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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John Kennedy

June has arrived, full of promise as always and here I sit at my computer, composing my first message as president of STANS. I follow the road map created by many distinguished volunteers who have served as president, the most recent of whom was Leo Dear, a gentleman, a challenging tennis player and a generous leader.

Recent good weather has brought many STANS players to Cates Park, Cloverley, Murdo Frazer, Ambleside and Benbow to enjoy the sunshine and the friendly competition. To those of you who have not yet polished up your racquets and heard that satisfying "whoosh" as you open a new can of balls, we invite you to do so at the earliest opportunity. You will find a warm welcome.

Seven years ago I decided to try tennis. I had played from time to time with one of my children 30 or so years ago but was otherwise a neophyte. I took the ABC's of Tennis lessons at Grant Connell and came to believe that facility to be a great resource here on the North Shore. A year or so later, I was introduced to STANS and quickly came to see it too as a great resource here on the North Shore. STANS offered me an opportunity to play tennis as much as I wanted and I accepted the offer with enthusiasm. I have met lots of terrific people, I've learned a lot about tennis and even a few things about tennis and ageing. The business of ageing sure has its share of challenges, doesn't it?

I've also met players who are not part of STANS (although some of them have been in times gone by) and from time to time I play with them too. But I keep coming back to the STANS reserved courts because I enjoy the games, the company, the opportunity to meet new people and because I keenly believe in what STANS represents and what it offers to players at all skill levels. I hope to see as many of you as can get out to play on one or other of the STANS courts throughout the season. If we haven't yet met, I'll look forward to the opportunity.

I would also appreciate your help. If you hear about STANS members who are ill or who are for some reason unable to play, please let us know. You need only call a member of your Executive whose names and contact information are elsewhere in this newsletter. And to those of you who are unable to make it to the courts, we wish you well and hope to see you soon.

STANSEXECUTIVE

Your new Executive Committee is now hard at work with the following responsibilities:

John Kennedy - President & Newsletter

Ian Dirom - Programs

Alf Orr - Treasurer

Katalin de Korompay - Publicity

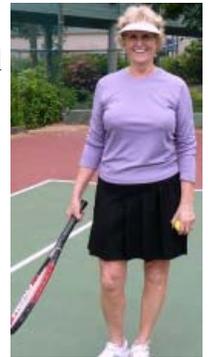
Kirsty Milligan - Secretary & Social

Sandy Barker - Email & Social

Will Phillips - Membership



Sandy Barker ➔



MEMBERSHIP

Will Phillips

We are pleased to welcome the following new members of STANS:

➔ **Linda Chamut**

➔ **Art Guthrie**

➔ **Gordon & Laurette Huff**

➔ **Jose Portas**

Please see the enclosed membership list for current addresses and phone numbers.

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ANNUAL PICNIC & ROUND ROBIN

- Place *Murdo Frazer - to register and play*
- Date *Tuesday, August 11 (Weather permitting) or Wednesday 12th (Rain Date)*
If questionable, call an Executive member
- Time *Registration - 8:00 am*
Play - when 24 players have registered
- Format *ALL MEMBERS/PLAYERS & NON-PLAYERS WELCOME!*
However, we are only able to accommodate a maximum of 72 players. Mixed doubles - 36 women/36 men
Each player plays three 25 minute sets.
- Food *Lunch will be available at 12:00 (not before!) Bring a snack if you are likely to be hungry before then!!*
- Bring *Chairs and drinks*

Tennis Balls will be provided as well as prizes & the winner will take home the Brenda Sacre Trophy

PICNIC & ROUND-ROBIN TOURNAMENT

Our summer picnic date is set for Tuesday August 11th at Murdo Frazer with Wednesday 12th available if we're rained out on the 11th. The Brenda Sacre Trophy will be up for grabs and many other prizes will be offered. Once again we are pleased to announce that John Haywood has kindly donated a free week of luxury accommodation in Los Cabos, Mexico for all participating, fully paid STANS members. A delicious (and free) lunch will be served and we'll look forward to seeing you there.



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SPRING AND SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

April 1, 2009 to October 1, 2009

North Vancouver (8:00am - Noon each day)

Murdo Frazer - 3 courts Monday, Tuesday
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday

Cates Park - 2 courts Tuesday, Thursday

Cloverly - 2 courts Monday, Tuesday
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday

West Vancouver

Ambleside - 3 courts Monday, Wednesday
(8:00am - 11:00am) Friday

Benbow - courts 1 & 2 Tuesday, Thursday
(8:00am - Noon)

GRANTS TO YOUNG PLAYERS

Katalin de Korompay has been chasing this year's STANS grant recipients (always a challenge because they're so busy going from tournament to tournament) and has so far presented cheques to **Kyryll Kryvchun** from the West Vancouver Tennis Club and to **Arisha Ladhani** from the Grant Connell Tennis Centre.



As you will see from the photos, both players were delighted to receive this generous support from the STANS membership. Katalin expects to catch up with **Filip Peliwo** from the North Shore Winter Club towards the end of June and we hope to have a photo capturing the event in the next newsletter.

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JOHN WILLIAMS TROPHY

The late John Williams was an avid, accomplished (and crafty) tennis player and one of those advocates whose energy led to the development and creation of the Grant Connell Tennis Centre in North Vancouver. In John's memory, a group of his friends got together and created a trophy in his name. The John Williams trophy is administered by the Grant Connell Tennis Centre and is presented each year to the junior player (12-18 yrs) who exhibits exemplary dedication, work ethic and sportsmanship in tennis.

The inaugural presentation of the John Williams



Trophy took place at the Grant Connell facility in mid June and Hazel Williams, John's widow, made the presentation. The winner of the trophy is Daniel Raw. Daniel was ranked #1 in the Under 12 Provincial play last year and is currently ranked #2 in the boys Under 14 division.

COURT CAPTAINS

The following members have volunteered to be court captains:

AMBLESIDE

Monday Susan Stastny
Wednesday Harry Pryke
Friday TBA

BENBOW

Tuesday Eva Belas
Thursday Stan & Susan Ward

MURDO FRAZER

Monday Jorge Alvarez
Tuesday Dennis Murray
Wednesday Ian Dirom
Thursday TBA
Friday Janet Mulholland

CLOVERLY

Every Day Mary Zulp

CATES PARK

Tues/Thurs Vivian Harran

As you can see from this list, we're still looking for Court Captains at Murdo Frazer and at Ambleside. If you would be willing to help out, please call Ian Dirom at 604-988-4004.

BC SENIORS GAMES

The BC Seniors games will be held in the City of Richmond from September 16-19, 2009. For more information on the tennis front, you may contact Howard Lowe the Tennis Coordinator for Zone 4 and you can reach him by phone at: (604) 325-5815 or by email at howardlowe@telus.net. You can also find out more about the games at www.bcseniorgames.org. STANS members Elmer Helm, Pam Bonetti and Wolfgang Sollors are booked to compete and we wish them all well.

The deadline for entering the competition is July 17, 2009, so there's still time to take part. Entry forms are available at the BC Seniors Games website.

MEMORIALS

STANS members were saddened to learn that long time member *George Frauenstein* died on July 24, 2008 at the age of 83. George was a good tennis player and over the years competed at Jericho and the North Shore Winter Club as well as at STANS courts on the North Shore. George was a draftsman who spent much of his career in Vancouver and retired here. And *Branko Glavas* died on May 23, 2009 at the age of 71. Branko was a gifted artist and an accomplished glider pilot and is remembered as an enthusiastic tennis player with a gentle demeanour and a great sense of humour. Our condolences go to the families of these good people.



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SUGGESTED STANS SUMMER TENNIS GUIDELINES

The aim of these guidelines is to explain how each player is to cooperate with other players when playing on the STANS reserved courts. It is hoped that these simplified instructions will be understood and followed by every player without needing lists or a ruling from the Court Captain.

Court Captain

A Court Captain will be appointed to manage the play during the specified times the courts are reserved for STANS. In the event of a dispute or disagreement on the courts, the Court Captain will endeavour to resolve the problem amicably, but in any event, the Court Captain's ruling on the dispute must be accepted without objection from the players.

Early Players (Those playing before the specified start time)

- * These players can make their own arrangements for play on the reserved courts until the specified start time.
- * If a set is in progress at the specified start time, these players must NOT restart their game at the start time, but may finish the set on the short game basis (first to 6 games and one point deuce). They then join the group of waiting players and follow the guidelines set out below.

Play During Reserved Court Times

- * Arriving players should note the order in which players arrive and the first comers should make up foursomes to play on the unoccupied reserved courts.
- * When there are players waiting, those playing must play sets on the short game basis.
- * Waiting players are to choose partners for their games from players whose sets have ended. Choices of partners can be made on any basis that is acceptable to the players.
- * If there are still players waiting when all courts are occupied, they shall be first in line to choose partners when one of the existing games finishes.
- * There may still be players arriving while the above procedure is being carried out, and these later arrivals must determine their positions in the waiting line and wait until it is their turn to play.

WEBSITE?

At this year's AGM, STANS member Bob Hardman suggested that STANS should get with the times and have its own website. Bob agreed to sit on a small committee to look into it. In addition to Bob, committee members are Ian Dowdeswell, Alf Orr and John Kennedy. We invite your comments and suggestions about such a website. We assume it should include court times and places, dates and descriptions of any tournaments, how to get in touch with us, perhaps members names and phone numbers, perhaps newsletters and maybe a photo gallery as well as links to other related organisations such as Tennis BC. Please note that the website and most if not all of the information it contains will be accessible to anyone in the world. If you have any thoughts about this, give John Kennedy a call.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We're always on the lookout for new members and any member of the Executive can provide you with a membership application form - or you can have prospective members contact Will Phillips and he will send them an application.

See you on the courts.