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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at the Marine Room Cafeteria of West Vancouver Senior Centre. We had a very good turnout of members. John Kennedy was held up elsewhere and therefore we have no photos from the AGM.

The current slate of Directors has agreed to continue on the board for another year. No new nominations were received from the floor.

Our team of Executives works well together and are willing to take on tasks as needed. We are also fortunate to have the willing help of many of our members when their help is needed. I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help. Some of you might have noticed the colorful posters inviting tennis players to join STANS. The Posters were designed, printed and laminated by Don Mackinlay. They are proving to be effective by looking at the new members who have joined STANS. Pari Koch and John Kennedy spent two days going round the various tennis courts in North Shore, making sure that old Posters are in good condition and hanging new ones where they needed replacement or were missing. Thank you, Don, Pari and John.

The re-development of Harry Jerome is under consideration. We attended one of their public presentations. Both STANS and North Vancouver Tennis Association were concerned when the proposed plans did not show any tennis courts. However, we later learned that they have included four roof top courts in their plans. We jointly requested that these rooftop courts should be covered and the presentation was made by Dave Courville and John Bishop on our behalf. We hope our plea will be heard and acted upon by the municipal authorities.

STANS held a Spring Tennis and Social Party at North Vancouver Tennis Centre on Friday, April 28, 2017. Admission was free to members and their spouses. We had a good turnout and Don Mackinlay arranged the allocation of players and order of play. Pari had organized lots of delicious snacks and drinks. Some generous members brought snacks. Everyone had a wonderful time, by all accounts. John Kennedy's write-up may be read below. A few photographs are appended at the end of the Newsletter. I don't know what we will do without Pari for our social events and publicity. Thanks Don, thanks Pari.

We took this opportunity to ask our junior cash award winners to come and Bella and Pari presented cheques of \$500 each to the three players. We gave the names and brief details of cash award winners in our March 2017 Newsletter. They are: Danny Yassine (North Vancouver Tennis Centre), Yasmin Mansouri (North Shore Winter Club) and Rachael Kaluza (West Vancouver Tennis Club). A group photograph of players and the two STANS directors may be seen below.



## STANS SPRING SOCIAL APRIL 28, 2017

The indoor winter tennis matches had ended. And an impressive schedule it was. Over 200 play dates in the North Vancouver Tennis Centre....over 1500 opportunities to play tennis...and five groups of players willing to pay in advance and to show up at 0700 each morning and spend two vigorous hours on the courts. That plus STANS' historical and seminal connection with the tennis centre made it a natural spot to celebrate the end of the winter indoor season and the beginning of the outdoor season.

When your more-or-less faithful scribe arrived, the six courts we had booked in the North Vancouver Tennis Centre were full of energetic STANS members and the concourse was full of members waiting their turn. The Spring Social was well on its way. And the master of the playing schedule was the affable Don MacKinlay, hunched over a large piece of snazzy cardboard infested with what looked like the blackboard Einstein used to outline his theory of relativity...numbers upon numbers, hieroglyphic-like scratches and scrawls. And like Mr. Einstein's theory, intelligible only to those in the know. Notwithstanding the impenetrability of the information on the wall, STANS members managed to find their way to the proper courts every time the whistle blew. (Was it a whistle? Memory fades and reinvents sometimes....)

The quality of play was, as you might expect from a gathering of talented if somewhat long-in-the-tooth practitioners of this wonderful sport, superb. Now some readers might think the word "superb" is gilding the lily. But I say to those nay-sayers, pshaw. And if you don't agree with the locution, I welcome you to insert your own expression in its place. The superb play was punctuated from time to time with grunts, muttered invocations, groans of discomfort and shouts of glee. Clearly, a good time was had by all.

It was great to see so many familiar (to me) faces and so many unfamiliar (to me) faces as well. An especially warm welcome goes out to those who were experiencing their first major STANS gathering. I hope you had as much fun as I did, win or lose. And I hope to see you on the courts over the summer.

And at the STANS picnic and round-robin, details of which are elsewhere in this newsletter.

~John H. Kennedy

## STANS EXECUTIVES

Kutty Variath – President and Newsletter  
Pari Koch – Vice President, Social and Publicity  
Don Mackinlay – Treasurer  
Denis Martell – Membership Chair  
Dave Courville – Programs  
Bella Tata – Social and Secretary  
Francoise de Pauw – Web development/  
Communication/ Social  
Tom Laughlin – Director at large

## ANNUAL PICNIC AND ROUND ROBIN

– Dave Courville

Place: Murdo Frazer – to register and play  
Date: Wednesday, Aug 9 2017 (weather permitting) or Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> (rain date). If questionable, call an Executive member.  
Registration: 8 a.m.  
Play: When 24 players have registered.  
Format: ALL MEMBERS/PLAYERS & NON-PLAYERS 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 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 all look forward to seeing you there.

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A comprehensive survey of the Tennis Courts in North Vancouver may be viewed at our Website [www.seniorstennis.ca](http://www.seniorstennis.ca).



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**MEMBERSHIP**

**Denis Martell**

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

- Baxter, Sheila
- Brouwer, Palmira
- Christall, Rob
- Gibson, Laura
- Gross, Ernie
- Hastings, Arthur
- Helm, Ramona
- Potter, Lianne
- Sacks, Alan
- Stanhope, Shelley
- Thorpe, Marni
- Williams, Michael
- Williams, Shelly
- Woodland, Olga
- Wolf, Phil

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

We are always welcoming new members, whether you are an accomplished player or 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 a week in the morning. Play is on a drop-in basis with no fees. Find us at [www.seniorstennis.ca](http://www.seniorstennis.ca). Email [ns.seniorstennis@gmail.com](mailto:ns.seniorstennis@gmail.com).

**SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM –**

Dave Courville

April 1, 2017 to October 1, 2017

North Vancouver Outdoor Courts:

Murdo Frazer 3 courts: Monday to Friday – 8 am to Noon

Myrtle Park, Deep Cove (Courts 1 and 2) – Tuesday and Thursday – 8 am to Noon

Cloverly: 2 courts. Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8 am to 11 am.

West Vancouver Outdoor Courts

Ambleside 3 courts: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7 am to 9 am

Benbow 2 courts: Tuesday and Thursday – 8 am to Noon

29<sup>th</sup> Street and Marine Drive: 2 courts: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8am 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 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 acceptable to 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 this is happening. Later arrivals must determine their positions in line and wait for their turn to play.

STANS WEBSITE: [www.seniorstennis.ca](http://www.seniorstennis.ca)

Please take advantage of the website. It lists Courts and Times and updated Coming Events. Under ‘Contact Us’ you can find an application to join STANS. We welcome your inquiries and comments.

STANS Facebook page: Access this page at <https://www.facebook.com/stanstennis>.

Our Facebook page has photographs and announcements. Please visit. If you have a Facebook account you can ‘Like’ our page.

Francoise de Pauw looks after our web and Facebook pages. She is doing a marvellous job and the pages are slowly gaining popularity. We are very fortunate to have Francoise helping us. Thank you.

**COMBINED APPLIANCES**

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**JOHN WILLIAMS TROPHY**

Details of the trophy presentation will appear in our September 2017 Newsletter.

**55+ BC GAMES**

The 55+ BC games will take place in Vernon and area from September 12-16, 2017. North and West Vancouver are under Zone 4. You may contact Colin McLean, Tennis Coordinator for Zone 4, at **604-261-0296** or by email at **colmav@shaw.ca**. The link to their website is: <https://www.55plusbcgames.org>. All STANS and other North Shore Tennis players are invited to join the fun!



**A Wedding in STANS family**

Congratulations and best wishes to Wendy and Denys who tied the knot on March 29th on John Lawson Park beach in pouring rain. Bride and groom wore waterproof hiking clothes. Apart from the marriage commissioner and the two required witnesses, there were no other guests or gawkers present at the wedding. Live long and prosper - Wendy/Denys.

Remembering Ruth Doole

~Elizabeth Bishop

A long time ago a friend said to me 'You play tennis, you must know Ruth Doole!' I replied, "No I don't think so." My friend responded "Don't be silly, EVERYBODY knows Ruth!" So I joined STANS and that was the beginning of a very special friendship, which sadly ended on Apr 23rd.

Ruth was not only an accomplished tennis player and golfer, she also wielded a mean ping pong paddle. On a tennis trip to Ixtapa she and Kay Sun had a fierce competition for the ping pong championship. On another trip to Arizona someone suggested bike riding and of course Ruth was willing. She remarked on our return "Haven't done that for 30 years!" She was game for anything. She tried archery and kayaking with me in the Dominican Republic and enjoyed the night life of Havana.

In later years she moved to Gibsons and soon everybody knew Ruth!

She and I had lots of trips which were always fun and the only rule we obeyed was a requisite gin and tonic at bedtime.

She was not only physically active but also mentally sharp. She knew every card game there was and tried to teach me. Since the only 2 games I played were Bridge and Go Fish it was an uphill battle!

I'll always remember her inquisitive mind, adventurous character and joie de vivre. She will be missed.



*Junior Cash Award Winners – 2017*



Danny Yassine (North Vancouver Tennis Centre), Rachael Kaluza (West Vancouver Tennis Club) and Yasmin Mansouri (North Shore Winter Club) with STANS Directors Pari Koch and Bella Tata

***STANS Spring Social 2017***



