HURSTVILLE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR
to all our esteemed members.

May this be a very successful computing year!

There is, however, still a waiting list, which illustrates the popularity of our Club

This is going to be another innovative and exciting Year for our Club. Thanks to our dedicated Committee and Tutors, who do a great and selfless job with great enthusiasm and pleasure. We thank them all. What with all the new stuff hitting the markets, with Blue Tooth, Red Hat, Blue-Ray and Blackberry and of course Vista

Hurstville City Council will be running their Seniors Week in March and will have the usual really excellent and entertaining programme to offer. Our club will make our own contribution. Watch the press. So please come around and volunteer to help when needed.

Our March, that is Senior's Week, Guest Speaker will be the COTA NSW representative Susan Williams

And Welcome to and our new member, Victor Lum.

Thursday Class Party

LIFE BEFORE COMPUTERS:

Bud Mestern, whose presence at our monthly meetings and our Thursday class usually contributes in a valuable and cheerful way, will surely have an interesting life story to tell.

If you are interested in contributing to this very interesting segment of our meetings please contact Graeme Gavin. Everybody has a story to tell.

Our own Geoff Turton will be our "Guest Speaker at our January Meeting . Digital Photography Expert and Treasurer *will talk and demonstrate : "A Model For Exploring Photography" Concepts of Light, Shade and Composition.* As a matter on interest and pride, for the second time Geoff was selected as the *Grand Champion Digital Photographer*. Read all about our Club's successes on our website.

Hopefully our first talk will encourage other members to get involved in the Digital Photography Group, and use that new Digital Camera you received for Christmas to its full potential

EXCEL MAGIC

	Friday	Saturday
Go Karts	52	63
Spider	41	52
Castle	45	96

The Basics

Insert your numbers into a new Excel spread sheet. Use this example if you like. Now, click anywhere within that table of figures and press the **F11** key on your keyboard. Magic !

A brand new page appears with a fabulous chart sitting there!
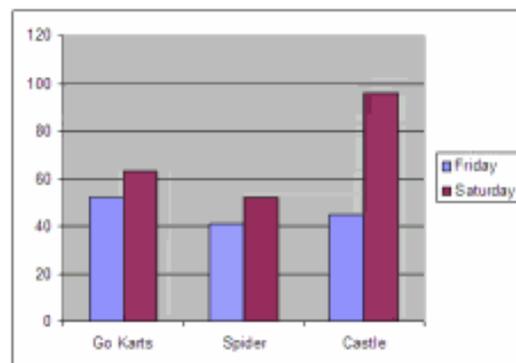
OK, let's go back to the worksheet (click Sheet1 at the bottom left of your screen) and this time

NEXT MEETING 1.30pm Wednesday 31st January

we'll create a chart that sits on top of the current sheet.

Again, **click** anywhere within your table of figures, but this time go up to the toolbar and click the **Chart button** (the one with the bar chart on it).

Now click **Finish**. **Double click** any bit of the chart to get into **Formatting options** and change that bit.

To copy the chart to **Word**, click on it, then hold down the **Shift** key and go to the **Edit** menu in

Excel. Choose **Copy Picture**, then click **As Shown on Screen**.

Then, go to Word and use the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl + V** to paste.

GOOGLE TIP NO 2

A website's address (also known as its Uniform Resource Locator – URL) has the typical format www.name.category.country.

The category and country components are called domains. Codes for category domains include *com*, *org*, *gov*, *edu*, etc. Codes for country domains include *au*, *uk*, *jp*, *fr*, *de*, etc. Not all sites, including American sites, include a country domain code.

Tip 2: Use the *site:* operator in Google to restrict a search to a particular site or domain.

Examples:

1. To restrict a search for information on a Microsoft product to the Microsoft site, a typical search entry could be **sound in powerpoint site:microsoft.com**.

2. To find what information is available at Australian government sites on age pensions, a search entry could be **age pension site:gov.au**.

3. To discover what information is available at academic sites on a subject like genealogy, a search entry could be **genealogy site:edu**.

ADD - REMOVE FILES YOU CAN'T FIND

Q. I want to go through and remove some of the programs I know I have on my computer, but when I go to my Add/Remove Programs list, I can't find them. How can I get rid of them?

A. This isn't uncommon. Some programs just like to be a little stubborn. Most Windows components can be uninstalled by going to the Add/Remove Windows Components section in the Control Panel. But, what about the ones you can't find? You know they're on your computer somewhere, but how can you get rid of them if you can't find them? Well, it's actually not too hard to bring these out of their hiding. Let's learn how!

Bring up the Windows Explorer (one way to do this is to right click on the Start button and select Explore).

Find your way to C:\Windows\Inf. (Double click on the My Computer icon on your desktop, double click on the C: drive and then go from there).

Make a copy of the "Sysoc.inf" file. (Click the file and hit Ctrl + C then Ctrl + V).

Next, right click "Sysoc.inf" and choose Open with, then Notepad.

Type Ctrl + H to bring up the Replace box.

Replace ,hide, (comma hide comma) with ,, (comma comma).

Then hit the Replace All button.
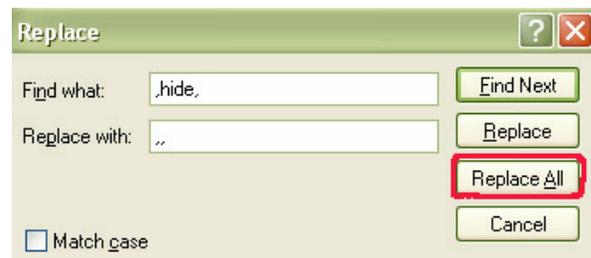
Save the file.

Now, when you go to Start, Control Panel, Add/Remove Programs, Add/Remove Windows Components, you will see stuff that wasn't there before. Some of the items will be in subfolders, like "Games," which is under "Accessories." Double click to open any folder. Just uncheck the items you want to remove. There you have it. No more hidden programs!

Thanks Joyce

Our January meeting on 31ˢᵗ at 1.30pm will be preceded at 10.am by a JOINT COMBINED MEETING of Committee, Head Tutors, all Tutors and Heads of the Special Interest Groups

SUBJECT: PC UPDATES

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slow down in the overall performance, particularly in the flowers and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 un-installed many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5 and then installed undesirable programs such as: Football 5.0, Rugby 4.3 and Cricket 3.0. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs; it simply crashes the system. I've tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, to no avail. What can I do?

Signed, Desperate Housewife

Dear Desperate Housewife

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System. Try entering the command: C:/I-THOUGHT-YOU-LOVED-ME to download Tears 6.2, which should automatically install Guilt 3.0. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. But remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1.

WARNING: Beer 6.1 is a very nasty program that will create Snoring Loudly.

CAUTION: Whatever you do, DO NOT install Mother-in-law. This is an unsupported application and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance.

I personally recommend Hot Food 3.0 and Lingerie 7.7.

Good Luck, Tech Support

IT'S OK TO APPLY

from Best Bytes – by NAN BOSLER

• DO YOU know the difference between Apply and OK?

If you were to make an adjustment to a setting on your computer and you then click OK the adjustment would only last while the computer was on.

When you reboot it would be back to the original setting. If you were to click Apply then OK the adjustment would be permanent.

• WHAT is an e-mail attachment? It's a file you include with an e-mail. For example, let's say you have a text document or **picture** you want to share with someone.

You can "attach" this document to an email and send it off to them.

Click on the Paperclip on the Tool bar. You then get a dialogue box that lets you navigate to, and attach, the file of your choice. You will still have the original as only a copy is sent. Keep an eye on the size of the file you're sending. Your recipient may not appreciate downloading a 3 meg file.

• LAST month the Australian Computer Conference for Seniors was held in Sydney and the Computing for Seniors Forum was a Queensland affair.

Go to www.seniorcomputing.org and click on the links to both the Sydney and Brisbane events to find out about the outcomes and papers presented. The Sydney results are already available and outcomes from Brisbane should now be online.

• WHEN entering the serial number for a program you're installing, use the number keys that are above the letter keys on your keyboard.

Sometimes the numbers on the keypad at the right side of your keyboard are interpreted as different characters. This will prevent the serial number from being accepted even though it looks right.

We mourn the sad loss of two of the Club's stalwarts, Alan Gibson and Ron Condon in 2006.
They were both the sort of friendly enthusiastic and dedicated Tutors who gave of their undoubted expertise in their quiet ways.
We shall miss them

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Monthly Meeting   Hurstville Seniors Centre
91 Queens Road, Hurstville
1.30pm, last Wednesday of the month (except December)

Fees   Joining Fee $20
     Annual Fee $15
     Training Fee $4 per session

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PATRON   **Mervyn Lynch**
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VICE-PRESIDENT   **Frank Grosz**
SECRETARY   **Marie Thompson**
TREASURER   **Geoff Turton**

TUITION IS IN ONE HOUR SESSIONS
If you can't attend your booking, please let your Tutor know.

Mondays   **Joyce Pickup**

Tuesdays   **Margaret Butt**

Wednesdays   **Marie Thompson**
No lessons on meeting day

Thursdays   **Betty Saltmiras**

Fridays   **Shirley Boxhall**

Technical - Advanced and Basic   **Ted Crichton**
Mondays at the Annexe

Digital Imaging Group   **Ian Chesterfield**
First Tuesday in the Clubroom 1.30pm

Genealogy   **John Shortland**
Second Wednesday at the Annexe 1.30pm

Web Design Group   **Fred Scott**
First and Third Wednesday 1.30pm

Internet   **Frank Grosz**
Thursdays at the Annexe

Video Editing Group   **Bill Baker**
Friday Annexe 9 - 10.30, 11 - 12.30

Maintenance Crew - *Queens Rd*   **Frank Grosz**
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS. If you change your address, phone number or e-mail, please inform the Treasurer.

BIRTHDAY BOYS AND GIRLS
for February
Have a great day!!!

Ken	McRae	1-Feb
Noreen	Mumford	1-Feb
Barbara	Zammit	2-Feb
Joan	Curtis	3-Feb
Ella	Dobbie	3-Feb
John	Kenny	4-Feb
George	Carrard	7-Feb
Ron	Hiland	9-Feb
Sudagar	Singh	12-Feb
Betty	Saltmiras	13-Feb
Joan	Storer	13-Feb
Margaret	Alden	16-Feb
Horrie	Nicholson	16-Feb
Keith	King	17-Feb
Marjorie	Penny	17-Feb
Janet	Wales	17-Feb
Lance	Peffer	18-Feb
Frank	Baker	19-Feb
Pam	Boyle	20-Feb
Kay	Gehl	22-Feb
Victor	Lum	22-Feb
Ron	Allen	23-Feb
Margaret	Jackson	24-Feb
Evelyn	Rogers	27-Feb

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Eric, the computer guy, to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.
He gave me a bill for a minimum service call.
As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"
He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."
I didn't want to appear stupid, but none the less inquired, "An ID ten T error?"
"What's that, in case I need to fix it again?"
Eric grinned...."Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?". I replied "No".
Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."
So I wrote down. I D 1 0 T   *Thanks Joan*