

# *Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association* **ASCCA**

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## 2006 ASCCA Competitions Results

Congratulations to all of our winners who came from Clubs located in Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia.

**Best Club Newsletter:** The winner is *Random Access* from Pine Rivers Computer Club, Queensland. Fran Warner is the editor.

A close runner up was *The Open Widows@Epping* from Computer Pals for Seniors Epping. Editor is Helen Richards.

**Best Club Website:** The winner is Computer Pals for Seniors Holroyd with Webmaster Margaret Tucker.

Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches' was Highly Commended; webmaster is Peter Whalan.

We are most grateful to Hank Jongen for organising the judging for both the Newsletter and Website sections of the 2006 ASCCA Competitions. Thanks also to Cynthia Douglas and Julie Watkins-Lyall for looking after the voting process. Special thanks to George Jensen for attending our Annual General Meeting to present the awards.

### ASCCA Hall of Fame

Both Fran Warner and Margaret Tucker have won their respective sections three times in a row and will be inducted into the ASCCA Hall of Fame! Congratulations to you both for bringing honour to your clubs through your consistent and high standard contribution to the invaluable forms of communication used by clubs – the Club Newsletter and the Club Website.

### ASCCA 2006 Digital Photographer of the Year

Geoff Turton, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club

### ASCCA 2006 Digital Photography Club of the Year

Hurstville Seniors Computer Club

ASCCA is most grateful to Peter Blasina, Channel 7 Gadget Guy, for judging the 557 photographs entered in this year's Digital Photography competition. Go to page 2 to see the individual winners in the competition.

## International Volunteer Day, Tuesday, 5 December 2006

ASCCA exists because of the work done by volunteers!

More than 2000 seniors are volunteers working in Seniors Computer Clubs as Management Committee members and trainers!

ASCCA's Board consists of 9 volunteers!

Your role is invaluable, we thank you!



## ASCCA 2006 Club Competitions

### Best Digital Photographs taken by a club member

#### Landscape (enhanced)

- First Erika Johnson, Linking Tasmanian Seniors, Tas.  
Second Jean McCormick, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
Third Bernadette Abbott, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
H.C. Alan Hadley, Westlakes Seniors Computer Club  
H.C. Keith Liddell, Carrington Computer Club for Seniors  
H.C. Alan Caddick, Berri Senior Citizens Club, SA

#### People (enhanced)

- First Ron Milosh, Hawkesbury Seniors Computer Group  
Second Geoff Turton, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
Third Barbara Kun, Westlakes Seniors Computer Club

#### General (enhanced)

- First Patricia Crawford, Computer Pals for Seniors Kensington  
Second Evelyn Rogers, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
Third Alan Caddick, Berri Senior Citizens Club, SA

#### Landscape (not enhanced)

- First Helen Richards, Computer Pals for Seniors Epping  
Second Diane Reddy, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
Third Wendy Faulkes, Westlakes Seniors Computer Club

#### People (not enhanced)

- First Geoff Turton, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
Second Robin Ireland, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
Third Roy Ridley, Computer Pals for Seniors Epping

#### General (not enhanced)

- First Sashi Balachandran, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
Second Robin Ireland, Hurstville Seniors Computer Club  
Third Irene Dunn, Computer Pals for Seniors Epping

## More Awards for Clubs and individual Club Members

Les Langston and Gordon Stewart from Carrington Computer Club for Seniors (Camden NSW) have won a prestigious prize for the best village newsletter in Australia produced by volunteers in a competition recently conducted by Aged and Community Services Australia. They are to be congratulated on their success in winning this national competition for retirement village newsletter publications.

Carrington CEO, Raad Richards, accepted the award plaque at the Aged Care conference. It is to be displayed in the main downstairs reception area of Carrington House and a framed certificate will hang in the computer room.

Betty Benjamin, Moocooboola Computer Club for Seniors and Jack Abrams, Greenwich/Lane Cove Computer Pals have both been awarded North Sydney Electorate Community Awards by Joe Hockey MP, Member for North Sydney, Minister for Human Services. Betty received her award for her ongoing valuable contribution to the community through your tireless work as a volunteer for Gladesville Community Aid and Moocooboola Computer Club. Jack was nominated for the award by Greenwich/Lane Cove Club to acknowledge the way he helped guide them through the trauma of moving the club this year and for the way he has used his IT skills to maintain and network the clubs computers.

## GIVING COMMUNITIES A HOME ON THE NET

Community Geographic Domain Names provide the world's first intuitive, standardised naming system to enable better access to local community, tourism and business information to help facilitate social, culture and economic sustainable benefits. The names reflect the geographical address of a locality and provide one website address for that community.

Names can be registered using a geographic domain name format:

[www.placename.state/territory.au](http://www.placename.state/territory.au) Such as: [www.wyndham.wa.au](http://www.wyndham.wa.au) or [www.koonwarra.vic.au](http://www.koonwarra.vic.au)

The domain names are available by application to not-for-profit community groups who can demonstrate that they represent the wide community via [www.aucd.org.au](http://www.aucd.org.au)

.au Community Domains (auCD) is a not-for-profit organisation established by auDA (the Australian Domain Name Administrator) to facilitate the development of Community Geographic Domain Names. For further information, including links to the Community Domains electronic newsletter go to: [www.aucd.org.au](http://www.aucd.org.au)

Maueen LeBlanc represents ASCCA on the auCD Stakeholders Group

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auDA has today launched a series of podcasts - Let's Talk Net ([www.letstalknet.com.au](http://www.letstalknet.com.au)). The podcasts aim to provide a practical guide to understanding the internet for both consumers and SMEs.

auDA CEO, Mr. Chris Disspain, said the move by auDA to produce the podcasts - 'Let's Talk Net' - was in response to the Australian community's need for accurate, helpful and impartial advice on how to get the most out of the Internet, whether for a personal or business purpose.

"We decided very early on in the project that the podcasts should not only have a high educational value but also be fun and entertaining, hence the series sounds more like a lively radio show than a dry, boring lecture. I don't believe it is written anywhere that you can't have a few laughs while obtaining knowledge. We want Australian Internet users to be informed but we also want them to be entertained along the way," Mr. Disspain said.

The Lets Talk Net series is broken into two streams; Consumers and SME's. The consumer series covers such topics as – getting started, e-mail, searching the net, safety & security, socialising and online shopping, while the business series includes - developing a web presence, online marketing, legal responsibilities, e-commerce, security, case studies and the future of the internet.

The podcasts can be streamed or downloaded from auDA's website: Simply go to [www.auda.org.au](http://www.auda.org.au) and click on the very big button that says - 'Click Here for Let's Talk Net'

### Winners of the ASCCA Raffle

First prize:  
Ticket No. 1376, Barbara Little

Second prize:  
Ticket No. 1969, Fay Turner

Third prize:  
Ticket No. 57, R.A. Ingram

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who purchased tickets.

### ASCCA Board for 2006/2007

Nan Bosler, President  
Colin Ward, Vice President  
Mark Joffe, Treasurer  
Betty Benjamin, Director  
David Bennett, Director  
Joan Craymer, Director  
John Rutter, Director  
Bodo Schwarz, Director  
Annette Stuckey, Director

Mark Joffe has been appointed Company Secretary

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### Take the Teacher Home!

The new "Take the Teacher Home" course of six lessons on CDs shows you step-by-step the commands you need to learn to help you master your computer. The six-lesson course uses non-technical language and shows you on your own computer screen exactly how to get from A to B. You can use these CDs to teach yourself to use a computer or even better to enable you to go over and practice what you have learned at your seniors computer club. The fact that the lesson disks reproduce exactly what you see when you look at your own computer screen makes learning so much easier and faster than ever before. Learning basic computer skills this way is so much easier than trying to learn from a book.

The teacher, Bill McCully, who presents Take the Teacher Home is a long term instructor at ASCCA clubs, and has a lot of practical experience in teaching seniors computer skills. He is very aware of the pitfalls students fall into due to their unfamiliarity with computer commands. So Bill's experience is particularly valuable in clearly explaining the correct paths to follow and the little traps that can confuse beginners.

Bill's comprehensive approach in covering these options in a friendly, conversational manner combined with the visual demonstrations on your screen, make these disk lessons easy and fun to work through. So when you Take the Teacher Home, you'll find you very quickly become competent in mastering the basic computer skills that all beginners need to grasp before moving on to more complex computer programmes.

There is a special discount price for members of ASCCA clubs. If you would like more information on the Take the Teacher Home six-lesson course, you can call Bill McCully on 43521095 and leave a message giving your contact details - from Bob Ritchie, part of the Easy Computing for Seniors team

### Pass on this Newsletter

Pass on this issue of the ASCCA newsletter by printing copies for distribution, or make a list of all your club members with email addresses and forwarding it.

The newsletter can also be read and/or downloaded from our website, [www.seniorcomputing.org](http://www.seniorcomputing.org)

You are welcome to copy items from this newsletter but acknowledgment of ASCCA is required

Membership of ASCCA is open to all Seniors Computer Clubs, Organisations with a membership including Seniors, and Organisations that recognise the value of computer technology for Seniors. Cost of membership is \$100 per year. Corporate Membership is also welcome.

If you fit one of those categories and are interested in joining ASCCA please go to our website [www.seniorcomputing.org](http://www.seniorcomputing.org) or email [office@seniorcomputing.org](mailto:office@seniorcomputing.org) to find out how to start a club or read some of the advantages of joining ASCCA if you are an existing club. You can download an Application Form.

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