

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, 9th 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.

BUSHFIRES SINGE THE COURTS, BUT NOTHING DAMPENS THE SPIRIT OF STEELS CREEK!

The biggest happening of the year was the Black Saturday bushfires in February. The whole of Steels Creek and surrounds were devastated by the fires with many losing homes, others buildings, fences, and livestock, and, most **terribly**, a few losing their lives.



But even that can't keep Steels Creek down.

One week later the community gathered at the Centre for coffee and scones – and mainly to meet other survivors and start the healing. That afternoon, Alby's team went to the courts to resume their season – hosting a shocked Nunawading team who'd driven through the heart of the destruction. Fran Bailey and Malcolm Turnbull stopped at the courts to meet the people who wouldn't let the fires get them down.

The Shire had replaced the burned water tank, provided drinking water, and even put up portable showers for the community at the reserve. Businesses donated clothing, shoes, and racquets for those who lost them in the fires. Minister for Sport, Recreation, Youth Affairs, James Merlino, MP, with Tamatha Harding of Tennis Victoria, came up in March to support the Club. Tennis Victoria provided us with sport shirts, racquets, and balls, while Minister Merlino announced that they were providing us with a \$55,000 grant to proceed with our new lights – and the Shire

added a further \$20,000 as well.



We owe a great deal to the many people who stepped in to give us a helping hand. As well as those mentioned, we also owe thanks to the following for their donations and support: Slazenger Footwear, Kingsgrove NSW; SPORTSMART, Moorabbin; Susie Palfreyman, Designer Paintworks, Brighton; Contours Gym, Sandringham; and Warrick Ansell of Melbourne. Thanks also to our Councillor, Jeanette McRae, for her efforts looking out for us in the local Council.

VALE GREG AND GAIL LEONARD



One of the saddest results of this year's bushfires was the loss of our dear friends and active social members, Greg and Gail Leonard. They were always there at social events, and when a helping hand was needed, you could count on them pitching in. They are greatly missed by the Club and the Community.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Year 2009-2010 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, however the compulsory Tennis Victoria Registration fee has gone up \$3. This fee is required for all playing members (whether competing or not).

Thank you for your early renewals.

SCTC's NEW LIGHTS

Have you seen them? The old lights are down – one pole has been kept for a possible warning siren/light. Instead of the 4 floodlights projecting onto the road and neighborhood, we now have 12 lower-power lights flooding only the courts. “Awesome” has been one description. The courts themselves will be refurbished to repair damage from construction of the lights. The fences have been reinforced inside to satisfy our neighbor’s complaint about the stays.



The fabrication of the poles took longer than expected, but all is working now - night tennis is back in full swing. Come see the latest improvements in YOUR tennis courts. Our thanks to the Shire and the Victorian Minister for Sport for this great enhancement to the facilities. WATCH FOR NEWS OF A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE NEW LIGHTS!

OUR TEAMS

Social Tennis

Monday night tennis is going well, in spite of the cold weather and the closure for construction of the lights. **Thursday night** tennis continues strongly. All are welcome – even if you haven’t played for a while. Play starts around 7:30 p.m. on either evening.

Mid-Week Ladies

Our Steels Creek ladies are having a break from their Tuesday competitions. Before taking a break, they did manage to bring home a Premier banner for the clubroom. Well done ladies!

Saturdays Teams

This has been a banner year – literally – for the Saturday comps. The upper team has won a Premiership and a reserve, and the lower team brought home a Premier flag in March.

COACHING PROGRAM

Tennis Coach Andre Mewett recently held group lessons at the courts again for our members. On Tuesday nights, Andre worked to improve our skills on the court. They have just restarted now that the lights are on again. Thanks to Reon for coordinating things.

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.

MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

Again, the Steels Creek social event of the year was a rousing success. Fifty-three dinners were served at Cuttage Park on Willow Bend Drive for the Club’s annual “Christmas in July” Dinner. This was the only facility left standing that could hold our numbers. The soups were a great starter for the cold evening, and the meats with all the trimmings were relished by those attending. However, our grateful thanks go out to the Victorian Bushfire Fund and the Shire of Yarra Ranges, who sponsored the dinner as a winter community event. Thanks also to Reon Vuglar for providing table wines and several prize packs. Also contributing to the prizes were Bob and Dianne of Yileena Park, Simon and Joanne of Steels Creek Estate, and the Russells, Ed and Betty, and Jean Lowe.



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: Balgownie Estate has donated a Spa stay, along with dining experiences from the Berry Café (now VOFT Wine Centre) and the Lilydale International and wine packages from DeBortoli, Cooida, and Yarradene. These raffles have enabled us to build the reserves to compete for the grants.

TENNIS VICTORIA OPEN DAY

Tennis Victoria sponsored an Open Day at the Club in January. Your Club hosted a BBQ, and prizes from Tennis Victoria were given out to those enjoying the fun. Watch for another this summer. Come join in – just for the health of it!

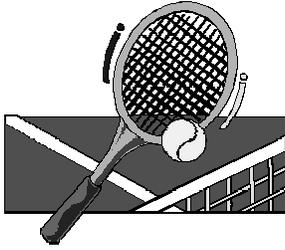
FUTURE PROJECTS

• **Parking Project**

Our project to develop safer, off-street parking has been shelved for now as the proposed land is no longer available for purchase because of an impass with our new neighbor. We’ll see what can be done nearby in the future.

• **Club Building**

Our Clubroom survived the fires – just. Your committee saw fit to apply for a grant to try for an upgrade to the “bus shelter” for a building to cover the area of the room and toilet block. The Club asked for a bushfire attack level 29 structure which would have a public-accessible toilet, inside shower, and be a refuge from future fires. It’s wait and see now.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM 2009-2010

APPLICANT(S) DETAILS				
SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SEX (M/F)	DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)	Check if Social Member
				<input type="checkbox"/>

Home Address: _____	Postal Address: _____
Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____	Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

E-mail: _____
 Phone(s): Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

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	\$ 27.00 per playing member or \$78 per family	
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	\$ 30.00	\$ 27.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 17)	\$ 10.00	\$ 27.00	
<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.

For Use of the SCTC Secretary
 Application Received: _____ Payment type: _____

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From:

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