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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Variath Kutty

Our AGM was held on April 10, 2013 at 4 pm in the Marine Room of West Vancouver Seniors Centre. We had a reasonably good turnout.

Ian Dirom, having completed his term of office, retired. During his tenure of office the winter games indoor, our picnic outdoor and our Christmas get-together were all organized and run like a clock work. He has handed his well-documented manual to his successor. I would like to thank Ian for his exemplary service in the past few years.

Sandra has handed me the job of President and she has taken on the role of Vice President. I have accepted this job on the understanding that I can call on her for advice and guidance. Although she was unable to attend our AGM due to health issues, she worked with me and others on the Board to make sure that we were ready for the meeting.

We welcome to our Board Pari Koch, Don Mackinlay and Ron Ranquist. Ron will be taking over the functions of Program Director and Don Mackinlay will assume the role of Treasurer. Pari will hopefully assist with publicity when she has the time to do this.

I would like to thank each and every member of our executives. It is a joy to work with people who are efficient, cooperative and pleasant.

We have had some sunny days already and I hope for more sun and warmth in the days to come.

STANS EXECUTIVE

Our new Executive Committee and their roles:

Kutty Variath - President and Newsletter
Sandy Barker - Vice President and Social
Ron Ranquist – Programs
Alf Orr – Treasurer
Judith Bicknell - Cards and Social
Kirsty Milligan - Secretary and Social
Will Phillips – Membership
Don Mackinlay - Treasurer (upon handover)
Pari Koch - Publicity

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ANNUAL PICNIC & ROUND ROBIN

Place: Murdo Frazer - to register and play.
Date: Wednesday, August 7th (weather permitting) or Thursday 8th (rain date).
If questionable, call an Executive member.
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.

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

- Olga Heim
- Denise Goffe
- Monica Medelik
- Joseph Jankovics

Please see the enclosed membership list for current phone numbers.



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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.

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SPRING & SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM

April 1, 2013 to October 1, 2013

North Vancouver Outdoor Courts:

Murdo Frazer

3 courts: Monday to Friday

Times: 8:00 am to Noon

Cates Park

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.

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.

JOHN WILLIAMS TROPHY

The late John Williams was a lifetime 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 fifth annual presentation of the John Williams Trophy was awarded to Arisha Ladhani, currently ranked #2 in BC in girls under 18. She recently was a finalist in doubles in the under 18 Indoor National Championships and is starting to play ITF tournaments world-wide.



Arisha Ladhani

GRANTS TO YOUNG PLAYERS

Luka Vukovic.

Luka is currently ranked #1 in U12 in BC and has represented BC at the Nationals. He has recently been selected to the Tennis BC Provincial Training program



Ally Valk.

Ally is ranked in the top 5 in girls under 16 in British Columbia. She has been the most improved player in BC over the past year and one of the hardest working juniors.



Kyryll Kryvchun.

Kyryll is currently the #1 player in BC in the Boys' U16s and the #2 in Boys' U18s. He is on a 6-tournament win streak, winning all the provincial 16 tournaments as well as winning the first U18 tournament beating the #1 player who is also ranked #300 in the world.



BC SENIORS GAMES

The 26th Annual BC Seniors Games will be held August 20 to 24, 2013 in Kamloops. For further information, please visit www.bcseniorgames.org.

STANS 25TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration

Club Med Ixtapa Pacific, Mexico

November 30, 2013 - 7 Nights All-Inclusive Tennis Vacation

The all-inclusive price would be \$1695. This price may change a little based on the air fare taxes and US Currency. Travel Insurance cost is in addition as it is determined by age and pre-existing medical conditions.

Travel Concepts have indicated that they can hold this until July 15, 2013.

A Davis Cup Story (John H. Kennedy)

One hundred years ago, in 1913, Canada reached the Davis Cup semi-finals. In 2013 they did it again. Good thing that patience is a Canadian virtue.

Over a three-day weekend in April, Canada faced Italy in a quarter-final match and the weekend went like this:

- Friday April 5: Pospisil (108) vs Seppi (21). Pospisil wins the first two sets, loses the next two and fights hard to take the fifth and deciding set, but cannot overcome Seppi. Good match and Pospisil looks drained at the end.

- Later the same day: Raonic (16) vs Fognini (25). Three hard-fought sets and Raonic emerges a winner. The serve is on. Down the line power works. The crosscourt verges on the magical. Fognini gets close every now and again but not close enough.

- Saturday April 6: Pospisil, who seemed exhausted after yesterday's match is teamed up with Nestor (doubles rank 8) against Bracciali (doubles rank 23) and Fognini. Unlike the Spanish doubles match a

few months earlier, Pospisil and Nestor look like they were a team. They took the first two sets. Crowd is excited. I'm thinking, have I seen this before? Our guys lose the next two sets. Then the magic begins again. Win one lose one over and over again. There's no tie break in Davis Cup. The fifth set ends up at 15-13 with Pospisil serving steadily and sometimes brilliantly and Nestor playing up to his reputation.

• Sunday April 7: Raonic vs Seppi. Canada leads 2-1 in games and to win takes three points so we have to win one of today's scheduled matches. The crowd is excited but you can feel the tension in the stands. Raonic pulls it off: 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Canada is in the semi-finals for the first time in one hundred years.

• We meet Serbia on September 13-15 in Belgrade. Turn on your TV and cheer them on!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are saddened to learn Jose Portas passed away. His friend and tennis partner Elmer Helm remembers Jose.

In Memory of Jose Portas
Elmer Helm

Jose, a member of STANS, was an avid tennis player. He loved to travel to Spain where he was raised and also to other places like Mesa, Arizona where his daughter Margaret lives.

Before Jose retired he was a Maitre de at the Bayshore Hotel. Although he was apparently an artist and loved to cook, I think most of his friends knew him as a tennis player. He was most appreciative when asked to make up a foursome in tennis. He was small in stature but was a good player and always smiling. He had that little grin or smile whenever he made one of his deceptive cross-court drop shots or lobs.

I first met Jose a number of years ago at the Boulevard courts where he was a regular player. For

the past few years, Jose was a regular member of morning group of tennis players playing at Grant Connell tennis club, Grouse Woods or Tempe Courts, organized by Norm Brown.

At Norm's suggestion I tried to contact Jose on Tuesday June 4th to play on Thursday and his daughter Margaret answered the phone and gave me the tragic news that Jose had passed away on Friday, May 31st.

It was a shock to all of us tennis friends.

He always greeted people senior or senora with a smile and I will sorely miss that morning greeting Senior Elmer.

He will be remembered as a gracious gentleman and an avid tennis player and friend. He will be missed by us all and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.



We are sorry to report the passing away of another STANS member, Vi Jones. She was a member until 2011. She passed away on June 4th at the age of 98! When she attended last summer's picnic she was heard to say that she was proud to be our oldest playing member.

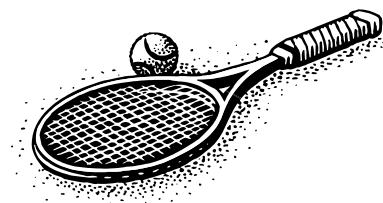
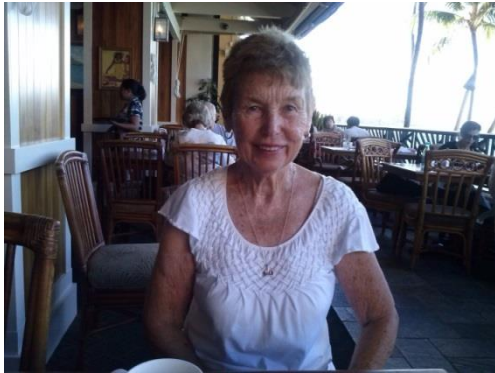


Photo Gallery...



New member Denise Goffe



New member
Monica Medilek

