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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John Kennedy

On April 14th 2010, about 40 STANS members gathered at the West Vancouver Senior's centre for our Annual General Meeting and social. It was a beautiful sunny day and I cherish the memory since those sunny days have been few and far between since. I am writing this in mid-June and we're anticipating the return of the sun any day now.

But back to the AGM. Ian Dirom reported on the prospect of early morning court times at the Grant Connell Tennis centre this fall and winter. We have been promised at least one day and four courts from 0700-0900. That time slot will appeal to those who dragged themselves out of bed to be at the West Van bubble by 0600 this past year. The day of the week remains to be determined and Ian will continue to canvas members for their preferences. Those who played bubble tennis last year will be the first on the list for this new venue. As always, if you want to play early morning tennis during the fall and winter please let Ian know. Even if all our courts are filled, there's always a much called-upon spares list.

The AGM also featured a lively discussion about ways to attract new members. Ideas ranged from changing our name to buying ads to supplying the North Shore News with photos and stories about STANS to encouraging that paper to include STANS more frequently in its Community promotions sections. Those suggestions will be followed up by the STANS Board in the coming weeks and months.

As winter's grey skies and cool and damp days give way to summer's seductive warmth we are missing some people on the courts. Several of our members are dealing with illness and injury of one sort or another. We wish them well and a return to good health and to the courts. If you know of any members who are ill or injured, please let us know so we can write to them.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, our annual Picnic and round robin is scheduled for Wednesday August 11, 2010 at the Murdo Frazer courts. All members are welcome, whether or not you want to play and I hope to see as many of you there as can make it. MOIRA WOTHERSPOON

We are pleased to welcome Moira Wotherspoon to the STANS Executive. Elected at the AGM in April, Moira has agreed to assume responsibility for arranging our grants for young players, for publicity and for keeping in touch with members



who are unable to play because of illness or injury. Moira is a delightful addition to the STANS board and a force to be reckoned with on the courts.

STANS EXECUTIVE

Your new Executive Committee is now hard at work with the following responsibilities:

John Kennedy	President & Newsletter
Ian Dirom	Programs
AlfOrr	Treasurer
Moira Wotherspoon	Publicity
Kirsty Milligan	Secretary & Social
Sandy Barker	Vice-President
	Email & Social
Will Phillips	Membership

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We're always on the lookout for new members and any member of the Executive can provide you with a membership application form - or you can have prospective members call Will Phillips and he will send them an application. You can also find an application form at our website www.seniorstennis.ca

See you on the courts.

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MEMBERSHIP

WillPhillips

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

- 🏷 Doris Austin & Ron McLean
- **b** Diane Coombes
- 🗞 Robin Heringa
- 🔖 Paul Keogh
- 🔖 Pari Koch
- S Audrey Parsons
- S Maureen Valdes

ANNUAL PICNIC & ROUND ROBIN

- Place Murdo Frazer to register and play
- Date Wednesday, August 11 (Weather permitting) or Thursday 12th (Rain Date) If questionable, call an Executive member
- Time Registration 8:00 am 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.
- Food *A free Lunch will be available at 12:00* (not before!) Bring a snack if you are likely to be hungry before then!!
- 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.

GRANTS TO YOUNG PLAYERS

Moira Wotherspoon has been chasing this year's STANS grant recipients (always a challenge because they are so busy going from tournament to tournament) and has so far presented a cheque to Stacey Fung from the Grant Connell Tennis Centre. As you will see from the photo Stacey



was delighted to receive this generous support from the STANS members. Stacey is the top U12 player in BC and came 10th at the Nationals last year. She has recently moved up to U14 play in BC and just won her last Tennis BC event. She competed for BC in the U14 indoor nationals in April.



Just before this newsletter deadline, Moira caught up with 16-year old Filip Peliwo from the North Shore Winter Club. Filip has been on the road since March. He competed in the Davis Cup Junior qualifying tournament in Florida and defeated the best US junior players. We look forward to seeing Filip in the Junior

Davis Cup competition in Mexico in the fall. In the meantime you can find Filip competing locally in the Stanley Park Open as well as in the Vancouver ITF tournament at the Vancouver Lawn in July.



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JOHN WILLIAMS TROPHY

The late John Williams was a life member of STANS and one of those advocates who was instrumental in the development and creation of the Grant Connell Tennis Centre in North Vancouver. In John's memory, a group of his friends got together and created a trophy in his name. The John Williams trophy is administered by the Grant Connell Tennis Centre



and is presented each year to the junior player (12-18 yrs) who exhibits exemplary dedication, work ethic and sportsmanship in tennis. The second annual presentation of the John Williams Trophy took place at the Grant Connell facility in early June and Tim Williams, John and Hazel's son, made the presentation. The winner of the trophy is Alexis Prokopuik. Alexis is the top U16 player in BC (even through she is still in U14). She came 9th at the nationals this spring.

MEMORIAL

STANS members were saddened to learn that long time member Terry Field had died. Bob Hardman has written the following tribute:

Terry Field one of the founders of STANS and its very first President passed away recently at the age of 88.

Up until a few years ago, before Alzheimers caught up with him, he was a regular player at Benbow and Ambleside and dazzled his opponents with his fancy footwork and tricky shots. These skills were no doubt developed on the gymnasium floor of Kits High where Terry met the lovely Pat at school dances. Married for 65 years they raised 5 children one of them being Cindy Horton the owner of Infinity Travel Concepts and a generous corporate sponsor of STANS

Terry had a warmth and charm about him that belied a gritty and courageous inner core. These are traits he needed to carry him through as an amateur boxer in his youth and later as a WWII fighter pilot. Not only was he shot down, captured and imprisoned in Stalag-Luft 3 but he was able to escape to freedom!! After retiring from the Air Force Terry and Pat moved to Nanaimo where he opened a Charter Service running flights up and down the coast. To Pat's delight he was offered the position as Registrar for the newly formed B.C.I.T. and thus they moved back to Vancouver to be with their many life long friends

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Upon retirement from B.C.I.T. and with more time to play tennis he and Pat recognized the need for an organization such as STANS and along with some others laid out the concept as we know it today.

We have much to thank Terry for. Not just for risking his life for our country, or for making the effort to help create STANS but also for being such a joy to be with.



BC SENIORS GAMES

The 23rd Annual BC Seniors games will be hosted jointly by Comox Valley and Campbell River from September 15-18, 2010. For more information on the tennis front, you may contact Howard Lowe the Tennis Coordinator for Zone 4. You can also find out more about the games at www.bcseniorsgames.org. STANS members Elmer Helm, Ivor Bennett, Pam Bonetti and Wolfgang Sollors are booked to compete and we wish them all well.

The deadline for entering the competition is July 15, 2010, so there's still time to take part. Entry forms are available at the BC Seniors Games website.



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SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

April 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010

North Vancouver (8:00am - Noon each day)

Murdo Frazer 3 courts	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Cates Park	
2 courts	Tuesday, Thursday
Cloverly	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
2 courts	Thursday, Friday
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West Vancouver

Ambleside	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
3 courts	(8:00am - 11:00am)

SUGGESTED STANS SUMMER TENNIS GUIDELINES

The aim of these guidelines is to explain how each player is to cooperate with other players when playing on the STANS reserved courts. It is hoped that these simplified instructions will be understood and followed by every player without needing lists or a ruling from the Court Captain.

Early Players (Those playing before the specified start time)

- * These players can make their own arrangements for play on the reserved courts until the specified start time.
- * If a set is in progress at the specified start time, these players must NOT restart their game at the start time, but may finish the set on the short game basis (first to 6 games and one point deuce). They then join the group of waiting players and follow the guidelines set out below.

Play During Reserved Court Times

- * Arriving players should note the order in which players arrive and the first comers should make up foursomes to play on the unoccupied reserved courts.
- * When there are players waiting, those playing must play sets on the short game basis.
- Waiting players are to choose partners for their games from players whose sets have ended. Choices of partners can be made on any basis that is acceptable to the players.

- * If there are still players waiting when all courts are occupied, they shall be first in line to choose partners when one of the existing games finishes.
- * There may still be players arriving while the above procedure is being carried out, and these later arrivals must determine their positions in the waiting line and wait until it is their turn to play.

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