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President's Report

Variath Kutty

Our Annual General Meeting was held on April 14, 2016 at the Marine Room Cafeteria of West Vancouver Senior Centre. We had a very good turnout of members. A few photos snapped by John Kennedy and Francoise De Pauw are included towards the end of this Newsletter. Thank you both.

We had no retirement this year and the Executives from the previous year continue. In addition Heidi Juergens was elected to join our board. We welcome Heidi.

We have a team of Executives who work well together and are willing to take on tasks as needed. In addition many of our members volunteer their time and efforts. I take this opportunity to thank everyone most sincerely.

District of North Vancouver is holding discussions with residents regarding the future of Delbrook Lands. There are three tennis courts with lighting for night play. We have made known to the District our desire that these courts should continue to be available for play. We hope their final decision will be favorable to tennis players.



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STANS EXECUTIVES

Kutty Variath – President and Newsletter Pari Koch - Vice President, Social and Publicity Ron Ranquist – Programs Judith Bicknell – Cards, Social and Secretary Don Mackinlay – Treasurer Denis Martell - Membership Chair Bella Tata – Social and Secretary Tom Laughlin – Director at large Francoise de Pauw – Web development / Communication / Social Heidi Juergens – Director at large

ANNUAL PICNIC & ROUND ROBIN

Place: Murdo Frazer - to register and play. Date: Wednesday, August 10th (weather permitting) or Thursday 11th (rain date). If questionable, call an Executive member. Registration: 8:00 am. Play: When 24 players have registered.

MEMBERS/PLAYERS Format: ALL & NONPLAYERS WELCOME! However, we are only able to accommodate a maximum of 72 players. Mixed doubles: 36 women/36 men. Each player plays three 25-minute sets. Lunch 12:00 Noon.

Bring chairs and drinks, tennis balls provided.

The winner will take home the Brenda Sacre Trophy, and many other prizes will be offered. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

North Vancouver Tennis Courts Survey

A comprehensive survey of the Tennis Courts in North Vancouver may be viewed at our Website www.seniorstennis.ca.

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Patricia Edgar on Indoor Tennis:

Our senior hackers, rain or shine, are always keen and punctual.

Their layered garb, 'gainst winter chills, is colorful and functional.

Equipped with water bottles, pads for elbows, wonky knees well-braced,

They're ready for the challenge of a game with balls well-struck and paced.

The Tuesday-Thursday senior gang can pound and place the balls with ease,

Each player has his special skills, displaying various strategies.

The net, at times, conspires to divert winning shots mysteriously.

Our laughing players shake it off, the flubs not taken seriously.

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We've had great fun and matches; some distracting some that challenge us.

Our winning ways we celebrate! Our boo-boos we do not discuss!

The joy of tennis which we share is clearly evidentiary.

Matched by the warmth and caring of our tennis camaraderie.

MEMBERSHIP

Denis Martell

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

Clarissa, Abel Hale, Colette Helene, Harman Colette, Hale Darlene, Lim Elizabeth, McColl Steven, Maskalyk Marie, Sardo Kay, Sun

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We are always welcoming new members, whether you are an accomplished player or someone who is coming back to the game after a layoff. We come in all shapes and sizes with a variety of tennis skills. Between April 1 and October 1, we have reserved access to courts across the North Shore several days each week in the mornings. Play is on a drop-in basis with no fees. Find us at: <u>www.seniorstennis.ca</u> Email at: <u>ns.seniorstennis@gmail.com</u>.



Tennis Racket Stringing 1217 Nanaimo Street Vancouver, BC V5L 4T5

SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM April 1, 2016 to October 1, 2016

North Vancouver Outdoor Courts:

Murdo Frazer 3 courts: Monday to Friday Times: 8:00 am to Noon

Myrtle Park, Deep Cove (Courts 1 and 2) 2 courts: Tuesday and Thursday Times: 8:00 am to Noon Cloverly : 2 courts: Monday, Wednesday, Friday Times: 8:00 am to 11:00 am

West Vancouver Outdoor Courts:

Ambleside 3 courts: Monday, Wednesday, Friday Times: 7:00 am to 9:00 am Benbow 2 courts: Tuesday and Thursday Times: 8:00 am to Noon 29th Street & Marine Drive 2 courts: Monday, Wednesday, Friday Times: 8:00 am to Noon

Play During Reserved Court Times.

Arriving players should note the order of player arrival and first-comers should make up foursomes to play on the unoccupied courts. When there are players waiting, sets should be played on the short game basis. Waiting players should choose partners from players whose sets have ended. Choice can be made on any basis that is acceptable to the players. If there are still players waiting when all courts are occupied, they will be first in line to choose partners when a game finishes. There may still be players arriving while the above is happening. These later arrivals must determine their positions in line and wait for their turn to play.

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STANS HAS A WEBSITE: www.seniorstennis.ca

I hope you take advantage of it. It lists Courts and Times and updated Coming Events. Under "Contact Us," you can find an application to join STANS. We welcome your enquiries and comments.

We also have a Facebook Page, which can be accessed by anyone by going to: https://www.facebook.com/stanstennis/?fref=ts

Facebook page has photographs and announcements. Please visit the page and if you have a Facebook account you can 'Like' our page.

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JOHN WILLIAMS TROPHY

Details of the trophy presentation will be included in our September 2016 Newsletter.

GRANTS TO YOUNG PLAYERS

This year STANS has made two cash grants of \$500 each to two young players recommended by their coaches. North Vancouver Tennis Centre coach has recommended Aron Pilbart. Wayne Elderton provided a brief note about this young man.

He is currently ranked #3 in boys U12 play. He will be representing BC at the National Championships in Calgary in April. He is currently in California at the 'Little Mo' International event.

We have been invited to present the cheque to the player on 24th June. A photograph will be included in our next Newsletter.

North Shore Winter Club coach, Fabio Walker, has recommended Angie Walker for the Grant and has provided the following details:

San Diego Open tournament U18 – Winner Kent, Washington Girls U18 singles – semi finals Kent, Washington Girls U18 doubles –1st place Richmond, B.C. Women's Open Singles – semi finals

Richmond, B.C. Women's Open Doubles – Winner Delta, B.C. Women's Open Singles – Finalist Delta, B.C. Women's Open Doubles – Winner Burnaby, B.C. Women's Open Singles – semi finals Burnaby, B.C. Women's Open Doubles – semi finals

Athlete of the year at Carson Graham High School

MVP of Provincial High School Championships

She will be attending Idaho State University Fall 2016 on a tennis scholarship.



Above is Pari Koch presenting the cash grant cheque.

55+ BC GAMES

The 55+ BC games will take place in Coquitlam from September 20 to September 24, 2016. 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. Their website is <u>https://www.55plusbcgames.org/</u>. All STANS and other North Shore Tennis players are invited to join the fun!



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PHOTO GALLERY













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