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OF THE NORTH SHORE, Inc. 1988**
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Leo Dear

I joined the STANS Executive at the March 25, 2003 AGM. At our AGM which will be held on April 15, 2009 I will have served on the Executive for 6 years. I will then retire as required by our Constitution.

Unfortunately, because of the operations on both my eyes I have not been able to see well enough to play tennis the last 2 winters. However I hope to be able to return to tennis on the outdoor courts this coming summer. I have missed playing and will have a lot of catch-up to do this year.

At our March 4th meeting STANS Treasurer Kurt Peiffer reported that on February 28th we had \$5,751.31 in our current account. There are outstanding liabilities at this time that can easily be paid from this account. Kurt will provide full details at the AGM. In addition there is \$5,046.57 in our Term Deposit.

Kurt will retire from the Executive at the April AGM as he will have served 7 years, having been authorized to serve an extra year at our AGM on April 8, 2008. Kurt has carefully managed STANS finances over the years and has truly earned our thanks for a job well done.

STANS Membership Director Will Phillips reported that our present membership numbers are 212 Active members (many of whom have not yet renewed), 15 Life members and 5 Corporate members. Thanks go to Ian Dirom for recruiting the Racket Shack on lower Lonsdale as our 5th Corporate member.

My thanks go to John Kennedy for his sterling efforts in always producing such interesting and informative Newsletters and to Ian Dirom for his successful management of the Summer and Winter programs. Thanks to Kirsty Milligan and Katalin De Korompay for handling the Secretarial, Publicity and Social tasks so competently, to Will Phillips for his organised approach on the Membership file and to Alf Orr for accepting responsibility as our new Treasurer.

We asked the Tennis Directors of the GCTC, WVTC and NSWC for names of talented junior players who will benefit from grants of \$500. All have responded so we will seek membership approval at the AGM to award 3 grants in 2009.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on STANS Executive. I've had the pleasure of working with several talented and dedicated members who share the same enthusiasm for STANS. We have not had the demanding work load performed by the early STANS Executives, but we believe our efforts have continued to "enhance the enjoyment of life...of active senior tennis players"; one of the key aims set out in the STANS Constitution.

Finally, I urge you to attend the Wednesday, April 15th AGM at the West Van Seniors' Centre. We will need your input and advice on some of the matters that will be on the agenda. If any of you have not renewed your membership for 2009, you will be able to do so at the AGM.

2009 SOCIAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Social and Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, from 4:00 - 6:00 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:

Sandy Barker

Kirsty Milligan

Ian Dirom

Alf Orr

John Kennedy

Will Phillips

Katalin de Korompay

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

Membership renewal forms will be available so you can sign up for 2009 if you haven't already done so. Refreshments will be served and we will look forward to seeing you there.

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MEMBERSHIP

Will Phillips

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

Corporate Member:

RACKET SHACK **604-980-7188**
240 Lonsdale Avenue
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Individual Members:

WATCHORN, Joan
WOTHERSPOON, Moira

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

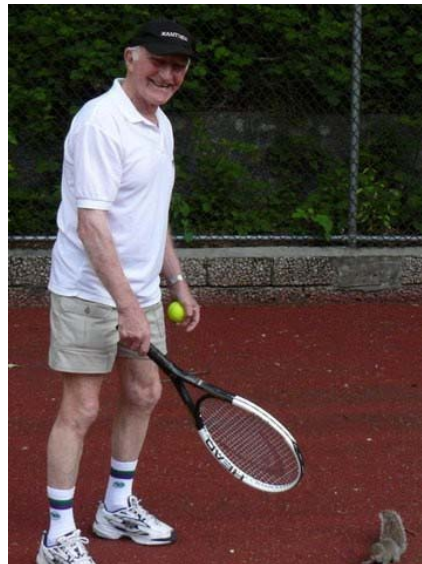
If you are a paid up member of STANS, you will receive our newsletters three times a year. If you have not registered as a member and/or have not yet paid your membership, we would encourage you to do so now to avoid disappointment. And we'll miss you, so please renew so we can all stay in touch. And 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.

WELCOME RACKET SHACK

We are delighted to welcome **Racket Shack** as our newest Corporate Member. Racket Shack can supply all your tennis needs from balls to racquets to shoes to whites. Owner **Greg Johnson** has been the official stringer for the Odlum Brown Open and has managed to keep a wide cross-section of well-known tennis pros happy. Racket Shack is conveniently located on the east side of Lonsdale just south of 3rd and they'll do a good job for you. Thanks to Ian Dirom for initiating this and to Greg Johnson for his support of STANS.

THANKS

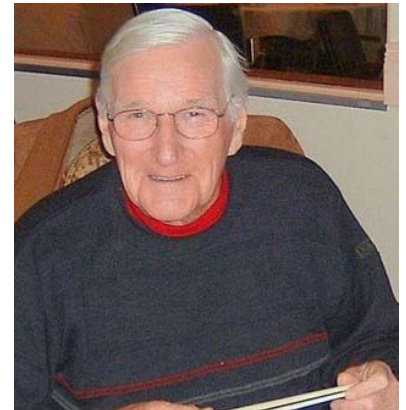
The executive of STANS is grateful to retiring members Leo Dear and Kurt Peiffer for their dedication



to duty in support of STANS. Our President for the past three years, Leo Dear has been a superb leader, always organised, always full of good ideas and always generous in his consideration of the questions and challenges he dealt with on our behalf over the years. Leo

has been a co-organiser and volunteer at both the Christmas party and the Annual Picnic and Round-Robin events

for many years. Our Treasurer Kurt Peiffer has done an impeccable job for seven years now. We are indebted to him for the organisational, mathematical and personal skills he brought to his task and for keeping his



fellow Board members in line. Kurt's delightful smile and volunteer contributions to STANS are much appreciated. A hearty round of applause goes to both of you with our thanks for a job well done.



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IXTAPA

Betty Bishop

March 5, 2009 Grey skies, cold and rainy North Shore, turquoise ocean, warm sunshine and blue Mexican skies. Ten STANS members decided on Ixtapa's Club Med in sunny Mexico for a week of sun and fun in early December.



Everyone found their own amusement activity. Gwenda Louie lounged under a shady palm with a cool mojito at hand. Eva Belas and Marg Pahr explored Ixtapa and Zihuatanejo. Wendy took aquacises while Pam B. watched and snoozed poolside. Ruth D, and Kay Sun played fast and furious table tennis. Vi Jordan went looking for the shops while Phyllis C collected a medal in tennis. I tried to finish my book . . . I knew I shouldn't have taken War and Peace!

However, the highlight of our day was the morning lesson with the pro . . . Francisco (alias McDreamy!) We never missed a session! . . . It was a great week . . . good



tennis and good friends . . . highly recommended. And our thanks go to Cindy Horton at our Corporate member Infinity Travel for her great work in putting this trip together.

SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

April 1, 2009 to October 1, 2009

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)

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.

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 Richmond, 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.



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STANS MEMBERS WERE SADDENED TO LEARN

...that long-time member Jack Robertson died on December 30, 2008. Jack was a familiar and much admired figure on courts around the North Shore and we extend our condolences to his wife Brenda and to their family.



And Art Barker, husband of STANS member Sandy Barker, died on December 6th last. Art practiced Family Medicine on the North Shore for 35 years. We extend our condolences to Sandy and their family.

GRANTS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS - UPDATE

Here's an update on the young players to whom STANS gave grants in 2008. Filip Peliwo played in Florida in December and reached the quarter-finals in the Eddie Herr tournament and later in the month, the semi-finals in the Junior Orange Bowl, Boys 14 category. Steffi Gjine has been sidelined from tennis for the past six months due to injuries she sustained in an automobile accident. Just weeks ago she finally returned to the courts at the University of North Carolina, played two matches and happily managed to beat her opponents in straight sets. Arisha Ladhani recently finished #2 in the U14 Provincial selection cup to qualify for the national championships. Her win puts her on the Tennis BC squad that will compete at the U14 indoor Nationals in Edmonton in April. She has also been accepted into the Sentinel High School Super Achievers program in September that will give her additional training time. She continues to be a straight "A" student.

Again this year, tennis coaches on the North Shore have named up-and-coming junior tennis players who would benefit from the grants we give each year. They have proposed three candidates and we will seek member approval for all or some of the nominees at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday April 15th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS COURT CAPTAINS

STANS has benefitted greatly from the generosity of members who have volunteered as Court Captains. If you are able to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ian Dirom.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ROUND-ROBIN

Our ever-faithful Programs Director, Ian Dirom and his many helpers treated us all to a delightful evening on Sunday December 7, 2008 at the West Vancouver Tennis Club. Almost 40 players turned up and the tennis was both gently competitive and nicely skilled. Ian Dirom had the scheduling down pat and his capacity for multi-tasking was a joy to behold as he welcomed participants (with the help of his chief assistant, Leo Dear), filled in player sheets, handed out numbers, explained what was going on and answered the usual multitude of questions. Kirsty Milligan, in her first outing as provider of the feast, did an admirable job with the food and drink and managed to serve many tastes in the process. And it was all done with her usual delightful smile. Gwen Gouchee again led the assembled members in a seasonal sing-along, accompanied from time to time by Peter Scholefield on his beautiful barrel organ. You can find some photos from the gathering elsewhere in this newsletter. Our thanks go to all the organizers and helpers and all who attended. The evening was a very pleasant start to the holiday season.



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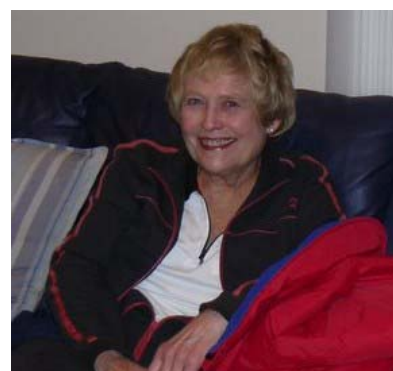
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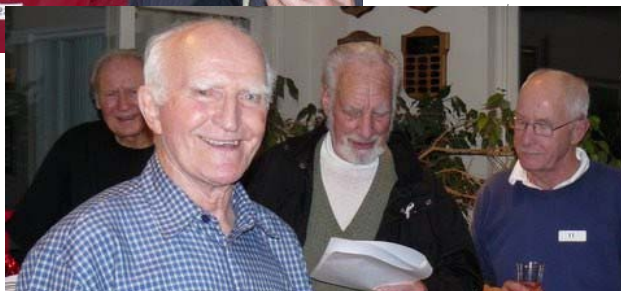
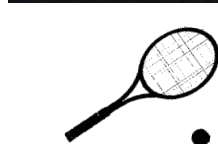


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MORE CHRISTMAS FUN



Friday Bubble Group

Monday Bubble Group

