

TAURANGA SENIORNET

MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION OF SENIORNET CLUBS INC.

Newsletter May 2009

Compiled by Ken White

I recently read the newsletter of the Huntly SeniorNet Club and noted several items of interest. One of them was a question and answer feature which I believe we could accommodate within our newsletter. So, if you send a question to the email address below I will endeavour to answer it. Items of general interest will appear in the next newsletter

The second article that interested me was about the cost of printing – a whole page about it. The item must have also provoked Chairperson Gwen too, she has devoted some space to similar cost problems that our own club is experiencing. Containing cost is an ongoing problem for all organizations so any thing you can do to help is appreciated.

Ken White - bevnken@gmail.com

From the Chair

Greetings and welcome to Term Two of our SeniorNet year!

Jean (our hardworking Secretary) has recently been checking through renewals of subscriptions for Club membership for 2009. She finds that large numbers of members have resigned and many more have lapsed with their renewal for 2009. The administration team have no way of knowing the intentions of members regarding membership from year to year unless the member(s) advise us. We go to no end of trouble and expense to get notices and the newsletter out to all of our (financial) members who get the benefit of the doubt for two months prior to our checking for renewals.

It does make a difference if we are using stationery and postage costs to reach non-financial members. For example for ten of them, it costs the club ten times 50c postage which amounts to \$5.00 to begin with, plus stationery expenses of 10 business sized envelopes and ten times the cost of four or five sheets of paper plus the wear and tear of the printer and the usage of ink. Printer ink is the most expensive fluid of all fluids to purchase. The total cost, as an educated guess would be in the vicinity of \$10.00 costs to provide ten members with a newsletter. With 448 members on our books at the end of March 2009 and 234 paid up subscriptions this month we have a balance of 214 members who's subscriptions have lapsed for one reason or another. In dollar terms that is \$214.00

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the club has wasted in sending newsletters to ex members. As Club subscriptions are due on 1st January each year these 214 non paid up members will be removed from the membership list at the beginning of June 2009.

If you are not intending to renew your subscription with Tauranga SeniorNet Club Inc. for the forthcoming year please advise the office early enough (before the beginning of the school year) so the necessary adjustments may be made to our administration schedules.

Members who have an email address will receive their notices and newsletters via email which apart from the time involved doing the job costs the Club nothing to send out.

All scheduled classes on our timetable for term 2 are up and running as are all the coaches involved. Our coaches and administrators all give their time voluntarily for you, the student(s) benefit – they are the people who make it financially feasible for such reasonable costings for your computer education. Please be considerate!!

Gwen Harvey, Chairperson

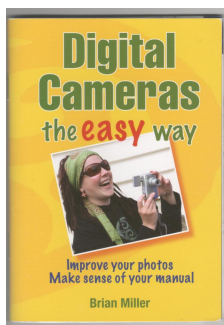
Manage your Money - Tools for Budgeting

- **A Workshop** is proposed for **Third term**
- **Free Cashbook Management Software**
- **Free Calendar, Spreadsheet, Office Suite**
- **Learn to use these Free Tools**
- **Thursday, 24 September, 1.30 pm.**

Further details at next Newsletter



Digital Photography



The Club has been fortunate in obtaining copies of the camera booklet "Digital Cameras the easy way" by Brian Miller at the discount price of \$12. These normally retail at \$15 per copy. This booklet is a handy, easy-to-use guide for anybody who

has a digital camera. It is written by a New Zealander for New Zealand conditions and is designed for use in conjunction with your camera manual.

As all camera manuals tend to differ and the cameras themselves frequently have features in different places, there is provision in the booklet for users to cross reference their manual page number in the easy to use guide: e.g. White Balance "My camera manual refer page 139," along the side of the page.

It also has useful tips for photographing babies and children, portraits and groups, landscapes and many other types of photos. It is not intended that this booklet will do away with the need for camera beginners to do the Digital Photography course but members who have completed the Digital Photography and Photo Enhancement courses will find the booklet a helpful guide when taking photos and we thoroughly recommend it to all members.

To obtain copies of this book contact Mike Molen Ph 574-2727 or the Secretary, Jean Holmes Ph 577-1912.

TelstraClear Competition

The telephone and Internet Service provider TelstraClear, in conjunction with the Federation, have instigated a competition with rewards for you and your learning Centre.

Joining TelstraClear

SeniorNet members who join TelstraClear from 27th April – 27th June 2009 will gain 10 points for their learning Centre. and automatically go in the draw to win a \$150 credit on their TelstraClear account

How do I register?

All you need to do is provide your Learning Centre tutor or chairman with your name and TelstraClear account number.

It's that easy!

Not already a TelstraClear Customer?

Check out the great joining offers below, only for SeniorNet members.

Sign up between 27 April 2009 – 27 June 2009 and also go in the draw to win a \$150 Credit on your account!

1. *FREE Wireless Modem + Installation*
2. *Two months FREE Broadband + Modem + Connection*

Already registered?

If you have already registered your TelstraClear account then you're automatically in the draw to win.

What's in it for your Learning Centre?

The Learning Centres that register the most accounts between 27 April 2009 – 27 June 2009 will receive a Canon wireless printer supplied by TelstraClear. So by registering your account you not only get the chance to win a \$150 credit but you are also supporting your local learning Centre.

The Spell Checker

I have a spelling chequer.
It came with my pea sea.
It plane lee marks four my revue
Miss steaks aye can knot sea.

Eye ran this poem threw it,
Your sure reel glad two no.
Its vary polished in it's weigh.
My checker tolled me sew.

A checker is a bless sing,
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,
And aides me when I rime.

Each frays come posed up on my screen
eye trussed too bee a joule.
The checker pours o'er every word
To cheque sum spelling rule.

Butt now bee cause my spelling
Is checked with such grate flair,
Their are no fault's with in my cite,
Or nun eye am a ware.

Sow ewe can sea why aye dew prays,
Such soft wear four pea seas,
And why eye brake in two averse
Buy righting too pleas.

- Sauce Unknown

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PROTECTING YOUR COMPUTER IN A RECESSION

Cybercrime is on the rise as the economy falls deeper into recession. Recent reports have highlighted the increased threat to business IT systems as well as home computer users as more and more people look for ways to illegally gain access to cash. It is estimated that the number of scams and mal-ware programs has tripled in the last six months since the stock market drop in September 2008.

There are a number of different ways that you can become a victim of cybercrime these days. Below are the most commonly used attacks and recommendations for keeping your computer safe.

Phishing

Phishing quickly became the most popular form of cyberhacking geared toward individual users. We become the victims of phishing attacks when we follow false warnings supposedly released by familiar institutions. These false warnings come in the form of pop-ups on websites but are most often embedded as links inside spam email that comes to our inbox.

Safeguard: The best way to avoid being the victim of phishing is to be very discerning as you surf the web. Do not click on anything that you are not certain is what you are looking for. When receiving emails, hover your mouse over the link and read the URL. The text may say "Confirm your Bank of America user name and password here" but the URL may go to a 100 character address that is clearly not an authorized bank URL. Delete these messages immediately.

Cyberhijacks

Cyberhijacks occur when criminals access username and password information and then use it to enter accounts traditionally. These 'hijackers' can get this information in a variety of ways including social engineering attacks, system theft and phishing emails. Your information thus becomes hijacked and out of your control when this happens. This is a cybercrime often targeted at government agencies and law enforcement.

Safeguard: Avoid sharing your personal information, including usernames and passwords verbally, even if you are at work and seemingly in a safe environment. Don't save your passwords and other vital

information in your email or other programs that can be easily hacked or accessed by others. Never write down passwords and change your passwords regularly.

Trojans

Trojans are a type of cyberhijack where programs 'steal' your system, typically without the user knowing, and access personal information. Trojans infect a computer through tainted email, bad websites and even online banner ads.

Safeguard: Common sense is your friend. Be selective and aware of sites you are going to and banners you are clicking. If it doesn't look like a trusted service or banner, then assume it isn't and avoid clicking. Don't assume emails from your bank are real. Access your online account directly from the web address you know to be correct rather than through a recent email. Also, always make sure your system security features are up to date with the latest version and set appropriately to allow you freedom to work without compromising your laptop or system.

Social Network Scams

Social networks like *Facebook* and *MySpace* are becoming common areas for online criminals to create fake identities and networks in which to springboard phishing emails and other attacks to thousands of people. Others are simply scoping out online profiles for information they can use to gain access to you or your information. These sites try to cut out false IDs but that is a daunting and difficult task that does not keep up with the growing number of cyber criminals.

Safeguard: Only become friends with people you truly know and trust. Do not forward emails or requests to others unless you know the individual personally. Do not post sensitive information on your social network profile and do not upload sensitive documents to an online source. That information can be used in against you in court. It can also be used to gain access to your life. Be smart about what you say about yourself online. This may sound paranoid. It may even sound cynical. But in these difficult times, people are pushed to do desperate things. It is better to be careful and concerned than be careless and cyberhacked.

From Grownups

Thanks to SeniorNet South for this Article



NEW ZEALAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Matthias Bamert *conductor*
Steven Osborne *piano*

**Discount for Members & Friends of
SeniorNet**
\$10 off A and B Reserve Adult Tickets
Piano 10 Discount

"If Pianos Could Purr...then the Wigmore Hall's Steinway would surely have done so, for Osborne stroked it so affectionately, the strings seemed to ring of their own accord." The Independent on pianist Steven Osborne.

Scottish-born pianist Steven Osborne will perform two of the great Piano Concertos - Mozart's Piano Concerto No 27 and Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No 1 - on his first ever tour with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

These performances will be conducted by Matthias Bamert, a popular conductor with both the NZSO and New Zealand audiences. Following a three-year absence from New Zealand he returns to conduct these concerts, which also include the joyous Beethoven Symphony No 7 and the sunny, poetic Italian Symphony No 4 by Mendelssohn.

Concert 1

WEBERN *Passacaglia* for Orchestra
SHOSTAKOVICH Piano Concerto No 1
BEETHOVEN Symphony No 7

WELLINGTON Friday 15 May 6.30pm, Michael Fowler Centre
AUCKLAND Friday 22 May 6.30pm, Town Hall

Concert 2

SALIERI Sinfonia in D Major - *Il Giorno Onomastico*
MOZART Piano Concerto No 27 K595
ANTHONY WATSON *Prelude and Allegro* for Strings
MENDELSSOHN Symphony No 4 *Italian*

WELLINGTON, Saturday 16 May 8pm, Michael Fowler Centre
NAPIER, Tuesday 19 May 8pm, Municipal Theatre
HAMILTON, Thursday 21 May 8pm, Founders Theatre
AUCKLAND, Saturday 23 May 3pm, Town Hall

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Napier & Hamilton (TicketDirect 0800 484 2538)
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