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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Barker

Our AGM was held on April 13th, 2011 @ 4pm. It was a good day to meet old friends, make some new ones, and see a little changing of the guard. Six years and it's time to move on. For the past two years I have had the good fortune of serving on the STANS Executive under the leadership of John Kennedy. It is my privilege at this time to thank John for his expertise, his professionalism, his dedication to making our association the best it can be for the seniors of the North Shore, and last but not least, his friendship. I know John will continue to have a voice on behalf of the seniors while sitting on the board of the North Shore Tennis Society. I will miss you at the round table meetings, but look forward to meeting you on the courts when I return to the game. In the meantime I'm studying how to attack spinny balls.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome John Hill to the STANS Executive. John is our Vice President, and will be taking over the role of Publicity.

Thanks to Ian Dirom for organizing a successful winter season of tennis at Grant Connell. The Monday, Wednesday, and Friday tennis players were grateful for an extra hour of sleep, and because of a cold wet spring indoor tennis was extended by a few weeks. I really do believe summer weather is about to begin.

I understand the brave bubblers had a great winter season as well, every Tuesday and Thursday at 0600. Thank you Shirley and Bob Young for your continuing efforts on behalf of this great group of tennis lovers. I will never forget my first season as a STANS member, how warm and welcoming the atmosphere was, and how I could hardly wait to go back for more. I feel so lucky I found all of you.

I would like to thank all the members of the executive for your efforts, and the pleasure of your good company. And to my dear friend Karin Scheuermeyer for your patience, and time spent with me at the computer. I don't know what I'd do without you.

STANS EXECUTIVE

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

Sandy Barker President & Newsletter

John Hill Vice-President & Publicity

Ian Dirom Programs

AlfOrr Treasurer

Moira Wotherspoon Cards & Social

Kirsty Milligan Secretary & Social

Will Phillips Membership

ANNUAL PICNIC & ROUND ROBIN

Place Murdo Frazer - to register and play

Date Tuesday, August 9th (Weather permitting)

or Wednesday 10th (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.

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.

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MEMBERSHIP

Will Phillips

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

- **&** Len Bessner
- **Mike Chang**
- **Wendy Grant**
- **Solution** John Lambie
- **S** David Moxon
- **♦** Tom Thonig
- **♥** Tony Wood

Please see the enclosed membership list for current phone numbers.

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: www.seniorstennis.ca Email at: seniorstennis@yahoo.com

STANS HAS A WEBSITE www.seniorstennis.ca

I hope you all take advantage of it. It lists *Courts* and *Times* and updated *Coming Events*.

Under *Contact Us* you can find an application form to join STANS. We welcome your enquiries, and comments.

Have a great summer!

SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

April 1, 2011 to October 1, 2011

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

Murdo Frazer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

3 courts Thursday, Friday

Cates Park

2 courts Tuesday, Thursday

Cloverly Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

2 courts Thursday, Friday

West Vancouver

Ambleside Monday, Wednesday, Friday

3 courts (8:00am - 11:00am)

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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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 third 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 Mikayla Fan.



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BC SENIORS GAMES.

The 24th Annual BC Seniors games will be held August 16 to 20, 2011 in West Kootenay (Castlegar, Nelson and Trail). For any further information, www.bcseniorsgames.org.

This year Wolfgang Sollers is the only STANS member competing in the BC Seniors Games and we wish him much success.



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GRANTS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

14 year old Mark Nyugen, finished last year #3 in the U14 and was a BC Doubles Champion. He finished 7th at the Outdoor U14 Nationals, and was a finalist in doubles. Mark has just moved to the U16 and will be competing to make the U16 Nationals this year.





Jack Karp, plays in the U14 and from his coach, "a talented young man with a great attitude and even better work ethic".

Filip Peliwo, ranked #1 in BC in the U18. We will have an update and photo in the next newsletter, as Filip has been competing at the French Open and has not yet returned.

We wish these young athletes success!

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North Shore Seniors Compete in the 18th Annual BNP Paribas Open Senior Cup

Peter Scholefield

This year, the BNP Paribas Open, the most attended professional tennis tournament outside of the four major grand slam events, added the sponsorship of the BNP Paribas Open Senior Cup (formerly the Palm Desert Senior Cup), which annually features more than 800 players in a Senior (50 years of age and over) and Super Senior (65 years of age and over) team tennis doubles tournament.

The event, which features multiple divisions of male and female teams at the USTA 3.5 and 4.0 skill level was held from March 21-24, and was played at 11 different country clubs and resorts around the Coachella Valley, in the southern California desert with the finals being played at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on Thursday, March 24. This year, there were close to 900 players entered and up to 120 courts per day were in play. The entry fee was US\$ 175 per player, and included a grandstand ticket to the BNP Paribas Open finals on Sunday, March 20, a buffet breakfast on Monday, March 21 and a player reception and dinner on Wednesday, March 23.

John Kennedy informed me of this event in the fall of 2010 and gave me the name of Joseph Incantalputo whom I was told was forming a team from the Lower Mainland. When I contacted Joseph, he told me that he already had the required number of 7 players for a team but he knew of a few additional players whom he thought may be interested in joining a team and he suggested that I captain such a team. I agreed and it took me several months to eventually form a team of seven which included four from the North Shore: Bill Humphries, Clair Kuntz, Nick Stojcic and myself. We entered the tournament in the Super Senior category at the 3.5 level of play and named our team as the "Elbow Benders".

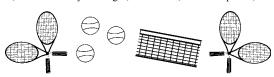
There were 7 teams in our category and we were scheduled to play matches against three different teams each day for three days but only played two matches on the first day due to scattered rain showers. Scheduled match times were at 1200, 1400 and 1600 on day one and at 1100,1300 and 1500 on days two and three. In total, we played 8 matches consisting of three doubles

sets in each match. We needed 6 players for each match and one of our team members wanted to play in only one match per day. Different team members volunteered to sit out one of the other two matches per day. We played 8-game pro sets with a 7-point tie breaker if the score went to 7 games each. Our team score was determined by adding the total number of games won. We didn't win any sets on the first day but improved each day winning one set on the 2nd day and winning two more sets and losing a tie breaker on the 3rd day. Needless to say that we were not among the top two teams in our category to qualify for the finals on the 4th day. A team from Australia were the winners in our category.

The sunny weather, team camaraderie, outstanding tennis facilities and excellent tournament organization made this a memorable event for us Elbow Benders.



Back row, from left: Clair Kuntz; Chuck Tanner; Peter Scholefield Front row, from left: Roy Bellinger; Ron Cook; Bill Humphries; Nick Stojcic

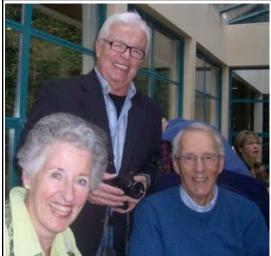




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