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ANNOUNCEMENT

STANS ANNUAL PICNIC AND TENNIS SOCIAL

Where? Murdo-Frazer Tennis Courts
When? Wednesday, August 8, 2018
(Aug 9 if it rains on the 8th).

All STANS members are cordially invited to attend, whether or not you want to play tennis. All players must be paid-up members of STANS, due to insurance liability concerns.

Snacks and Beverages will be provided. There is no admission fee for this event, so please come and visit with old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun.



Figure 1. Signing up for the Annual STANS Picnic at Murdo-Frazer in 2017. Nelly, Ron and Don watching Bella and Dave work.

STANS Reserved Courts: April-October

North Vancouver

(all courts 8:00am - Noon)

Murdo Frazer –

Monday to Friday inclusive - 3 courts

Cates Park –

Tuesday & Thursday - 2 courts

Cloverly –

Monday to Friday inclusive - 2 courts

West Vancouver

Ambleside –

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

(7:00am - 9:00am) - 3 courts

Benbow –

Tuesday & Thursday

(8:00am - Noon) - courts 1 & 2

Play Rules During Reserved Courts Time:

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.

STANS Board of Directors



Pari Koch – *President, Social Activities, Publicity*
Francoise de Pauw – *Web Site/Social Media*
Dave Courville – *Programs Chair*



Denis Martell – *Membership Chair*
Don MacKinlay – *Treasurer and Newsletter*
Cherrill Fleming – *Secretary*



Bella Tata – *Director-at-Large*
Tom Laughlin – *Director-at-Large*
Gloria Anderson – *Director-at-Large*

STANS Monthly Mini-Party

Pari brought some donuts on May 3rd and sandwiches on June 7th to encourage STANS members to come out and play. More to come in July, August and September!



Figure 2. Pari, Francoise, Dana and Heidi enjoying some sandwiches at Murdo-Frazer courts.

The Tournament is ON!

The First Annual STANS Tournament is under way for Women’s, Men’s and Mixed Doubles teams. We have had an excellent response to the call-out, with 9, 7 and 9 teams signing up in the respective categories.

The early rounds will play throughout the summer at mutually-arranged times and courts. We will hold a Finals session at the monthly Social in September (date yet to be announced). At the end of competitive play Medals will be presented to the winning team in each category. They will be the STANS Champions for the ensuing year!!!

Although the play will be “competitive”, as always the object of the tournament is to create an environment of friendly competition.

Francoise is keeping everyone up-to-date with brief announcements sent by e-mail. Send any questions to: denismartell@gmail.com

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

for January to December, 2018

Summer tennis is well under way, so now is a good time to renew your STANS membership (if you have not done so already).

All players during STANS reserved times must be paid-up STANS members due to the Liability Insurance that STANS has in case of an accident.

A registration form for the 2018 year is included with this Newsletter. All members wishing to continue their membership are asked to complete the form, sign and mail it, together with the \$20.00 per person fee, to the address shown on the form. There will also be a Membership Renewal desk at the Annual Picnic on August 8th.

STANS AGM, April 7, 2018:

SENIORS TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTH SHORE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018 AT 5.30-6:30 P.M.
NORTH VANCOUVER TENNIS CENTRE
280 Lloyd Avenue, North Vancouver, BC

RECORD OF DECISIONS

There were plenty of refreshments provided throughout the evening. The AGM was scheduled to commence at 5.30 p.m., and six courts were reserved for tennis from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. 43 members attended the AGM. 16 women and 16 men signed up to play. Copies of the agenda, Record of Decisions of the last AGM, newsletters, Treasurer's report, etc., were made available to all at the registration desk.

1. Call to Order: Don MacKinlay, Treasurer/Finance, called the meeting to order at around 5.35 p.m. and introduced our new President, Pari Koch.

2. President's Welcome: Pari welcomed the members to the meeting and thanked them all for coming. A beautiful basket was presented to Variath Kutty to thank him for his valuable contributions to STANS whilst he was President. Pari Koch has taken over as the new President of STANS. She said she was happy to see that the organization has been functioning since August 17, 1988. She thanked the current Board members -- Don MacKinlay, Tom Laughlin, Denis Martell, Francoise De Pauw, David Courville and Bella Tata -- for their support and dedication.

3. Record of Decisions: Motion to accept the ROD from the last AGM held on April 12, 2017 - M/S/C Cammi MacKinlay, Variath Kutty.

4. Treasurer's Report: (Don MacKinlay): We have paid NVTC over \$21,000 for the morning tennis at the Centre during Fall/Winter. Last year three bursaries of \$500 each were given to young players, but since we are short of funds, it has been decided not to give bursaries this year. Additionally, STANS' mandate is to promote the activity for seniors, but if there is a general feeling that bursaries should be given, then the Constitution will need to be amended accordingly after voting for it. We pay the Recreation Commission upfront for three months, and make a post payment for one month. Signs were posted on the outdoor courts regarding STANS, but now we are not permitted to do so - the Rec Commission puts up the signs - so far only at Murdo Fraser. Term deposit has been renewed for \$5,000 instead of \$7,000 due to signage costs and the extra social tennis party in April 2017. There was a suggestion that we should try to keep the term deposit amount as high as possible, and eliminating the bursaries did not produce any negative feedback from those present. Don has provided links to a long list of training videos available for free on-line in the recent newsletter, and Francoise indicated that she would put one link up a month on the web site.

5. Membership Report (Denis Martell): Although the number of retirees has grown, unfortunately membership has dropped. We need to provide something of value to them. 3 years ago there were 139 members; last year 150, and this year 110 - membership subscriptions have yet to be received

from about 50 people. We need to attract more members in the 60 - 70 age group. We are trying to pull together a tennis tournament for mixed, mens' doubles and ladies doubles - to play the early rounds and then the finals during the summer picnic. Those prepared to help organize this should give their names to Denis, because there is a lot of work involved. Also, we need to know the individual skill levels. There was a suggestion that there should be a clinic once a month. The Board is doing everything possible to find ways to provide more interesting things to the membership, in order to attract new members as well.

6. Programs Report: (David Courville): From April 1 - October 1, tennis facilities are available at Murdo Fraser, Cates Park, Cloverly and West Vancouver. During Fall/Winter, we have 3 courts each weekday morning from 7.00 to 9.00 a.m., and 4 courts on Thursday. Court captains are doing a great job. New contracts have been signed, and good changes made. For instance, there was no provision to get a refund of fees for those occasions when it was impossible to play - a cancellation clause has now been added. All seniors get a discounted rate, but we are not getting this, and the North Vancouver Tennis Society and STANS has brought this to the attention of the Rec Commission. Another attempt will be made to see if they agree. Dave will buy the tennis balls in bulk (150 cans at a time) so that we get them cheaper than buying them on an ad hoc basis.

7. Web site/Communications Report: (Francoise De Pauw): Francoise put the web site up on a screen with a continuous flow of images for all to see. STANS has a Facebook account that anyone can access. She is trying to put 2 - 3 messages out per month on the site and by E-mail from the STANS account: ns.seniorstennis@gmail.com Suggestions/comments can be sent to that email address. The membership list that STANS sends out only has phone numbers but should probably now include e-mail addresses as well, to allow for easier between-member communication. The logo could be redesigned, and all members are encouraged to send in their suggestions for a new design to Francoise.

8. Motion to approve the waiver of an auditor: (Don MacKinlay): The accounts are available to be seen. Just contact Don if you are interested. However, we do not have them audited as no necessity has been felt over the years due to our fairly straight-forward operations. Motion to approve waiver - M/S/C Variath Kutty, Bella Tata.

9. Other business:

(a) Election of Directors: There was a nomination on the floor for Cherrill Fleming to be accepted as a Director - seconded by Edgar Spallek. All in favour - Cherrill accepted the nomination. Gloria Anderson was interested in being a Director, and her nomination was seconded by John Kennedy. All in favour - she will also join the Board.

(b) Harry Jerome Community Centre redevelopment: Dave indicated that under the lead of the North Vancouver Tennis Society, a proposal had been made - supported by STANS - for the tennis courts at Harry Jerome to be covered. The final proposal will be made by the organizers sometime in May. (As of May 31, tennis courts were not to be included at HJCC)

10. Adjournment: The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

STANS AGM

Photos from the STANS AGM, held on April 9 at the North Vancouver Tennis Centre. After the meeting we played tennis for two hours and feasted on the buffet that Pari brought.



Figure 3. STANS Executive: Don, Dave, Bella, Pari, Denis and Francoise. Tom was signing people in.



Figure 4. AGM Participants. There's Tom on the right at the sign-up table. The buffet is at the back left.



Figure 5. Another view of the AGM participants at the NVTC.

STANS Indoor Tennis

North Shore residents are very fortunate in having a first-class indoor facility where they can play tennis all year without having to belong to an expensive private club.

STANS pre-books early-morning (7-9 am), week-day access to 3-4 courts at the North Vancouver Tennis Centre during the Fall/Winter/Spring months (Oct 1 to April 30). Unlike our summer arrangements on public courts, STANS Indoor Tennis is not 'drop-in' because we have to pay the NV Tennis Centre all of our fees in advance to guarantee availability.

Therefore, if you would like to play with this group, you need to contact Dave Courville, our Program Director, or the Court Captains, and express your interest. Usually, this will put you on the Spares list for the days you select so that you have a chance to try-out playing with the group when one of the Regulars has another commitment. You pay to play as a Spare to recompense the Regular player. When Regulars leave the group, the Court Captain will invite someone from the Spares list to join the Regulars to balance the current slate, based on who plays well with the group and on their reliable availability. There are usually plenty of opportunities to be a Spare because most Regular players take a few days off to do other things from time to time.

Many people would like to play tennis with the STANS Indoor group when the weather turns inclement but being a Regular player in the Indoor STANS groups requires a very strong commitment of both time and money. First, the program covers about 10 weeks in the Fall and 17 weeks in the Winter/Spring sessions for a total of 25-27 committed weeks. If a Regular player cannot play, they need to arrange for a Spare to replace them so that there are no missing spots, and it can take some time to work through the Spares list. Secondly, Regular players have to pay in advance for the whole season (Fall or Winter/Spring) which, at the current daily rate of ~\$13 adds up to over \$300.

We welcome questions and expressions of interest and would invite you to contact our Programs Director at nsseniortennis@gmail.com.



WINTER TENNIS: 2017 -2018

We showed you photos of the regular players for weekday indoor STANS groups (meeting from 0700-0900 Monday to Friday) in the March Newsletter. Every year the Tuesday and Thursday groups (who originally played under the bubble in West Van), both Captained by Shirley and Bob Young, hold a year-end luncheon, where every year our intrepid bard Pat Edgar writes a tribute to all the players in a song parody. This year's contribution follows. Pat also wrote parodies to honour Bob and Shirley for their diligent scheduling-and-finding-spares work, as well as one to thank Cathy Still for organizing the regular morning coffee/tea socials, as well as the year-end party at the Brown Social House.



Figure 6. Pat Edgar (middle) at the luncheon celebrating another indoor year for the Tuesday/Thursday STANS groups.

" OUR FAVOURITE GAME"

To the tune of " MY FAVOURITE THINGS" from "THE SOUND OF MUSIC"

New Lyrics by Patricia Edgar

Dark winter mornings, the clock set to wake us,
 We tennis devotees grab coffee and don't fuss.
 The lure of the court and the racquet and ball
 A passion we share, so we answer the call.

There's great satisfaction in pounding a spinner.
 We love chasing drop shots: delight in a winner.
 Achieving an ace is a special delight.
 We're chuffed with the challenge: have fun with the fight.

Every Tuesday
 Every Thursday
 Rain or fog or snow,
 We senior hackers turn out on the courts
 With energy, pep, and glow!

ELAINE can be daunting, her strike power deceptive.
 Her low-spinning slices so deadly effective.
 Our nonogenarian, SYD, is high class,
 Still fooling us all with a disarming pass.

Watch out! Dear SHIRLEY can lob a backliner.
 If she plays that too often, we really should fine her!
 And craftful GWEN G. has her old bag of tricks'
 Still conning us smoothly with well-aimed wrist flicks!

Our charming friend, KUTTY, is quite a tormentor.
 He'll smile while delivering an ace down the centre.

And ANNEMARIE still has her favourite ploy,
 Her winning short angles are sure to annoy.

High-bouncing lobs from JOHN K. keep us tested.
 If they don't win points, by his slice we are bested!
 KIRSTY, relentless, retrieves balls galore
 When playing against her you're lucky to score.

Smoothly and deftly, JOHN G. plays so lithely,
 His timed, graceful strokes some consider quite guilely.
 New to our group, playing well with great zest,
 HELEN's strong drives put us all to the test.

Our Gallic gal, DANA's a net-prowling ranger.
 Excitable squealing alerts you to danger!
 Stoical CAMMI's a solid backwall.
 Her Scottish resistance a challenge to all.

PAT E's been stymied, become a lamenter.
 Her best shots all foiled by her this-year's dementor.
 That's PETER, a stalwart, and puzzle to all!
 How do we get past him? Is he nine feet tall?

Her coffee delights us, her court play is scary!
 Our "CATHERINE" strikes fast: be warned and be wary!
 NELLY's a slogger who'll chase down each shot.
 She'll chuckle and beat you: she does that a lot!

Purple-shod, JUDI, shows calm and consistence,
 Wears down her opponents with steady persistence.
 Try facing JANET who's dogged and fast!
 She'll keep returning: she's hard to outlast.

Beware flying PHIL with his net flips amazing.
 Watch for DON M. with his racquet a-blazing.
 Fleetfooted PHIL has court speed to impress.
 Smiling DAVE M plugs line shots that oppress.

Coffee time visits by guys from the "old days"
 Are fun for the group who remember their bold ways.
 JOHN B, the 'hammer', and BOB Y's mean serve
 DICK's crafty moves and JIM G's cheeky verve.

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Figure 7. Luncheon table with Sid Nash, Bob and Shirley Young and John Gannon with their backs to us.