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**President's Report. Variath Kutty**

The good news is that we don't have any Executives retiring this year. The current team, including new members who have joined us last year, has become a cohesive group. Every member of the team deserves thanks, but our social events owe much to the help given by Ron, Judith, Pari and Bella. I take this opportunity to thank our Executives and the many hard working volunteers for their willing and cheerful help.

John Kennedy, Will Phillips and Tom Laughlin, group captains for our indoor tennis have been commendably efficient in running their programs. Apart from booking courts for the teams looked after by Shirley and Bob Young, they ask for little help and run their group programs like a tight ship. For some reason interest in our Friday indoor play has dwindled and we only needed to book two courts for this season, as opposed to three that we used to book in the past.

Ron Ranquist is coping very well with the difficult job of negotiating and booking indoor courts with North Vancouver Tennis Center. As both Tennis Centre and Rec Commission are involved, the task of getting everything organized is quite demanding.

North Shore News has been very generous with their support by publishing photographs from our summer picnic and this year by including a small paragraph about our summer programs. I thank them and Pari Koch for this.

Many of our members organize little groups and play outdoors in summer months. Whilst I understand that such groups are necessary to

provide challenging games, may I urge players to come one or two days in a week and join the unorganized games played at Murdo Frazer, Cloverly, etc. Play commences at eight in the morning and continues until noon. In playing social tennis, the emphasis is more in having a good time than a competitive game.

For the ready reference of our readers, our web address is: [www.seniortennis.ca](http://www.seniortennis.ca) and our email address is [ns.seniorstennis@gmail.com](mailto:ns.seniorstennis@gmail.com).



**2015 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 have agreed to stand as Directors:

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

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 2015 if you haven't already done so.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

**Denis Martell**

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

- Wendy Wilcox
- Craig Houston
- Steven Cymet

**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 three young and upcoming tennis players from their respective coaches.

Stefan Mitrovic – Recommended by Wayne Elderton of North Shore Tennis Centre.

Jovan Sihota – Recommended by Fabio Walker of Northshore Winter Club.

Sam Gouineili - Recommended by Paul Tornquist of West Vancouver Tennis Club.

The 55+ BC games will take place in North Shore from August 25 to August 29, 2015. 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 [colmav@shaw.ca](mailto:colmav@shaw.ca).

The link to their website is <http://www.bcseniorgames.org/>

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  
15, 2015**

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**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

I would like to report that all of STANS events and programs for 2014/2015 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:

**NORTHSHORE OUTDOOR COURTS:**

The North Vancouver District Courts have been booked from April to October 2015 as follows:

Murdo Frazer and Cloverly courts will not be available for play for the period 24th to 28th August due to 55+ BC Games.

**MURDO FRAZER**

3 Courts: Monday to Friday  
Times: 8:00 am to Noon

**CATES PARK**

2 Courts: Tuesday and Thursday  
Times: 8:00 am to Noon

**CLOVERLY**

2 Courts: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
Times: 8:00 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: 7:00 am to 9:00 am

**BENBOW**

2 Courts: Tuesday and Thursday  
Times: 8:00 am to Noon

Murdo Frazer courts have been the most popular ones on the North Shore.

There has not been much interest in the West Vancouver courts.

**ANNUAL PICNIC AND ROUND-ROBIN EVENT**

The annual event is scheduled to be held at Murdo Frazer on Wednesday, August 5th with a rainout date of Thursday, August 6th.

Attendance is holding steady at about 60 players, including guests. No significant changes are planned for this year's event. Again, there will be prizes and good food.

**FALL AND WINTER INDOOR TENNIS**

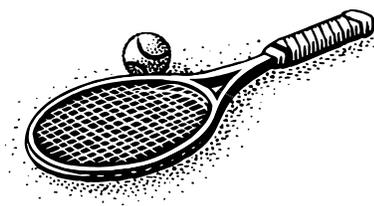
Our Fall and Winter Indoor Tennis sessions (October to April) at North Vancouver Tennis Centre have gone well.

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). We notice that Friday session had less interest and we only booked two courts this season.

**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  
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For several years now, Patricia Edgar (Pat) has been writing an amusing picture of STANS players with whom she plays on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Here are a few lines from her last year's composition in the tune of Thenardiers' song from "Les Miserables".

**Introduction:**

Welcome, old hacks, end of the year  
Look all around, tennis buddies are here.  
They may not seem the athletic kind,  
But as you know, we're the best you can find!  
Tennis buffs are we: here for all to see,  
Players of strong intent who all strive to be...

**Chorus:**

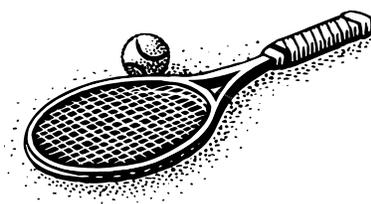
Masters of the court, aging every day  
We get up at dawn, and you should see us play!  
Facing morning's chill, we show no dismay,  
Don a few more layers and continue play.  
Organized by Bob and Shirley, all of us the friendly sort,  
Enjoying games together, proud that we are  
'Masters of the Court'!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are saddened to learn Marian Goddard passed away. Her friend and tennis partner Ian McDonald pays tribute to Marian. Marian passed away on December 2, 2014.



Marian Goddard was a skilled tennis player who chased down balls and scored big points. She delighted in playing senior doubles and players sought her out as a partner. Besides being a lovely person to be with Marian was a true friend. She had a positive attitude and mostly said "Yes" to any adventure whether it was hiking in the Himalayas or wading in the Ganges River. On a trip to Northern India, which Marian helped organize, she financially supported a Buddhist Nun, visited two Tibetan orphanages and met with the Dalai Lama's sister in law. Marian adhered to the Buddhist faith, meditated regularly and followed her daily intention of being kind to all beings. She is greatly missed.



**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND TENNIS EVENT**

John Kennedy

Once upon a time on a wintry night....

December 7 2014....the stores are already showing off their festive garb in the hopes of earning a few more dollars than last year....but 40 plus STANS members have visions of tennis balls dancing in their heads and are ready to take on all comers. It's 6:30 on a dark and stormy evening and time for the

annual STANS Christmas Party and Round-Robin in the indoor warmth of the newly expanded and newly re-named North Vancouver Tennis Centre.

The well-organised and very generous team of Judith Bicknell and Pari Koch are setting food out on the tables...The ever-faithful Gwen Gouchee is plugging in her computer and sound system, ready to entertain the gathering hordes once she has won a few points with her devastatingly accurate cross-court shots...and Peter Scholefield is in a back corner warming up his barrel organ before he springs its cheery carols on us all.

On the way in STANS players and friends are greeted by Program Director Ron Ranquist who with his colleagues Kutty, Will Phillips and Tom Laughlin collects money to cover the costs of the evening and a bit more money to renew memberships. Cheques are flying, names are inscribed and there is a buzz in the air as anticipation heightens in the few remaining minutes before the games begin. The usual questions are put to those who might know the answers...how does this work?? Who am I playing with?? I've forgotten my glasses, how do I read that chart?? How do you read that chart anyway?? But it all gets sorted out and the games finally begin.

Those of us who don't make the first cut are left to enjoy the food and the conversation while we wait for our turn on the courts. It seems there are too many men...or too few men...darned if I can remember exactly which way the discussion went. But men were at the centre of the issue, whatever it was....I'm pretty sure about that.

The tennis was fun...the conversation always enlightening and the food and entertainment first rate. The annual sing-a-long reminded many of us just how many Christmas carols we can no longer remember the words to and rumour has it (because this writer had to be absent for a while and missed some of the goings-on) that the talented, mischievous and very entertaining Syd Nash treated the crowd with what might pass as a cheeky take on Christmas. This writer made a phone call or two and learned that the song featured a girl named Trini who didn't wear nothin' else but a mini. A cautionary tale to be sure. Wish I'd been there.

Our thanks go to all of those whose presence infused the evening with a crackling energy, to those whose volunteer efforts organised and fed and watered us and kept us entertained and to those who stayed around to help with the clean-up. It was a good gathering.

## *PHOTO GALLERY*



