



OVER THE NET

The Newsletter of the Steels Creek
Tennis & Social Club

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2008

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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, 10th 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 sausages, coffee and tea). Please bring your drinks and perhaps a plate to share. A social hit will follow.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Year 2008-2009 fees are now due. You will find the membership form with this newsletter and on our web site. There is no change in our dues or the compulsory Tennis Victoria Registration fee. This fee is required for all playing members (whether competing or not).

Thank you for your early renewals.

SCTC's NEW COURTS

Have you seen them? In December, Status Sports Surfaces upgraded our Synpave surfaces to a more body-friendly "Mod-grass" synthetic surface. The Shire of Yarra Ranges provided SCTC with a grant of \$15,000 toward the upgrade, with proceeds from the dinners and raffles paying the rest. The new surface was put down over the existing base, saving quite a bit in the construction.



Those playing on the courts for social games and competition are very pleased with the results. Come and see for yourself.

LECKIES HONOURED AS LIFE MEMBERS

Alby and Gwen Leckie were presented with Life Memberships in April. At a dinner at the Toolangi tavern with some 50 friends and local residents Alby and Gwen were thanked for their long service to the community and the Club.

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 remains a big "hit".. 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 are enjoying their Tuesday competition.

Saturdays Teams

We have reduced the teams to two, and this means that both get to play home matches on our fine new courts. The upper level team has been enjoying a bit of success this season. Both teams have been bumped up in the ladder, and it is making the competition very challenging.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SALES A SIZZLING SUCCESS

Our thanks to Bunnings Hardware of Croydon for their offering us two dates in their Community Group support program. Bunnings set us up with a New Year's Saturday and Easter Saturday to sell sausages at their store to raise funds for the Club. Bunnings provided the grill, marquee, gas, and washing facilities while we brought along the sausages, bread, onions and condiments.



The two days were rousing successes, made possible by volunteers Alby and Gwen, John and Jean, Heather, Athel, Ed, Vickie, and John Poulton, as well as Barb from Mooroolbark IGA and the Bunnings staff - especially Janice who made it possible for this to happen. We raised over \$2,500 in those 2 days, which will come in handy for the lights and parking projects planned.

VALE JOHN LOWE



John Lowe, a great friend and member of the Club, passed away on 29 June after a stroke. John was always eager to play on a Saturday, and was always there for work "parties" and organizing meetings. John and Jean were our two first "Life Members" in recognition for their hard work for our Club. We were all enriched for having had John in our lives. Cheers, Mate!

Jean and family invite friends to a "Celebration of John's Life" at the Lilydale International, 10:30 AM on 26 July.

FUTURE PROJECTS

• Parking Project

Our project to develop safer, off-street parking was progressing until last month when the Shire ran into a snag in purchasing the land. We still hope we can proceed. Currently, the plans called for parking along the north and west sides of the reserve. Keep watching for future developments.

• Box Lights

Your Committee submitted a funding request to the Shire's Capital Grants program to upgrade our lighting to box lights. The current lights fan out horizontally and waste a lot of light on the street and off the courts. Box lights will direct the lights downward and provide better lighting to the courts and less distracting light to the street and neighbors.

GOOD NEWS! We received word that we have been awarded a \$6,750 grant towards improving the lights. We are proceeding to bids and construction. Thanks are due to the Shire and you, as members and friends, who support us in our fundraising efforts.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The "Social" part of Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club took centre stage on April 5th as we gathered for a Progressive Dinner.



It was a fine gastronomic event topped only by the combined company of those who joined in. We gathered for sherry and nibbles at the Smith's home, after which we trooped up to the Ashmore's for soup

and breads. The main event found us enjoying chicken, lamb, and roast at the Tomlins' abode. Then back to the Smith's for port and dessert.

Thanks to the families who organized and provisioned the dinner and the members whose participation made it a fun event.

COACHING PROGRAM

Tennis Coach Andre Mewett recently held group lessons at the courts for 12 of our members. On each of 2 nights for 6 successive weeks, Andre walked us through proper stance and positions, volleys, returns, serves, and strategies. All who participated felt the lessons were very helpful, if not always immediately visible in play. It's all about practice and future improvement now. Thanks go to Andre, as well as Athel Smith for pursuing the arrangements to make it happen.

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

Again the Steels Creek social event of the year was a rousing success. Sixty-two dinners were served to the crowd congregated at the Tomlins' "Cooinda Estate" winery for the Club's annual "Christmas in July" Dinner. A grand night was had by all. The soups were a great starter for the cold evening, and the turkey and chicken with all the trimmings was gobble-gobbled up by the diners.



We raised another \$1200 on the night, including the raffle proceeds. There were numerous prizes donated by club members and local businesses. Our thanks to: Richard & Christine Tomlins; Greg & Gail Leonard, Ed Bartosh & Betty Taylor, John and Margaret Houston, Keith & Lindy Montell, Jean Lowe, Alby & Gwen Leckie, Bob & Dianne Curtis of Yileena Park and Jeanette McRae and the Shire of Yarra Ranges. 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 to Jean and her helpers for organizing the event and making the night's festivities work so smoothly.

YEARLY RAFFLE CONTINUES TO BE A SUCCESS

We again had a fine raffle last Spring, to raise money toward our improvement projects. We had six sponsors who donated prizes of meals and wine: the Lilydale International Bistro, Berry Café, Toolangi Tavern, Balgownie, De Bortoli and Junction Vineyard. These raffles have enabled us to build the reserves to compete for the grants.

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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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

APPLICANT(S) DETAILS				
SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SEX (M/F)	DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)	Check if Social Member
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Is this your **“Primary Club”**? Yes No (please check as appropriate)

If not, please note your Primary Club and Tennis Victoria Player Reg. No:

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.]

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Category (Please tick)	Membership Fee (per annum)	Tennis Victoria Registration *	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ 60.00	\$ 25.00 per playing member	
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 17)	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	

* Tennis Victoria Registration fee covers club and personal accident insurance and Tennis Victoria administrative fees. If you play comp tennis at this Club, you must pay the Tennis Victoria Registration.

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.

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