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TOWNSVILLE

COMPUTER CLUB

KEEPING YOU ON LINE

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WHAT'S NEW?

The Management Committee for 2009-10 has met and is promising to be as active and as energetic as any previous one, with the new members showing much enthusiasm. President Clive, in his second year in the Chair, has elected to make sure that the Club continues to offer worthwhile experiences for its members. At the moment, the Committee is taking stock as a spring board to taking off for the year, as the items below will illustrate.

WORKSHOPS

One of the recent successful operations of the Club (as judged by feedback) was the series of workshops in getting back to basics. These attracted a reasonable clientele, possibly just the right number to be able to handle; but, what we can do to continue the service? Possibilities are:

- > Offer a repeat of the previous sessions, to attract new customers or to allow those who have already attended to have more practice with the programs.
- > Offer a brand new set of experiences in programs yet to be decided.
- > Offer both of the above.

The organisers depend very much on feedback from members as to the decision here and your opinions will be sought at the ensuing *INFONITES* in October and November. As regards the second alternative, we need feedback as to what topics members would like to have experience with (maybe spreadsheets, power point presentations, photography management and other suggestions). Again, express your ideas at the *INFONITES* or by direct contact with Secretary Kevin or President Clive.

A variation of the Workshop plan is to establish special interest groups who could meet to discuss their problems, procedures and possibilities, in order to enhance their individual experiences in a particular topic, including any of those in the basics program. This would cater for working beyond the basic procedures that are used in the Back to Basics Workshops. To accomplish such a scheme will rely on two-way communication. Please give this idea your serious consideration and let Kevin or Clive know if you would like to participate and in what.

INFONITE

The next *INFONITE* will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 27 October in the Conference Room, the topic being entitled **The Music Man**. Geoff Dillon has kindly volunteered his services to share his secrets in how he organises the wonderful music that residents enjoy at the communal gatherings. He will demonstrate how to record and transfer music and hopefully, how to download music from the net. Jenny has organised a great raffle prize, a photo-keyring, on which may be downloaded up to 100 photos that you can carry everywhere with you. Marion is donating the second prize, a mud cake. There will be some interesting and entertaining short features, so be sure to be there. As usual, all residents are invited, so spread the word.

There will be a final *INFONITE* tentatively on 24 November; the Committee is investigating a visit by a police officer to talk about "Phishing" (no, nothing to do with piscatorial pastimes), how to protect personal information on a PC – but more on that later.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Committee wants to update the list of volunteer tutors; if you can help at all, even at the most basic level, contact Kevin (133). Volunteers from the (not so) new stage are very acceptable.
2. If you would like a copy of the Club's Constitution, contact Kevin.
3. Our Wal has been given a u-beaut HP 8100 printer in very good condition for distribution to anyone in the village; if interested, contact Wal (257).
4. This is not an initiative of the Club, but Eric Lindsay, with the cooperation of management and Allen Bedford, has organised a Computer Kiosk in the restaurant area, where you can take your laptop and log in to the internet, provided you have the right set up. Contact Eric (544) for more information.

**Subs for 2009-10 are due at \$5 per member; please pay direct to Treasurer Jeff (212).
If for any reason you do not wish to re-subscribe, please inform Jeff.**

For now, happy computing; see you at the *INFONITE*.

