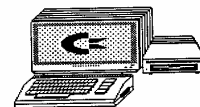


SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB INC.



December 2012

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**MEETINGS are held
on the third
Wednesday of the
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Our last meeting

Our last meeting was held on Wednesday 21st November at 7.30pm

Lindsay Chuck was kind enough to give a talk on FaceBook and I am sure we all found this very interesting.

Key points to consider:

1. Anything you put on FaceBook may be revealed to people other than those it is intended for. So be careful what you put on it.
2. Check the settings. There are quite a few settings but it is in your interest to review them. They will determine who will see your FaceBook.
3. Be aware that FaceBook is continually working on new developments and changes to improve FaceBook, so check your settings and messages and keep an eye on the media. Some of the changes may not be to your advantage.
4. You don't have to have a picture of yourself as your profile picture. You can have a picture of your cat / dog or a holiday snapshot.

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 16th January 2013.

Lindsay Chuck will be discussing tablets.

Editors Note and a Big Thank You:

As the other half of this Editorship has gone overseas and left me to my own devices, I have only one thing to say - HELP!!

Lorraine and I are hoping you can help us with future newsletters by letting us know what articles you would like us to include next year. Please email either Lorraine or me (Wanda) with your suggestions. (see Page 11 for our email addresses).

I sat in on the Committee meeting last week and realised the time and effort they spent organising this Christmas Party. I am sure you would all like to thank them for their wonderful efforts.



Just in case you have never understood the rules of cricket, I am offering a simple explanation.

Cricket:

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in. Each man that's in the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out. Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out and goes in. There are two men called umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the men who are in are out.

When both sides have been in and all the men have been out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game

The computer swallowed
Grandma,
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control and enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me
squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle
bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Mr. Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste'
her,
And send her back to me.

This is a tribute to all the Grand-
mas & Grandpas, who have been
fearless and learned to use the
computer.... They are the great-
est!!!

Poem of Year!!!!
By anonymous



THE USE OF ELECTRONIC TABLETS



Last year when Linda and I went touring several European countries, we normally had access to a computer within the hotel's business area. The problem with this was that the keyboard layout and language was often different, particularly the "@" symbol location. This year before heading off to a UK tour, we purchased an ASUS Transformer tablet running an Android 4 operating system to enable communications, as most hotels that we were staying at had wi-fi available. This particular 10" screen model has a keyboard that can be removed if required and whilst the screen is connected to the keyboard the tablet has up to 14 hours of battery life, very useful when away. This unit did not need a physical protection case, as the keyboard folds like a light weight laptop and is a good form of protection in its own right.

Originally we thought that we could use our 3rd Nortons 360 licence, but because this is an Android operating system it requires a different virus protection application designed for Android. Applications for Android can be located at "Google Play Store" (<https://play.google.com/apps>).

We looked at what our priorities were, (1) emailing the family and friends, (2) we are lawn bowls coaches, so the ability to record by video the bowling delivery action was important, (3) the quality of taking still photos and at the time the ASUS had the highest resolution of all the tablets that we looked at, (4) for those who like games and puzzles, this is a good medium to use. We did not want to pay the extra for 3G wireless access as we now have a wireless modem at home, so the wi-fi model was sufficient for us.

By buying the tablet just before travelling (less than 30 days) we handed the receipt over and showed the unit to the "Tourist Refund Scheme" office within the international section of the airport and the GST was returned to our bank account within the next week. We had loaded the tablet with a large number of photos to show to relatives when in UK.



This proved a great means of communication as there was a family health problem whilst away and we could keep in touch. Linda and I do not need to fight over our laptop now as she can access her email via the tablet while I am working on the laptop.

The bottom line is what do you require a tablet to do for you, and then you can work out the best unit that serves your purpose.

Lindsay will be talking about e-tablets at the January meeting.

Recipe Corner



CHOCOLATE CHUNK CHRISTMAS BISCUITS

250g Butter, softened
2½ cups (440g) Brown Sugar
1 Tablespoon Vanilla extract
2 Eggs
3 Cups (450g) Plain Flour, sifted
1 teaspoon Baking Powder
80g each of Dark, White and Milk Chocolate, chopped.

Method:

Preheat oven to 180° C. Place butter, sugar and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat for 8—10 minutes or until pale and creamy. Gradually add the eggs, beating well after each addition. Add flour and baking powder and beat until a smooth dough forms. Mix chocolate through using a wooden spoon.

Roll 1½ tablespoons of dough at a time, into balls and place on baking trays lined with non-stick baking paper, leaving room to spread. Flatten gently and bake for 10 minutes. Allow to cool on trays. Makes 12.

* Paper CD cases with a clear window fit a large biscuit perfectly. Line with non-stick baking paper (or wrap carefully in Gladwrap) so the biscuit doesn't leave a mark, tie with festive ribbon and attach a gift card or Christmas sticker.

MINI CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS



1½ cups (240g) Currants
1½ cups (225g) Raisins, chopped
1½ cups (240g) Sultanas
1/3 cup (55g) finely chopped Mixed Peel
¼ cup (60ml) Rum for Brandy
250g Butter, at room temperature
1¼ cups (275g) Brown Sugar
Grated rind of 1 Orange
Grated rind of 1 Lemon
4 Eggs
1 cup (150g) Plain Flour
1 teaspoon Baking Powder
½ teaspoon Mixed Spice
½ teaspoon Ground Ginger
½ teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
2 cups (140g) fresh Breadcrumbs
Custard &/or Ice-cream to serve

Method:

1. Combine fruit and rum or brandy in a bowl. Cover and set aside overnight.
2. Grease Muffin tins (or small individual over-proof dishes) - line the bases with a small circle of baking paper. Cream butter, sugar and rinds together until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in fruit. Fold in flour sifted with baking powder, spices and ½ teaspoon salt. Fold in breadcrumbs.
3. Preheat oven to 160°C.
4. Spoon into tins or dishes. The mixture will only rise a little, so work out what size puddings you want, and fill accordingly. Cover with a circle of baking paper. Place muffin tin or dishes in a large baking dish and pour in enough boiling water to come halfway up the sides of the tins. Tightly cover the whole baking dish with foil and bake for 1½ to 2 hours until the puddings are firm to touch.
5. Remove from baking dish and cool for 5 mins before turning out.
6. Reheat in a microwave on medium for approx 30 seconds per pudding, depending on individual microwaves.
7. Serve with Brandy Custard, cream, icecream, or all three!!

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(Our aim is to conduct the classes in
a friendly non-threatening
atmosphere).

Some of the classes that are
available:-

1. Basic Computing (Stage One
and / or Stage Two).
2. Advanced Word.
3. Internet workshops.
4. Digital Cameras.

**For more information
contact a committee
member.**

MEETING RULES

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Images from the last Century



One of our Club members
Who is it?
Answer Page 10

"A walk is one of the secrets of dodging old age"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Computer Courses for 2013.

- Computer Basics I for Windows 7 to be run in February
- Computer Basics II for Windows 7 to be run in March (it is requested you have completed the Basics I Course prior to attending this.)
- Camera Course to be run in January (unfortunately this is already booked out).

If you wish to attend any Course, please contact Anne Leddra.

COMPUTER JARGON

(for those of us who are not up to speed with computer language)

Virus A malicious piece of software that runs on your computer without your knowledge and can cause damage to your files.

Router A device which allows other devices, such as computers to communicate with each other across a network, or networks.

Wireless Router Is exactly the same as a Router, except it has the capability to transmit and receive data using wireless technology, omitting the need for cabling between router and a wireless enable device, such as a laptop.

Wi-Fi Refers to a type of wireless technology which allows users to connect to a local network without the need for cables, also known as a WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network).

HTTP A communication protocol used on the internet to allow the communication of 2 computer devices.

HTTPS A secure adaption of HTTP which you will find in common use on secure areas when visiting websites.

*** Items For Sale ***

KIRBY VACUUM CLEANER.....

With all attachments, only been used by Grandpa and now handed down to daughter—she desperately wants to sell!!! It's worth \$1,000's but we would like something about \$495 please.

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