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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John H. Kennedy

Monday August 10th, 2009. It was pouring rain (after an almost rain-free June and July). The next day was supposed to be our annual picnic and round-robin day. The Murdo Frazer courts were sopping wet and slippery. The caterers were wondering if they'd need to deliver food on Tuesday. Ian Dirom, Brian Cooper and I were having coffee in Edgemont Village prior to a meeting with the North Vancouver Recreation Commission about reserved access to the Grant Connell Tennis Centre (GTC). The forecast for Tuesday was dicey. We decided to cancel Tuesday and go with our rain-delay day, Wednesday August 12th. We arranged to email all STANS members for whom we had email addresses and to call the rest. Wednesday, as it turned out, was a beautiful day and the picnic and round-robin went off with barely a hitch.

As it turned out however, I couldn't be there. Last November Penny bought me (us) tickets to the Coupe Rogers/Rogers Cup championships in Montreal as my birthday present. Our flight to Montreal was on Wednesday at dawn. It was to be the first time either of had ever seen professional tennis at the top level and it was great. We saw Nadal, Federer, Murray, Wawrinka and Del Potro, among others and it was inspiring to watch. If only I could find a way to include just one of those shots in my repertoire. . . So we missed the picnic but we sure had a good time in Montreal.

By the way, NVRC wasn't able to give us guaranteed access to the GTC during the fall and winter. But given the GTC's expansion ambitions, there may be some faint hope for the future.

On a completely different note, we noted in our last newsletter that we were planning to develop a STANS website. We now have a website up and running and we hope that this will help us to communicate with you and at the same time let the wider community know about STANS. From time to time, as events crop up, we'll post

the information on the website, so don't forget to take a look every now and again, especially between newsletters.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Bob Hardman who proposed the creation of a website at our last AGM and who then offered advice and guidance throughout the process. . . and to Ian Dowdeswell who brought his considerable skills to the discussion of what it should contain. . . and to Paul Kennedy, talented and generous volunteer (and one of our four delightful children) who made it all come to life and who is currently teaching me how to understand its ins and outs. Our sincere thanks go out to them all. You'll find our new website at www.seniorstennis.ca

MEMORIAL

STANS members were saddened by the death this past August of Therese (Terry) Cook. Terry was a long-time regular at the Cloverley courts and she is remembered with respect and affection. One of her many friends, Claudette Strasbourg, offered these thoughts:

"Terry loved to dance, loved to get dressed up in all her finery, loved walking at Ambleside. And Terry loved tennis. When Terry joined STANS she found friendship and a sense of belonging. She played tennis through her illness and her strength was remarkable."

We extend our condolences to Terry's family and friends.



MEMBERSHIP

Will Phillips

We welcome the following new members to STANS:

Walter Beckett

Linda Chamut

Mary Eggertson

Art Guthrie

Gordon and Laurette Huff

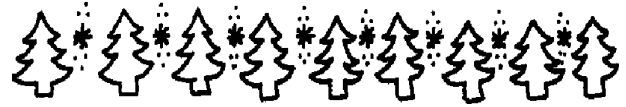
Diana Marr

Jose Portas

Elaine Selhi-Hammer

Jane Toyne

Ron Wilson



CHRISTMAS TENNIS SOCIAL

The Christmas Social and Round-Robin will take place at the West Vancouver Tennis Club Bubble on Sunday, December 6, 2009. All STANS members are cordially invited to attend, whether or not you want to play tennis that evening. There'll be food and music and it's a wonderful opportunity to socialise.

Date: ***Sunday, December 6, 2009***

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

Time: ***7:45 pm Registration (Note New Time)
8:00 pm - 10:30 pm Play***

Cost: ***\$10.00 for players
\$4.00 for party only***

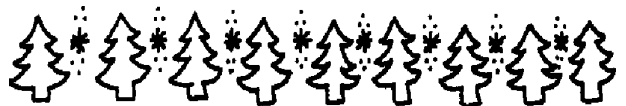
Please tell us if you are coming.

We are only able to accommodate 40 players.

The first 20 men and 20 women to register with Ian Dirom by **calling him or by emailing him on or before November 23** 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.

This year there will be two sessions of play (35 minutes each) followed by a 20-minute break to allow the whole group to socialize. Then there'll be two more 30-minute sessions of play to end the evening.

Refreshments provided by STANS



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL JANUARY 2010-DECEMBER 2010

It's that time again!

A membership registration form for the 2010 calendar 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 as soon as possible **before the end of December**. Your support is much appreciated.

GRANTS TO YOUNG PLAYERS -AN UPDATE

The young players who have received grants from us this year are charging along in their tennis careers and we thought we'd bring you up to date on their progress. The following information comes from their coaches:

Arisha Ladhani has been moved up to the elite National Training Group (these are players in the top 5 of their age division provincially). She won the Doubles at the 2009 Provincial Championships and was a semi-finalist in the U16/U18 division at the Fall Harvest Classic Provincial Tournament at GCTC in October (she is still U14).

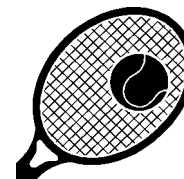


Kyrill Kruyvchun finished #2 in BC in the U12's. He played in the Outdoor Nationals at the beginning of August in Mt. Tremblant, Quebec where he finished top 15 in Canada and he won the U12 event at his first tournament in the PNW in Portland, Oregon at the end of August.

Filip Peliwo, playing in just the fourth ITF event of his young career, earned his first international tournament victory in October at the U18 World Ranking Event held at Montreal's Uniprix Stadium. His win in Montreal moved him from 807th to 419th in world rankings. Filip is leaving soon for South America where he will play in four tournaments.

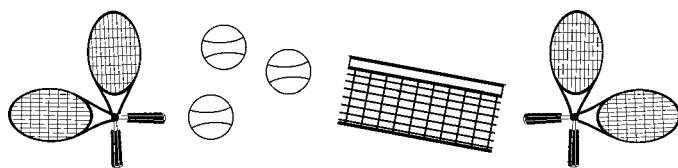


All of the coaches have expressed their appreciation to STANS members for their continuing and generous support of these young players.



PICNIC AND ROUND-ROBIN

About 50 stalwart souls showed up for our round-robin and picnic held at Murdo Frazer courts on August 12th. After a couple of rainy days and a decision to move the event a day later than planned, the sun shone and all was well. A warm thank-you to all who came to join in the fun and to make it a successful event. Janet Mulholland was the lucky winner of the week at John Haywood's villa in Cabo San Lucas but since she is unable to take advantage of that opportunity, the prize will be redrawn at the Christmas party and round-robin . . . **and if you can't make it but would like to be included in the draw, please let us know and we'll throw your name into the hat.** The coveted Brenda Sacre trophy will spend the year in the care of Heidi Juergens whose skills and determination make her a challenging opponent and a delightful partner on the courts. Thanks go to Ian Dirom and his happy band of volunteers who help make this event worthwhile.



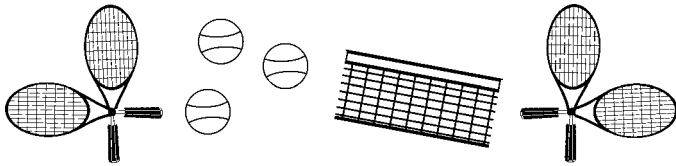
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B.C. SENIORS GAMES 2009

This year the BC Seniors Games were held September 16-19 in Richmond BC and medals were brought back to the North Shore by STANS members Elmer Helm (Gold in both Men's singles and Men's doubles 80+), Pamela Bonetti (Gold in both Mixed doubles and Women's doubles 80+) and Peter Scholefield (Silver in Men's doubles 65-69). We extend our congratulations to these fine players and to all the athletes who took part in the 2009 BC Seniors games.



PHOTOGRAPHY

From time to time at STANS events, you may notice one or more photographers taking photos. Some of those photos will appear in STANS Newsletters and on the website. If for any reason you don't want your photograph taken, please let the photographer know and we will respect your wishes.



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INDOOR TENNIS IN THE WEST VAN TENNIS CLUB BUBBLE

STANS has again booked the West Van Bubble for (very) early mornings on Mondays. The fall session is underway and the winter season begins in the first week in January.

We warm up from 6:00am 'till 6:15am, then play three 35 minute segments until 8:00 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 him.



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