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**President's Report. Variath Kutty**

I am going to be very brief here, because we have much material to cover.

Grant Connell expansion is almost complete. The three new indoor courts are now open to the public.

Our Christmas social and Round Robin is on December 1st, 2013. Do please come - this is an excellent opportunity to meet people and play some tennis.

We have a wonderful executive group: our meetings last most times an hour. Things get done. How can I keep from singing their praise? Thank you.

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**STANS EXECUTIVE**

- Variath Kutty - President and Newsletter
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- Ron Ranquist - Programs
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- Judith Bicknell - Cards and Social
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- Pari Koch - Publicity/Social

**CHRISTMAS TENNIS/SOCIAL**

The Christmas Social and Round-Robin will take place at the Grant Connell Tennis Centre (280 Lloyd Ave.) on Sunday, December 1, 2013. All STANS members are cordially invited to attend, whether or not you want to play tennis that evening.

Time:

- 6:30 pm: Registration
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Play
- 9:00pm-: Social
- Cost: \$10.00 for players
- \$4.00 for party only

As well as good tennis, there'll be lots of friendly people to socialize with before Christmas and we'd be delighted to have you join us. Light refreshments will be provided by STANS.

Please tell us if you are coming by calling or emailing Ron Ranquist on or before November 28th (Ronranq@hotmail.com - Phone 604-980-2911)



**NEW MEMBERS**

Will Phillips, our Membership Chairman, reports new members who have joined:

Corporate Member:  
Wholly Noggin (Raw Whole Food Bar)

Elizabeth Gunn  
Alicia McBurnay  
Patrick Guay  
Jim Halco  
Cammi MacKinlay  
Keith Rogers  
Nick Stojcic

Welcome to STANS . . . and if you or any reader of this newsletter knows people who play tennis, we would love to welcome them as new members. Please direct them to our website [www.seniorstennis.ca](http://www.seniorstennis.ca) where an application form can be downloaded. Or call any member of your Executive and we'll send a membership application form.



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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
JANUARY 2014-DECEMBER 2014**

Now's the *time to do it!*  
*A registration form for the 2014 year is included with this newsletter. All members wishing to continue their membership are asked to complete the form and sign and mail it, together with the \$20.00 per person fee, to the address shown on the form. Please do this before the end of December. You could also hand your membership form and cheque at the Xmas Social on December 1st.*

**Picnic and Round Robin  
John Kennedy**

Wednesday August 9 2013 7am: Sun is shining...temperature is just right...it's the annual STANS Picnic and Round-Robin at the Murdo Fraser courts in beautiful North Vancouver and STANS members Ian Dirom, Kirsty Milligan, Will Phillips, Judith Bicknell, Pari Koch and Ron Ranquist are hard at work setting up tables, trying to find those elusive pens and bits of paper that will make the whole event run smoothly.

7:15 am...the first trickle of players arrive, keen to get the round-robin underway, grabbing the new tennis balls and heading for the courts to warm up. Soon the trickle becomes a wave and the courts are full and the rest of us are renewing old acquaintances and hoping that our turn will come soon.

8 am...they're off...the first flight is underway and the competition is fierce...well...fierceish might be a better description because there are lots of laughs along the way as well as some really good shots (literally AND figuratively) and a lot of very energetic attempts to control the wayward balls.

8:15 am...the sun now covers and warms the patiently waiting players who are trying desperately to understand how the flight system works and searching around to find out who their partner might be...and then the famous Dirom whistle is faintly heard...that whistle is famous mostly because over the years only a few people have ever actually heard its plaintive cry...nevertheless, the players do find

their partners and their assigned court and after rescuing the occasional ball from the pocket of a flight #1 player, the flight #2 group begin their warm-up. The day is well and truly underway.

About 60 STANS members will show up as the morning goes on, some still rubbing the sleep out of their eyes but otherwise ready for action...some to watch and chat and enjoy the welcoming companionship that marks so many STANS events. Snacks will appear..delicious fruit...the occasional bag of chips...even cookies from time to time. And snippets of great conversation can be heard here and there as players recount their great plays, the odd questionable line call and the inherent value of Shotspot and the amazing shot-making prowess of the players opposite.

Wave after wave of players come and go until the games have ended, prizes are given out (including the Brenda Sacre Award, won this year by Dennis Murray) and lunch finds its way to the top of everyone's agenda...and Kirsty Milligan comes through again as she has done for so many years...this time with the able assistance of Pari Koch...the line-up forms and the hungry players and guests enjoy the feast...rumour has it that this years' lunch was one of the best.

Our deepest thanks go to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to organise and run the day, feed the starving masses and clean up the park once the crowd has departed. Their commitment to STANS is to be admired. Thanks too to the many contributors to our prizes including STANS advertisers Travel Concepts and Racket Hut as well as Delaney's Coffee, Highland Chevron, Capilano Barbers, Karin Schuermeyer and Eva Belas. Please check out the photos later in this newsletter...

**INDOOR TENNIS AT THE GRANT CONNELL TENNIS CENTRE**

**Ron Ranquist**

STANS has again booked the GCTC for early morning indoor tennis on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays running from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. This year we also have under STANS umbrella Shirley and Bob Young's group playing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Many thanks go to the devoted Court Captains that are assisting the Programs Director: John Kennedy, Will Phillips and John Boston (and their subs).

All regulars spots are filled, but we are always looking for spares. So, if you are interested in joining our early morning group, please call or email Ron Ranquist. Also please complete and email the survey enclosed with this Newsletter.



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**GRANTS TO YOUNG PLAYERS UPDATE.**

Kyryll Kryvchun

Kyryll has been on a roll the last 5 months. This August he became the National under sixteen champion winning both singles and doubles. His ITF world ranking has climbed from #1800 to #580. This summer he had the opportunity to play as a wildcard in the Kelowna men's ITF futures event as well as the Odium Brown ATP men's Challenger event at Hollyburn, gaining valuable experience playing against players ranked in the top 300 in the world. Kyryll and his coach are now in Atlanta for an ITF event this week and next week they will be in South Carolina.

He and his coach have expressed their appreciation of STANS support which helps them defray part costs of their Junior Circuit travel expenses. They look for our continued support.

Alli Valk

This past summer and fall she played in many tournaments in BC and Canada as well as the Pacific Northwest. She won the U16 National Qualifier at Stanley Park, defeating the top three girls from Alberta. She also played her first pro event at the Odium Brown at Hollyburn.

She has been accepted to compete in the prestigious Eddie Herr tournament in Florida. She has also entered in the Orange Bowl and American Cup in Florida in late November and December.

Her father encourages Alli and is very supportive. He has expressed his thanks for STANS support, which hopes will continue.

Luka Vukovic

Luka is currently the #1 Ranked player in BC U12. He is ranked in the top 15 of U14 as well. In the last U16 Provincial tournament, he got to the semi-finals. He will be continuing to train all Fall/Winter with a view to qualify for the Indoor National Championships in April.

He and his coach are appreciative of STANS support, which they hope will continue.

Vasek Pospisil

Vernon's Vasek Pospisil is the 2013 Vancouver Open men's champion, as he topped Great Britain's Daniel Evans 6-0, 1-6, 7-5 in the final at Hollyburn Country Club for his fourth career ATP Challenger Tour title. He now ranks 32 in ATP Tour ranking.

He nearly beat Roger Federer in the semis in October at ATP 500 event in Switzerland. His partnership with Daniel Nestor is taking Canada closer to winning a grand slam doubles championship.

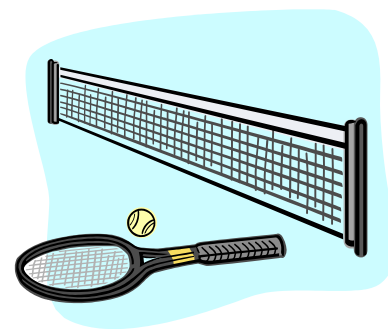
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**BC SENIORS GAMES - 2014**

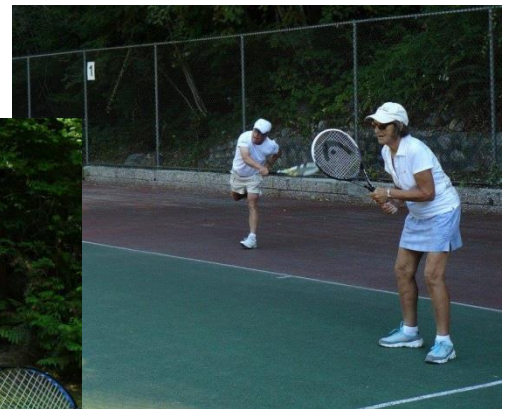
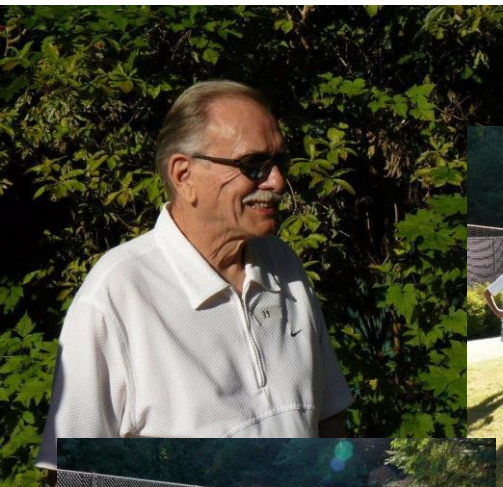
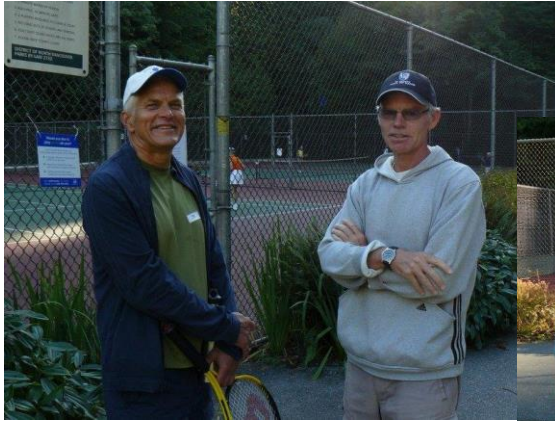
2014 games will be held in the Langleys from September 9 – 13, 2014. Athletes aged 55 plus will be competing in a variety of sports ranging from badminton, bowling, and soccer, to track and field, mountain biking, and golf.

Next year – 2015 BC Seniors Games are being hosted by North Vancouver. Please sign up early as volunteers. The 2015 Games will be held from August 25 – 29, 2015.





*PHOTO GALLERY*





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