



**SENIORS TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Leo Dear

This must have been one of the worst summers on record for many years as far as our STANS tennis players were concerned. August was the wettest on record and some of the other months didn't seem much better. Still, I noticed that on the dryer days STANS tennis players were out in droves on the Murdo Fraser courts. It is gratifying that the Summer Tennis Guidelines which were first mentioned in the June 2007 Newsletter and implemented that year, have apparently been accepted and used by our players.

You will read details elsewhere in this Newsletter about our almost-rained-out summer picnic, but it was clear that despite the rain, those that came enjoyed themselves as few left before the award of prizes. Eva Bloomer won the famous Brenda Sacre Memorial Trophy and was absolutely delighted at her success as you can tell from the photo you'll find later in this Newsletter. The coveted week in John Haywood's condo at Cabo was won by "Lucky" Bob Hardman and I'm sure he was just as delighted with his win as Eva was with hers.

I'm told the "bubble" tennis got off to a good start on Monday October 13th, and that the Court Captains have all done a great job in finding early morning risers to fill the courts and arranging the games each morning. Once again I will not be able to play this winter as I had a cornea transplant operation on my left eye in early October and am not able to see clearly from it yet.

Our membership numbers have slipped a little since last year. Will Phillips our Membership Director advises that we have 212 Active Members, 15 Life Members and 4 Corporate Members this year. That compares with 231, 18 and 3 reported for the same positions in our November 2007 Newsletter.

Kurt Peiffer our Treasurer reported that on October 31, 2008, we had \$1,076.10 in our current account, and \$5,046.57 in our Term Deposit. Three \$500 grants were given to up-and-coming junior players in 2008.

The next event on our social calendar is the Christmas Social. I hope to see many of you there.

## **CHRISTMAS TENNIS SOCIAL**

Date: **Sunday, December 7, 2008**

Where: **West Vancouver Tennis Club  
821 - 21st Street, West Van**

Time: **7:15 pm Registration  
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm Play**

Cost: **\$8.00 for players  
\$3.00 for party only**

Please tell us if you are coming.  
We are only able to accommodate 40 players.  
The first 20 men and 20 women to register with  
Ian Dirom by **emailing him at  
seniorstennis@yahoo.com  
on or before November 24** will play.

Non-players are welcome to join us.  
There'll be lots of friendly people,  
the finger food is always delicious  
and we'd be delighted to have you join us.

There will be two sessions of play (40 minutes each)  
for each player with a 30 minute break between  
sessions to allow the whole group to socialize.

Refreshments provided by STANS



## **SUNSHINE IN DECEMBER**

With the assistance of Cindy Horton at Infinity Travel, one of our corporate members, Betty Bishop has put together a trip to Ixtapa, Mexico. Eight STANS members will spend a week in the sun and will no doubt return with tales of exciting tennis matches and other adventures. We hope they'll send us some photos for a future edition of the STANS Newsletter.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Will Phillips

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

**Barker, Sandy**

**Carrion, Antonio**

**Chow, Helen**

**Damji, Mohamed**

**Grigull, Rolf**

**Hoffman, Helen**

**Lanz, Adolf**

**McLuckie, Elaine**

**Newton, Paul**

**Sheane-Olson, Lorna**

**Volker, Arthur**

## STANS 20th ANNIVERSARY

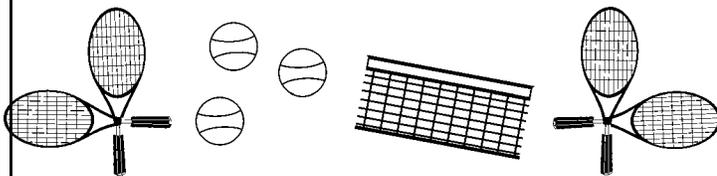
John Kennedy

Twenty years ago, on August 17, 1988, a group of senior tennis players got together to create the Seniors Tennis Association of the North Shore or as it is now popularly known, S.T.A.N.S. Their foresight, energy, determination and persuasiveness gave rise to an organisation that has earned the respect of the community. They were the driving force behind a "winter" tennis facility, now a reality known as the Grant Connell Tennis Centre in North Vancouver. They paved the way to secure the privileged access we continue to enjoy to public courts at Murdo Fraser, Cloverly and Cates Park in North Van and Ambleside and Benbow in West Van.

The people at that first meeting assumed pro tem positions, and they were Ann and Art Erlebach (Treasurer), Pat and Terry Field (President), Waring Pentland (Secretary) and Pat Stansfield. (Vice President). Three people who had been invited but were unable to make that first meeting were nominated as Directors Marge Nelson, Diana McKay and Jim Price. The first public meeting of this organisation was held on October 12, 1988 at which time Jim Price became President, Pat Stansfield, Vice-President, Waring Pentland, Secretary and Art Erlebach, Treasurer with Terry Field as Past President and Directors Mary Ensworth, Vivian Karran, Frank Kearns and Marj Nelson. By mid-November they had 89 members.

Their good work has touched hundreds of seniors over the past twenty years and we acknowledge and thank them for their efforts.

Our archives contain a note from one of the driving forces in STANS, Pat Stansfield, who had a discussion with a District Planning official and regaled him with a list of reasons to put the needs of seniors tennis players high on their priority list . . .one of which was "It goes without saying that this generation of seniors is far more active and hope to keep playing until they are 80! Tennis will help keep them out of the hospitals!!" Bravo Pat . . .thanks to you, to your colleagues and to the generations of STANS volunteers and players who followed, we have lots of over-eighty players on the courts every week. And we have an organisation that continues to renew itself and to thrive.



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL JANUARY 2009-DECEMBER 2009

*Now's the time to do it!*

A registration form for the 2009 year is included with this newsletter. All members wishing to continue their membership are asked to complete the form and sign and mail it, together with the \$15.00 per person fee, to the address shown on the form. **Please do this before the end of December.**

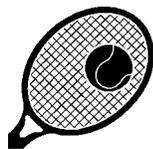
## SUMMER PICNIC AND ROUND-ROBIN

About 45 stalwart souls showed up for the 20th anniversary round robin and picnic held at Murdo Fraser courts. It was a dreary day between even drearier days with sprinkles of rain every now and again but play and good conversation went on undiminished by the damp. By the time the competition was over . . .and just before the lunch was served, players took to the trees to share stories and renew acquaintances under increasingly threatening skies.

A warm thank-you to all who came to join in the fun and to make it a successful event. Bob Hardman (with an assist from John Bishop) was the lucky winner of the week at John Haywood's villa in Cabo. And a combination of tennis skills and grace saw perennial favourite Eva Bloomer take home the coveted Brenda Sacre trophy.

Thanks go to Ian Dirom and his happy band of volunteers with particular thanks to Alf Orr whose debut as Social Director was completely successful despite a major effort by the weather folk to put a damper on his and our parade. Thanks as well to the hardy crew who came at 0700 to sweep the courts, do the set-up, run the event and pitch in wherever needed: Leo Dear, Kirsty Milligan, Dennis Murray and Will Phillips.

Thank  
You!



## INDOOR TENNIS in the WEST VAN BUBBLE

STANS has again booked the West Van Bubble for early mornings on Mondays and Fridays. The fall session is underway and the winter season begins in the first week in January. We warm up from 6:45am 'till 7:00am, then play three 35 minute segments until 8:45 am.

All the regular spots are already filled, but we're always looking for spares and it's a great way to begin the day! So, if you are interested in joining our early morning group, please call Ian Dirom or E-mail at [seniortennis@yahoo.com](mailto:seniortennis@yahoo.com).

## 2008 GRANT RECIPIENTS

During the summer, Katalin de Korompay and Leo Dear presented our three grant recipients, Steffi Gjine, Arisha Ladhani from Grant Connell Tennis Centre and Filip Peliwo



from Northshore Winter Club with their \$500.00 grants from STANS. These young people have very active



schedules and they continue to excel in the tennis world. We wish them all great success as they follow their dreams.



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## OVER THESE PAST MONTHS . . .

. . . several long time contributors to STANS have passed away and STANS extends its condolences to the families of all these good people.

**Bob Morris** passed away on April 20, 2008, in North Vancouver. Bob was one of the early supporters of STANS, a very good tennis player and a gentleman both on and off the courts. Bob was also an accomplished swimmer and he and his wife Jess both taught swimming before coming to Canada.

On June 7, 2008, **Vic Scott** passed away in North Vancouver. Vic was a regular at the Cloverly courts and is remembered as a fine tennis player and a very good bridge player. Vic and his wife Betty wintered in Arizona and kept their tennis skills sharp while there.

On July 24, 2008, **Nick Cuk** passed away in North Vancouver. Nick was a very good player and could be found on most courts around the North Shore at one time or another, always in possession of a wicked backhand slice. He was highly regarded as a player and as a gentleman and for several years he volunteered as Treasurer of the North Vancouver Tennis Society.

**Mary Macaree** passed away on July 31, 2008. Mary was another of the early supporters and members of STANS. She was a terrific tennis player and a very active participant in the wider community. Mary and her husband authored several books on hiking and walking trips around South-West BC and the lower Mainland.

And Betty Bishop has prepared the following tribute to Life member **John Williams**:

**John Williams** passed away on November 10, 2008 and we wish him rest after a difficult struggle. He was a long-time member of our association and highly regarded for his many contributions and service.

I had the pleasure of serving with him on the executive committee and he was a very hard act to follow. He will be remembered for many things by those who knew him but most of all for his enjoyment of life. It was always fun to play tennis with John. He was a formidable opponent and a valuable partner and laughter was always part of the game. He was also an excellent bridge player and was unfailingly kind and tolerant to lesser players just as he was in tennis. He and Hazel organized a bridge league

for some of us, which was a success thanks to their friendship and hospitality.

A trophy will be presented annually at the Grant Connell Tennis Centre to a junior player (12 to 18 years) in John's name, to the player who demonstrates exemplary dedication, work ethic and sportsmanship. He was an integral member of Grant Connell tennis and as a tennis advocate and player. He will be remembered for the same qualities inscribed on his trophy, *dedication, work ethic* and *sportsmanship*. Our sympathies are extended to Hazel and his family.

## BC SENIORS GAMES

We offer our congratulations to all the STANS members who went to Prince George in September for the BC Seniors games. Elmer Helm won gold for men's 80+ singles and he paired with Jack Hardy to take gold in men's 80+ doubles. Pam Bonetti took home a gold medal in women's 75-79 mixed doubles with partner Jack Hardy and Pam and her partner Jennifer James took gold in the women's 75-79 mixed doubles category.



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