other recreational uses. We will be working with the Shire and our new neighbors, the Walkers, to get the cars off the street and make the site safer and better for all concerned.

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.

VALE MICK JONSON

This year has seen the passing of a good friend and Club member, Mick Jonson. Mick was a longtime member and supporter of the club, never failing to pitch in when a work project came along. He was a competition team member and social player as well. Our condolences were expressed to his mother - Irene, wife - Leanne, and the rest of his family. He is greatly missed.



LOWES HONOURED AS LIFE MEMBERS

Jean and John Lowe were presented with the our first Life Memberships as they prepared to leave their home adjacent to the Club. At a fête that attracted some 60 friends and local residents Jean and John were thanked for their long service to the community and the Club. We wish them the best and hope to see them often, as they are just moving down the road to Lilydale.



(SCCC President with John and Jean Lowe)

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

As usual, the pre-eminent Steels Creek social event of the year was a rousing success. Sixty-four dinners were served to the crowd congregated at the Tomlins' "Cooinda Estate" winery for the Club's annual Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner. A grand night was had by all. The soup was a great starter for the cold evening, and the turkey and ham with all the trimmings was gobble-gobbled up by the diners.

We raised \$1196 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 Richard & Christine Tomlins;

Steels Creek Estate, Greg & Gail Leonard, Jim Crynes, Ed Bartosh & Betty Taylor, Bangay's Gordon Ridge, Ann & Mike Watkins; John and Margaret Houston, Chris Keyes; and the Steels Creek Stitchers. Our thanks to all these people for their generous support, and thank you to all the ladies who helped with the food preparation. Also, huge thanks to the Tomlins for their hospitality and the wine on each table and to Jean, Vicky, Lindy, and Gwen for organizing the event and making the night's festivities work so smoothly.



(Our Mid-Winter Christmas feast at the Cooinda Estate)

YEARLY RAFFLE A SUCCESS

Last Spring, we again had a fine raffle to raise money toward our improvements projects. We had six sponsors who donated prizes of meals and bottles of fine Yarra Valley wine. We'd like to thank those sponsors: De Bortoli Winery, the Balgownie Estate and Restaurant, Toolangi Tavern, Cru Restaurant, and the Lilydale International Club. Thanks to all those who helped, from the selling of tickets, buying of tickets, and, most importantly, donating prizes. These raffles have enabled us to build the reserves to compete for the grant for new court surfaces and other improvements.

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.

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