



**SENIORS TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTH SHORE, Inc. 1988  
c/o Delbrook Community Centre  
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Leo Dear

I have not been active in the tennis community during the past winter as I am waiting for good vision to return to my right eye after the corneal transplant I had last September. My doctor told me to be patient as it can take up to a year before good vision returns. However, I'll be back on the courts this summer - good vision or not.

I have been told by those hard working winter Court Captains that tennis under the bubble continued as enthusiastically as ever despite the fact that there were a few "no shows" some mornings. My thanks to those who successfully organized and ran the morning sessions, and to those who played each day.

Dennis Rothgaber, who manages STANS membership, reports that in late February, STANS had 230 Active members (many of whom have not yet rejoined for 2008), 16 Life members and 3 Corporate members. Combined Appliances is our new Corporate member, thanks to the entrepreneurial skills of Pam Bonetti and we welcome their support.

Kurt Peiffer who manages our finances, reports that on January 31, 2008 we had \$5,552.68 in our current account, although \$3,057.60 will shortly be taken from that account to pay West Van Tennis Club for our winter rental of the bubble courts. In addition, the amount in our Term Deposit was \$5,546.57.

Two of our Board members, Jane Cramond and Mavis Weston, have decided to retire from the Board and will not continue after our April AGM. Dennis Rothgaber is planning to move to Seattle in May or June of 2008 and will also retire at the AGM but has agreed to help the next person who handles membership take over the role smoothly. I wish to thank all departing members for the work they so cheerfully carried out during their time on the Board. STANS members Will Phillips, Alf Orr and Kirsty Milligan have agreed to fill the vacant positions and will stand for election at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. Let me also offer a gentle reminder to those who have not yet sent in their renewals for 2008, to

please do so. Renewal forms can be handed in or filled in together with your annual fee at the AGM if that is more convenient. You must be a paid up member to vote at the AGM.

Please make every effort to attend our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday April 8, 2008 as under our Constitution a quorum of at least 20 members is required in order for the meeting to proceed.

### **2008 SOCIAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our Social and Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., in the Marine Room (cafeteria) at West Vancouver Seniors' Centre (695 - 21st Street).

We are pleased to announce that the following members are nominated to the board:

<b>Leo Dear</b>	<b>Kirsty Milligan</b>
<b>Ian Dirom</b>	<b>Alf Orr</b>
<b>John Kennedy</b>	<b>Kurt Peiffer</b>
<b>Katalin de Korompay</b>	<b>Will Phillips</b>

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Refreshments will be served and we will look forward to seeing you there.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

If you are a paid up member of STANS, you will receive our newsletters four 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. 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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## MEMBERSHIP

Dennis Rothgaber

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

### Corporate Member:

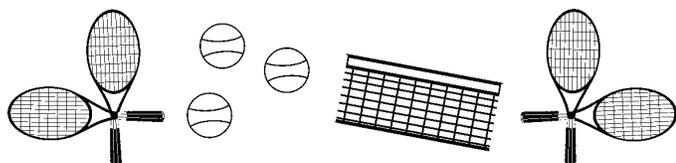
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### Individual Members:

**ANOLIEFO, Chiobi**  
**ARMSTRONG, John**  
**CATHERWOOD, Jack**  
**LONGE, Robert**  
**MYERS, Ray**

*Also - please welcome returning member:*

**McDONALD, Ian**



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## THANKS

The executive of STANS is grateful to retiring members **Jane Cramond**, **Dennis Rothgaber** and **Mavis Weston** for their dedication to duty in support of STANS. **Jane** has done a terrific job taking care of our social responsibilities. Her attention to detail, her planning skills and her good taste have served STANS very well indeed over the years. **Dennis** has been our membership person and has kept impeccable records. His fertile mind has added to the organization of the summer picnic and the Christmas party and his willingness to participate as a Court Captain through the fall and winter bubble season has been the icing on the cake. **Mavis** has kept a keen eye on the STANS email account and has assiduously deleted enough spam to make sure your messages got through to the people who needed to see them. Mavis has also generously lent her time and energy as the key helper at our social events. A hearty round of applause goes to each of you with our thanks for a job well done.

## BC SENIORS GAMES

The BC Seniors games will be held in Prince George from September 10-13, 2008. 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. You can also find out more about the games at [www.bcseniorgames.org](http://www.bcseniorgames.org).

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

Age Categories will be for Men and Women: 55-59 years of age, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, and 80+ years of age. Events in all age categories will be: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Each player may enter a maximum of two (2) events. For North Shore Seniors interested in playing tennis in the 2008 BC Seniors Games in Prince George, please contact Howard Lowe for more information on tryout/playoff dates and how to get involved in the BC Seniors Games. We'll look forward to hearing your stories.

## OVER THESE PAST MONTHS . . .

. . .several long time contributors to STANS have passed away.

On November 10, 2007, **Waring Pentland** passed away in North Vancouver. Waring was a long-time member and supporter of STANS and he drafted the first feasibility study that was the template for what turned out to be a successful initiative, the creation of the Grant Connell Tennis Centre. The North Shore Indoor Tennis Association grew out of that work and it spawned the North Vancouver Tennis Society that is now the public partner in the operation of the GCTC.

On December 3, 2007, **Frank Gartner** passed away and Betty Bishop prepared the following tribute: The tennis community of the North Shore lost a great friend and supporter with the death of Frank Gartner. He was one of the pioneers responsible for the development of tennis on the North Shore. In the early days he and Elmer Helm rented a trailer and had it installed at the old Capilano Club on Capilano road. I am sure some of you will remember playing there. He made sure it was staffed in order to collect fees to play in the bubble. He kept meticulous financial records which favourably impressed the municipalities and helped convince them of the need for tennis facilities in our area.

He also helped form the North Shore Tennis Association which eventually resulted in the construction of the Grant Connell Tennis Centre. He will be both remembered and missed.

On January 26, 2008, long time STANS member **June Cherry** passed away at home in the presence of her family. June was an active volunteer in the community, enjoyed cross-country ski outings during the winter months and could often be found on summer mornings at the Ambleside and Benbow tennis courts.

**Betty Tyner** passed away on February 23. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Ralph, in 2001. Betty and Ralph were active in STANS since its beginning and together organized the summer round-robin tennis and the Christmas tennis party for several years. They also participated in the STANS Bridge Group. Betty and Ralph loved their tennis and everyone loved them.

STANS extends its condolences to the families of these good people

## SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

**April 1, 2008 to October 1, 2008**

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

Murdo Frazer 3 courts Monday through Friday inclusive

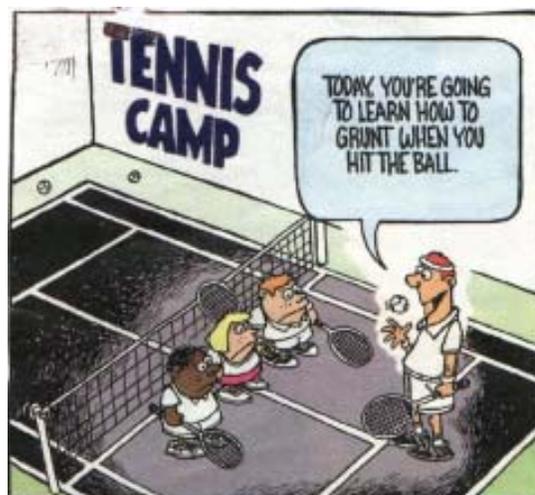
Cates Park 2 courts Tuesday, Thursday

Cloverly 2 courts Monday through Friday inclusive

**West Vancouver**

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

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



## Volunteers needed as Court Captains

If you are able to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ian Dirom.

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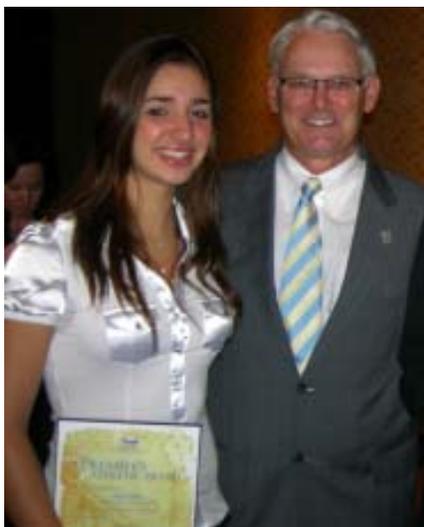
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## GRANTS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

We have asked the tennis coaches at the Grant Connell Tennis Centre and the West Vancouver Tennis Club to recommend the names of up-and-coming young tennis players who would benefit from grants from STANS in 2008. When we have those names we will seek member approval to award grants to all or some of the nominees at the Annual General meeting on April 8th.

Stefi Gjine is one of the young players who has enjoyed the support of STANS for some years now and we thought you might be interested in her current activities. On February 17, 2008, the Premier of BC presented Stefi with an Award of Excellence as the best female player in the province during the past year. Stefi is about to take up a full scholarship at one of the top ten universities in North America...the University of North Carolina, which has produced some top professional sports people, among them Michael Jordan (basketball) and MIA Hamm (soccer). We wish Stefi continued success as she begins this new phase of her career.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY & ROUND-ROBIN

Our ever-faithful Programs person, Ian Dirom and his many helpers treated us all to a delightful evening on Sunday December 9, 2007 at the West Vancouver Tennis Club. Almost 40 players turned up and some sparkling tennis was the happy result. Dennis Rothgaber's structural skills made sure that the scheduling went without a hitch (unlike last year when John Kennedy found himself winging it, to confusing avail) and Leo Dear's gentle welcoming instructions to all participants made for a very pleasant beginning to our evening. Jane Cramond's culinary skills were ably supplemented by helper Mavis Weston and the assembled players and friends were treated to delicious and plentiful eats. Gwen Gouchee generously agreed to provide the entertainment and all enjoyed a vigorous sing-along under her skilled musical leadership. Syd Nash brought along his guitar and his splendid voice and added a practiced note to the proceedings to the delight of the weary players. Santa Claus (who was that bearded man?) arrived just in time and proceeded to hand out no-fat goodies and Merry Christmas wishes in his booming and somehow familiar voice. You can find some photos from the gathering elsewhere in this newsletter. Our thanks go to all the organizers and all who attended. The evening was a very pleasant start to the holiday season.

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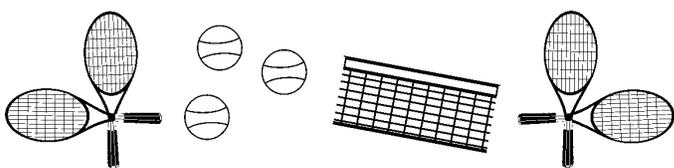
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## Photo Gallery

