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President's Report

Variath Kutty

We have not had any changes in our Executives since the last Newsletter. We are lucky to have a willing and cooperative team of directors to help with the running of our programs and social events. In addition, we are fortunate to have the help of a number of volunteers. This is my chance to thank all for their cooperation and help, which I hope will continue in future.

John Kennedy, Will Phillips and Don Mackinlay, group captains for our indoor tennis teams, have been running the winter programs efficiently and ably. Shirley and Bob Young continue to run their Tuesday/Thursday indoor games well. My sincere thanks to these hardworking captains for their continued assistance. I am pleased to advise that our Friday group now has a full contingent of players.

Ron Ranquist, our Programs Director, has become very good with negotiating and securing indoor and outdoor courts for our play. He was remarkably inventive in organizing this Christmas Social games with a limited number of courts and a full slate of players. Thank you, Ron.

Pari Koch maintains excellent relations with North Shore News, who have been most supportive of our activities. Last year they included our picnic news, photos and published a column about our Christmas Social. We are hopeful that they will continue their support in the coming years.

Soon we will be playing outdoors. The outdoor courts reserved for us become available April 1. We urge everyone to come out once or twice a week and join play at Murdo Frazer or Cloverly or other

courts. We have had one or two complaints about players who would not join the general group play. This is unfortunate and not in the spirit of community games. Please follow the rules explained below and be a sport by playing with any group which has a vacancy – this is the best way to get to know people and develop friendship.

We now have a new website developed by Francoise du Pauw. The link to this new website is: <http://seniorstennis.ca/>. We take this opportunity to ask all members to canvass for new members and for paid advertisements in our Newsletter.

For your ready reference our website address is: <http://seniorstennis.ca/> and our email address is: ns.seniortennis@gmail.com

2016 SOCIAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Social and Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 13th April 2016, from 4:00-6:00 pm, in the Marine Room (cafeteria) at West Vancouver Senior Centre (695 21st Street), West Vancouver.

We are pleased to announce that the following members have agreed to stand as Directors:

- Variath Kutty
- Judith Bicknell
- Pari Koch
- Ron Ranquist
- Don MacKinlay
- Tom Laughlin
- Denis Martell
- Bella Tata
- Francoise De Pauw

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

Refreshments will be served and we look forward to seeing you there. Membership renewal forms will be available so you can sign up for 2016 if you have not already done so.

MEMBERSHIP

Denis Martell

We are pleased to welcome the following new Members to STANS:

- Maria Law
- Rolson Law
- Kathy Sun

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

If you are a paid up member of STANS you will receive our newsletters three times a year. If you have not registered as a member and/or have not yet paid your membership, we would encourage you to do so now to avoid disappointment. This will be your last newsletter and we'll miss you, so please renew so we can all stay in touch. And one other point: the liability insurance we carry applies only to members of STANS and it is therefore doubly important that you be a paid-up member so you can play on the courts reserved for STANS members.

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GRANTS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

For this year's grant we have received the names of two young and upcoming tennis players from their respective coaches.

Wayne Elderton of North Shore Tennis Centre:

Aron Pilbart

Aron is currently ranked no. 3 in boys U12 play. He will be representing BC at the National Championships in Calgary in April. He is currently in California at the 'Little Mo' International event.

Fabio Walker of North Shore Winter Club:

Angie Walker

San Diego Open tournament U18 - Winner
 Kent, Washington Girls U18 singles – semi finals
 Kent, Washington Girls U18 doubles – 1st place
 Richmond, B.C. Women's Open Singles – semi finals
 Richmond, B.C. Women's Open Doubles – Winner
 Delta, B.C. Women's Open Singles – Finalist
 Delta, B.C. Women's Open Doubles - Winner
 Burnaby, B.C. Women's Open Singles – semi finals
 Burnaby, B.C. Women's Open Doubles – semi finals

West Vancouver Coach Paul Tornquist has forwarded two names with Resumes prepared by the players, which were considered insufficient to consider for a cash grant.



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The 55+ BC Games will take place in Coquitlam from September 20-24, 2016. North and West Vancouver come under Zone 4 and you may contact Colin McLean, Tennis Coordinator for Zone 4. He may be reached at 604 261 0296 or by email at colmay@shaw.ca The link to their website is <http://www.55plusgames.ca/>

ALL STANS and other North Shore Tennis players are invited to join the fun!

SPRING AND SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

April 1, 2015 to October 1, 2015

STANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 13, 2016

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I would like to report that all STANS events and programs for 2015/2016 were quite successful with the help of many volunteers, court captains and food organizers.

Following is a summary of past and upcoming programs for 2015/2016.

The North Shore District Courts have been booked from April to October 2016 as follows:

MURDO FRAZER

3 Courts: Monday to Friday
Times: 8 am to Noon.

CATES PARK

2 Courts: Tuesday and Thursday
Times: 8 am to Noon

CLOVERLY

2 courts: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Times: 8 am to Noon

The West Vancouver District Courts have been booked for the same period as follows:

AMBLESIDE

3 Courts: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Times: 7 am to 9 am

BENBOW

2 Courts: Tuesday and Thursday
Times: 8 am to Noon

Murdo Frazer courts have been the most popular on the North Shore. There has not been much interest in West Vancouver courts.

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ANNUAL PICNIC AND ROUND-ROBIN

The annual event is scheduled to be held at Murdo Frazer on Wednesday, August 10th 2016 with a rainout date of Thursday August 11th.

Because of inclement weather, attendance last year was not as large as usual. We expect about 60 players and guests this year. No significant changes are planned for this year's event. Again, there will be prizes and good food.

FALL AND WINTER INDOOR TENNIS

Our Fall and Winter Indoor Tennis sessions (October to April) at North Vancouver Tennis Centre have gone well.

Three courts were booked again for Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will end on April 30th.

This year also our members who used to play in West Vancouver bubble played in North Vancouver Tennis Centre (Tuesday/Thursday). Friday sessions now have a full roster.

All-Court Sports has joined our group of corporate sponsors. This racquet sports store is located at:
1217 Nanaimo Street
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Tel: 778-835-0672/Cell: 778-855-9171



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND TENNIS EVENT

Last December’s social event was held in North Vancouver Tennis Centre and was quite successful with an impressive increase in numbers, both players and guests. Please see below for photos and John Kennedy’s note.

Ron Ranquist – Programs Director
SENIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION



STANS Christmas Party...Sunday December 6, 2015

By John Kennedy

Between 40 and 50 STANS members showed up at courts 7, 8 and 9 in the North Vancouver Tennis Centre at 6:30 to register for play beginning at 7pm. We had at our disposal those three courts and the gathering area adjacent to them and chief organiser (and Programming Head) Ron Ranquist devised a system that called for four persons per court plus two. The two switched in to play after each game and after the occasional “what the heck do I do now” look, players seemed to catch on fairly quickly and some sprightly games ensued. The 25-minute turn-around seemed to work well and allowed for breathing time as well as time to discuss

the just-completed play and/or to solve a few of the world’s most urgent problems.

The evening featured the song stylings of Gwen Gouchee who serenaded the folks waiting for their turn on the courts as well as those whose volunteer responsibilities kept them tied to a table, those charged with replenishing foodstuffs, the party animals and those simply renewing old acquaintances. And after players finally vacated the courts at 9 o’clock, and following the prize-giving, Gwen led the assembled in a Christmas sing-a-long that was enthusiastically joined by singers and hummers alike. And between all of that, Peter Scholefield entertained us all with his impressive barrel organ and his equally impressive and ever-present smile. That’s the same Peter Scholefield who can be seen riding his bike on dark and stormy Tuesday and Thursday winter mornings, making his way from West Van to the Tennis Centre where he will display the formidable net-work and power serve and topspin forehand (and sneaky backhand) for which he is so well known.

The gathering was also treated to a guitar-bearing Syd Nash singing songs from his exotic past in a voice well-oiled over his nine plus decades entertaining his friends and family. A Christmas party tradition very much worth celebrating.

Food and drink were plentiful during the evening and the participants are grateful for the energy, style and good taste invested by distinguished members of the STANS Exec. Those good and generous volunteers offered a variety of drinks and goodies sufficient to please the most refined palate and their efforts are much appreciated.

It was a particular delight to welcome several new members to STANS. Their skills and smiles will enrich our Association. Here’s to a Happy and Healthy New Year for all....



PAT STANSFIELD

Pat passed away on May 18, 2015 at the age of 93. Those of us lucky enough to know her appreciated her dynamic personality.



In the mid '80s she was the driving force behind the creation of the Senior Tennis Association of the North Shore – popularly known as **STANS**. Sitting through endless, boring Council Meetings, she managed to convince the City and District of North Vancouver and West Vancouver to provide tennis courts to be set aside for seniors as she stated that this generation of seniors is far more active and will keep playing tennis until they are 80, which will keep them healthy and out of hospital....BRAVO, PAT!! Today there are many STANS players well up in the 80s still playing tennis.

Along with a few other dedicated colleagues, she played an important role in obtaining the Indoor Tennis Facility which we all enjoy today.

She was a great organizer, who planned many group vacations for STANS players. Everyone always enjoyed these holidays, which took a lot of time and planning on her part.

As well as tennis, Pat loved to dance. She was a member of the Silver Harbour Senior Activity Centre where she taught line dancing.

Many seniors' lives have been enriched by the friendships they've made through STANS. We all owe Pat a great deal of appreciation for her efforts in leaving such an amazing legacy as the Seniors Tennis Association of the North Shore.

Elizabeth Bishop & Shirley Young

PHOTO GALLERY



