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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Barker

Our AGM was held on April 11th, 2012 @ 4pm. Thank you to those who were able to attend. It is always good to see your smiling faces off the courts as well as on. I have decided not to talk about the weather other than to suggest you head for the courts as soon as you see a ray of sunshine.

John Hill has been on the Executive for the past year and resigned for personal reasons. Thank you John, for your enthusiastic contribution in the Publicity role. It is not always an easy task chasing Tennis Pros and Grantees and arranging to have them together for photos. We appreciate your efforts and we wish you good health.

Moira Wotherspoon has been on the Executive for the past two years, and has taken care of sending cards to our members, and also Publicity for one year. She has resigned and I thank you so much Moira for your contribution to STANS. We will miss you and your scones.

I would like to welcome Variath Kutty and Judith Bicknell to the Executive. Kutty is our Vice President, and will also take care of Publicity. Judith will be looking after cards and Social.

Thanks to Ian Dirom for organizing another successful winter season of tennis at Grant Connell. As always, you do such a great job. I would like to thank all the members of the executive for your efforts, and I couldn't ask for better company.

I hope everyone has a great summer.



STANS EXECUTIVE

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

Sandy Barker	President & Newsletter
Variath Kutty	Vice-President & Publicity
Ian Dirom	Programs
Alf Orr	Treasurer
Judith Bicknell	Cards & Social
Kirsty Milligan	Secretary & Social
Will Phillips	Membership

ANNUAL PICNIC & ROUND ROBIN

Place ***Murdo Frazer - to register and play***
Date ***Wednesday, August 8th (Weather permitting)
or Thursday 9th (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.***
Lunch ***12:00 Noon***
Bring ***Chairs and drinks.
Tennis Balls provided***

The winner will take home
The Brenda Sacre Trophy,
and many other prizes will be offered.
We'll look forward to seeing you there.

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MEMBERSHIP

Will Phillips

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

- ↳ **Dana Audet**
- ↳ **Susan Celms**
- ↳ **Dennis Matheson**
- ↳ **Ron Ranquist**
- ↳ **Susan Wollesen**
- ↳ **David Bissell**
- ↳ **Lorrie Rail**

Please see the enclosed membership list for current phone numbers.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We are always welcoming new members, whether you are an accomplished player or someone who is coming back to the game after a layoff. We come in all shapes and sizes with a variety of tennis skills. Between April 1 and October 1, we have reserved access to courts across the North Shore several days each week in the mornings. Play is on a drop-in basis with no fees.

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SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

April 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012

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

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

Cates Park
2 courts Tuesday, Thursday

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

West Vancouver

Ambleside Monday, Wednesday, Friday
3 courts (7:00am - 9:00am)

29th Street & Marine Drive Monday, Wednesday, Friday
(8:00am - 11:00am)
2 courts

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.

STANS HAS A WEBSITE
www.seniorstennis.ca

I hope you all take advantage of it. It lists *Courts and Times* and updated *Coming Events*. Under *Contact Us* you can find an application form to join STANS. We welcome your enquiries, and comments.

JOHN WILLIAMS TROPHY

The late John Williams was a life member of STANS and one of those advocates who was instrumental in 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 fourth annual presentation of the John Williams Trophy was awarded to Alexis Prokopiuk, one of our 2012 Grantees.



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to receive this deal.*

BC SENIORS GAMES.

The 25th Annual BC Seniors games will be held August 21 to 25, 2012 in Burnaby. For any further information, www.bcseniorgames.org.

This year Wolfgang Sollers is the only STANS member competing in the BC Seniors Games and we wish him much success.

GRANTS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

Alexis Prokopiuk

Coach - Wayne Elderton

14 year old Alexis Prokopiuk finished top 8 @ 2011 U16 National Championships and was the Provincial U18 Champion. Alexis trains daily with the national Squad at GCTC.



Coaches comment:

Alexis is a hard worker who always stands out to the GCTC coaches for her internal motivation and sportsmanship in all her matches.

Kyryll Kryvchun Chris Stead-Head Coach, WVTC



Kyryll Kryvchun ranked #2 in BC, boys U16 and finished #9-12 in Canada at the U16 Junior Indoor Nationals. Kyryll is representing BC at Canadian Outdoor Nationals in Quebec in August and is competing in his first ITF tournaments this summer.

We wish these young athletes success!

SPRINGTIME IN PARIS

John H. Kennedy

This story begins in February 2012. Our son Paul and I were attending one of the Davis Cup matches held at UBC (Canada vs France). Paul said . . . we ought to go see these guys play on clay . . . I said, where? He said, at Roland Garros in Paris. I said ok. Three days later we had tickets to the French Open.

Three months later, at the end of May, Paul and I hopped on an Air Canada flight to Paris to spend a long weekend at the French Open. Our long flight arrived in Paris near noon on Thursday May 31 and after leaving our bags in the hotel room, we wandered the streets of Paris for several hours to the Tuileries gardens, the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame cathedral, Ile St-Louis and various neighbourhoods in between, all the while soaking up the sounds and sights of that beautiful city.

Friday was our first day at Roland Garros and we spent it exploring the 20 or so outdoor courts and an array of matches that peaked when we arrived at the contest between a young Belgian named David Goffin (down a set and 2-4 in the second set when we arrived) and Lukasz Kubot from Poland. Goffin who looks more like someone's kid brother than a serious tennis pro was playing spectacular tennis, never failing to return a serve and painting the lines on shot after shot. He so frustrated his opponent that Kubot actually spat at him after one particularly spectacular passing shot and earned a warning from the referee in the process. (Goffin actually lost his qualifying match and only got into the competition via wild card when someone backed out due to illness). Goffin beat Kubot 3 sets to 2 and went on to play Roger Federer in the next round. We saw that match too and in the first

set, he had Federer on his heels. It was an exciting match. Over the next two days we saw action featuring, among others, Milos Raonic, Juan Monaco, David Ferrer, Mikhail Youzhny, Juan Martin delPotro, Li Na, Angelique Kerber and North Vancouver's Phillip Peliwo in his first round match in the Roland Garros juniors section. Peliwo, whom STANS has supported with grants for the past four years, is now ranked 5th in the world in juniors and he went on to be a finalist.

All in all, it was a spectacular long weekend, made all the more so for me by being able to spend a good deal of time in the company of one of our children. We spent our early mornings exploring various parts of Paris and then spent from 11am until 7 or 8pm at Roland Garros, immersing ourselves in red clay tennis. Dinner each night began later than my usual hour for bed. Paul (who has been STANS volunteer webmaster since we first got our website) is a great guy with whom to spend some time. He's also a pretty handy fellow with a tennis racquet and a camera. You can see some of his photos elsewhere in this newsletter. If ever you are given the opportunity to attend the French Open, I highly recommend that you brush up your French, stay fit so you can do the walking involved, get in shape by drinking a lot of good red wine and go for it.



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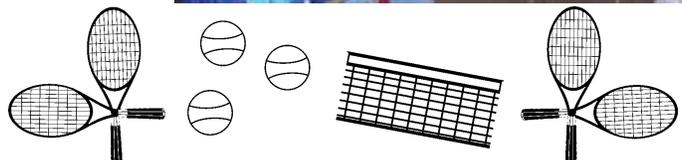


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New Friends

