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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John H. Kennedy

I'm just now coming off my Olympic high. I spent much of the last two weeks of February as a volunteer Host at Canada Hockey Place (AKA GM Place). As it happens, my schedule began with a shift at BC Place for the final rehearsal of the Opening Ceremonies. Lest you think it's a glamorous life, I spent two hours in the rain smiling and helping visitors find their way . . . and then another two hours in the airlock smiling and helping soaked guests with strollers, wheelchairs etc get into the bubble. The remaining five hours of that shift were spent indoors helping people find what they needed or get to where they wanted to go. My shifts at Canada Hockey Place also included a lot of smiling during cool nights in the first week and sunny days in the second. I worked during the final Canada-USA hockey game but saw none of it because I spent my entire time checking accreditations of people who wanted access to the Media Centre. I met lots of delightful people from all over Canada and the world and had a wonderful time being a tiny part of a huge event. I loved the buzz in the downtown streets, on the sky train, busses and sea bus. My blue jacket was a magnet for questions and chat and it was fun sharing information about our beautiful part of the world with people who were experiencing it for the first time. I'd do it all over again in a minute.

But I missed a lot of tennis. I managed to get one session in on a weekend morning before my 4-midnight shift and it sure was nice to move these aging legs around rather than stand in more-or-less one place as my volunteer shifts required.

Bubble tennis is thriving on Mondays thanks to the energy and organizational skills of Ian Dirom and the stalwarts show up at 0600 full of vim and vigour and ready to play. We continue to talk with the people at the Grant Connell Tennis Centre about the possibility of early morning tennis there and we'll let you know when we have some concrete news. Keep an eye on the STANS website which you'll find at www.seniorstennis.ca. There's

also regular outdoor action over at Cloverley beginning around 1pm weekdays and you're welcome to drop by.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, our Annual General Meeting is taking place on Wednesday April 14, 2010 beginning at 4pm. I hope you will take the time to come out, meet many of your STANS friends, share some good food and a few laughs, give us all the benefit of your wisdom and your advice and cast your vote on the way your Directors have been doing their jobs. I'll look forward to seeing you there.



MEMBERSHIP

Will Phillips

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

SKOLSKY, Judy

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.

2010 SOCIAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Social and Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 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 have agreed to stand as Directors:

Sandy Barker
Ian Dirom
John Kennedy
Kirsty Milligan
Alf Orr
Will Phillips
Moira Wotherspoon

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 forms will be available so you can sign up for 2010 if you haven't already done so.

THANKS

The Directors of STANS are grateful to retiring Director **Katalin de Korompay**. Katalin has served the organization very well indeed over her six years on the Executive. She has been responsible for publicity (she's managed to get the North Shore News to cover our picnic every year during her tenure) and for social correspondence on behalf of the STANS Directors and members. Katalin has also had the pleasure of presenting grants on behalf of STANS to our up-and-coming junior players.

Thank you Katalin for a job well done.



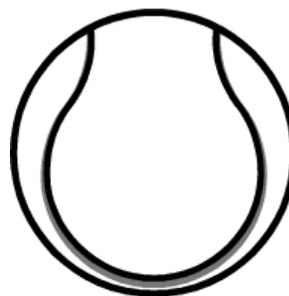
GRANTS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS . . .UPDATE

We thought you'd like to know what's happened to our grantees during the past year:

Arisha Ladhani was a finalist at the last Tennis BC provincial circuit event in January (in the U16 division event though she is still U14). She is training hard in anticipation of representing BC at the U14 Nationals in April.

Filip Peliwo has been touring in Central and South America with Tennis Canada. His main goal was to gain some experience playing the best clay court junior players in the world. He did very well - thanks to many wins over highly ranked players, he jumped from the 370th to 150th spot in the ITF U18 world ranking. Filip is now preparing in Montreal for his first two professional tournaments.

Kyryll Kryvchun broke his left wrist snowboarding at the end of January. He was still able to play but with his cast and a two-handed backhand, he wasn't up to full speed. No sooner was that cast removed than he broke his right wrist during a fitness program. Kyryll has had to miss his winter season (but was seen on the courts a week ago, complete with cast) and expects to be training hard in May to prepare for the summer National competitions.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ROUND-ROBIN

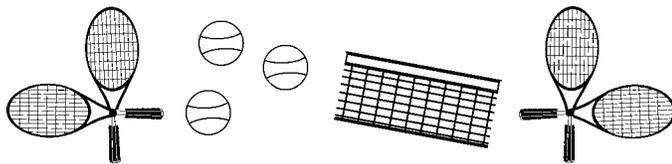
Thank you to Ian Dirom for organising the tennis, Gwen Gouchee for leading the sing-a-long, Syd Nash for his guitar accompaniment, Kirsty Milligan and Sandy Barker for food preparation and to all the other helping hands. There were 37 players participating and three hardy lads got extra play to complete the 40-player round robin which was held in two 20-player flights. Also, three guests joined in the fun and food. A great way to spend a Sunday evening and kick off the Festive Season.



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SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

April 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010

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Murdo Frazer	3 courts	Monday through Friday inclusive
Cates Park	2 courts	Tuesday, Thursday
Cloverley	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 hosted by Comox Valley and Campbell River, from September 15-18, 2010. 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 2010 BC Seniors Games, 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.

MOVING ALONG

One of our long-time Corporate members, Travel Concepts has recently consolidated their offices in their West Vancouver location.

Cindy Horton tells us that you can now find them at 1716 Marine Drive in Ambleside Village and she offers good coffee to go with the good advice for which she and her colleagues are so well known.



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SOME INTERESTING HISTORY

Ten years ago this month a STANS pioneer, the late Frank Gartner, contributed an article to the STANS newsletter on the history of the North Vancouver Tennis Society (NVTs). Given the current proposal to expand the Grant Connell tennis facility (see our website www.seniorstennis.ca for details), you might enjoy this excerpt from Frank's article.

"A survey commissioned by the District of North Vancouver in 1992, firmly established the need for a North Shore Public Indoor Tennis playing facility. By 1995, no action had been taken for any implementation. That year the North Shore Indoor Tennis Association (NSITCA) was incorporated. Its mission was to pressure the District and City to get on with the job of building a public indoor tennis centre. A 26mil.dollar borrowing referendum-which included a 4-court 1.5 mil public indoor tennis facility-was approved in late 1996. The NSITCA strongly objected to a 4-court facility, realizing that the demand and economic viability called for a minimum 6-court centre. Subsequently, both the NSITCA and the Recreation Commission made numerous submissions to convince Council of the necessity for having 6 courts. This required an additional \$500,000 in capital funds.

Council approved a \$500,000 loan from the Heritage Fund, repayable over a ten-year term.

The NSITCA, having achieved its original mission, decided to change its name to the North Vancouver Tennis Society. The new goals of the NVTs are to enlarge the tennis centre by adding outdoor courts, building other indoor facilities and promoting the sport of tennis."

(Editor's note: This past October, the Grant Cornell Tennis Centre celebrated its 10th Anniversary and a central part of that celebration was the presentation of a cheque in the amount of \$644,198.00 by NVTs to the Recreation Commission. This represents payment in full of the \$500,000.00 loan (plus interest) Frank Gartner referred to in the above article. The Grant Cornell Tennis Centre remains the only Recreation Commission entity that has revenues in excess of its operating costs and over the past ten years, those excess revenues paid off that loan).

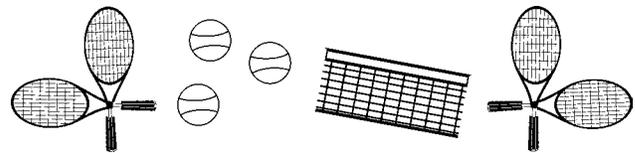
Frank went on to say, "Your \$5.00 annual membership in the NVTs will indicate your support of its goals and help provide the necessary funds to accomplish them." Those words are as true today as they were ten years ago. If you'd like to join the NVTs, send an email to seniorstennis@yahoo.com and we'll send you an application form. Or simply ask any STANS Director who can arrange to get one to you.

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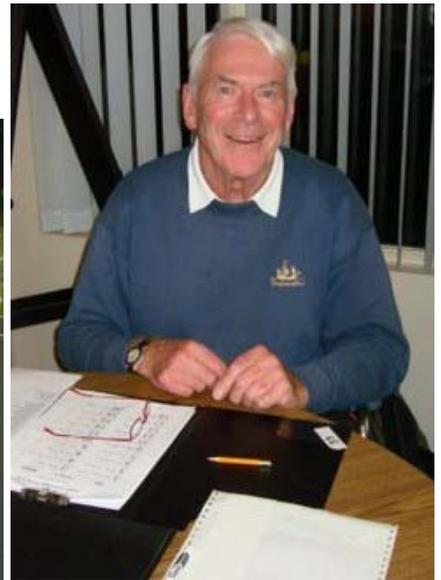
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Centre for the Annual General Meeting
and Social.



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