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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Barker

Hello tennis fans! This will be my last report in this capacity as I think you deserve a President who is present. I have enjoyed the past two years because of the people I get to spend time with, and will remain on the Executive in whichever seat the new President wishes.

Thanks to John Kennedy, Will Phillips, and John Boston for keeping the early morning indoor games running smoothly. I really miss the action, levity, and all the nice people. I hope the new members who have joined the indoor group are enjoying the games.

I would like to thank Ian Dirom for his contribution to the STANS Executive these past six years. Ian has served his term most efficiently. I want you to know, Ian, we very much appreciate how you tackled the court bookings and organization of games and Socials. While Ian will not be officially on the Executive, he has agreed to help his successor learn the ropes. We will miss you Ian, but as long as Alf is with us, he will ensure our meetings/comedy hour will be as enjoyable as always.

Thanks to Paul Kennedy for the creation and maintenance of our website: www.seniorstennis.ca. Potential members can easily navigate the site and learn what we're all about. Our email address is: seniorstennis@yahoo.com.

Availability of courts for spring and summer tennis is posted on our website as well as the Newsletter.

2013 SOCIAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our **Social and Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, April 10**, from **4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**, in the Marine Room (cafeteria) at West Vancouver Seniors' Centre (695 - 21st Street). We are pleased to announce that the following members have agreed to stand as Directors:

Sandy Barker
Variath Kutty
Kirsty Milligan
Alf Orr
Will Phillips
Judith Bicknell
Pari Koch
Ron Ranquist
Don Mackinlay

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

Refreshments will be served and we will look forward to seeing you there. Membership renewal forms will be available so you can sign up for 2013 if you haven't already done so.

MEMBERSHIP

Will Phillips

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

Jo-Lue Bloomer
Ria York

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND
FUTURE NEWSLETTERS:**

If you are a paid up member of STANS, you will receive our newsletters three times a year. If you have not registered as a member and/or have not yet paid your membership, we would encourage you to do so now to avoid disappointment. This will be your last newsletter and we'll miss you, so please renew so we can all stay in touch. And one other point: the liability insurance we carry applies only to members of STANS and it is therefore doubly important that you be a paid-up member so you can play on the courts reserved for STANS members.

GRANTS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

We propose to give monetary grants to three deserving young players this year.

Wayne Elderton has recommended Luke Vukovic, North Shore Winter Club, and West Vancouver Tennis Club has recommended Alli Valk.

We would also like to give Kyryll Kryvchun an award this year, in view of his excellent progress last year.

DAVIS CUP 2013

Davis Cup: Canada vs. Spain.

My "package" of tickets for all three days of the Canada Spain tournament at UBC was a 75th birthday present from the beautiful Penelope.

Friday February 1. Lots of excitement in anticipation of the match between Milos Raonic and Albert Ramos. Milos lost the first set and my heart was in my mouth throughout. He won the next three sets 6-4, 6-4, and 6-4 and I was exhausted. I didn't think it was very exciting tennis but there sure were some great shots from both men. The next match on Friday was between Frank Dancevic (singles rank 140) and Marcel Granollers (singles rank 34) and Frank was inspired. He played brilliant tennis and won handily 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Canada now had two of the three points they needed to move to the next level of competition. **Saturday February 2.** Doubles day. Nestor/Pospisil vs. Granoller/Lopez. Our guys seemed tired after they won the first set, then lost the second, won the third in a tiebreak and lost the last two. The crowd was disappointed, as was I. But that's tennis...there's always tomorrow. **Sunday February 3.** Raonic vs. Guillermo-Garcia-Lopez and Milos was on his game. Great serving, some powerful backhands down the line and some crushing forehands, all well placed. 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in short order and Canada has enough points to move to the next level. Huge cheers all around. Then Dancevic again, this time vs. Albert Ramos (singles rank 56). Frank lost in straight sets and it seemed a bit anti-climactic after Friday's brilliant win but Frank was still glowing from that one.

John H. Kennedy



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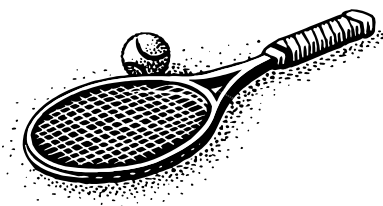
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BC SENIORS GAMES

North Vancouver Recreation Commission is making a bid to host Seniors games in 2015 or 2016. Tom Walker has asked for STANS support and assistance in this event. We have written a letter of support and if we win the bid, we will be asking you to help by volunteering.

The BC Seniors games will take place in Kamloops from August 20-24 2013. For more information on the tennis front, you may contact Colin McLean, the Tennis Coordinator for Zone 4. You can reach him at: [604-261-0296](tel:604-261-0296) or by email at colmav@shaw.ca. You can also find out more about the games at www.bcseniorgames.org. **All STANS and other North Shore Tennis players are invited to join the fun!**

Age Categories will be for Men and Women: 55-59 years of age, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, and 80+ years of age. Events in all age categories will be: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Each player may enter a maximum of two (2) events. If you are interested in playing tennis in the 2013 BC Seniors Games, please get in touch with Colin for more information on tryout/playoff dates and how to get involved in the BC Seniors Games. We'll look forward to hearing your stories.



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**QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE
MEDALS**

We extend our congratulations to three of STANS' generous supporters and distinguished citizens who have recently been recipients of The Queen Elizabeth 11 Diamond Jubilee Medals for service to their community.



To Shirley Young for her commitment to removing the stigma of HIV/AIDS, her dedication to those afflicted with the disease and her ability to become an agent of change through her advocacy for persons with HIV/AIDS for over two decades.

To Daniel Lemieux who, after a successful career with the RCMP, had a second career with the Insurance Crime Prevention Bureau where he became an expert witness in fire cause investigation as well as a renowned lecturer on fire investigative techniques whose efforts led to changes in the Canadian Criminal Code. Dan's commitment to the RCMP Veteran's Association as Guard coordinator and Ceremonial Troop Commander together with his service as a special events docent at the Vancouver Maritime Museum has been exemplary.

To Elmer Helm who is recognised for his significant contribution to the community through his dedication to the Association of Neighbourhood Houses of Greater Vancouver where in 1953 he was appointed Executive Director; his work as the Executive Director of Gordon House; his involvement in the creation of the Alexander Foundation for Neighbourhood Houses; his commitment to the founding of the Elmer Helm Youth Fund to provide scholarships for students pursuing post-secondary studies; and for his distinguished service to the tennis community.

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**SPRING AND SUMMER
TENNIS PROGRAM**

April 1, 2013 to October 1, 2013

**STANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
April 10, 2013**

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I would like to report that all of STANS events and programs for 2012/2013 were quite successful with the help of many volunteers, court captains and food organizers.

Following is a summary of past and upcoming programs for 2013/2014:

NORTHSHORE OUTDOOR COURTS:

The North Vancouver District Courts have been booked from April to October 2013 as follows:

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 and Friday
Times: 8:00 am to 11 am**

The West Vancouver District Courts have been booked for the same period as follows:

AMBLESIDE

**3 Courts: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Times: 7:00 am to 9:00 am**

BENBOW

**2 Courts: Tuesday and Thursday
Times: 8:00 am to Noon**

29th STREET

**2 Courts: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Times: 8:00 am to Noon**

Murdo Frazer courts have been the most popular ones on the North Shore.

There has not been much interest in the West Vancouver courts.

**ANNUAL PICNIC AND ROUND-ROBIN
EVENT**

The annual event is scheduled to be held at Murdo Frazer on **Wednesday, August 7th** with a rainout date of Thursday, August 8th.

Attendance is holding steady at about 60 players, including guests. No significant changes are planned for this year's event. Again, there will be prizes and good food.

FALL AND WINTER INDOOR TENNIS

Our Fall and Winter Indoor Tennis sessions (October to April) at Grant Connell Tennis Centre have gone well.

Three courts were booked again for Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will end on April 29th.

Very likely, there will be 3 more indoor courts added at Grant Connell later this year for a total of 9.

Consideration will be given to increasing STAN's group booking to 4 courts, depending on the interest.

(NOTE: Grant Connell stipulates that no one group can book more than 50% of available courts: 3 now and 4 later with expansion)

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND TENNIS EVENT

Last December's social event was held in Grant Connell and was quite successful with an impressive increase in numbers, both players and guests.

Next December we may be booking five courts instead of four because of the increased interest.

Ian Dirom

April 10, 2013

PHOTO GALLERY

