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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Variath Kutty

We are almost through another year! Our Christmas Tennis/Social is on 7th December 2014, which is a Sunday. We hope to see a big turnout - do please come - this is an excellent opportunity to meet people and play some tennis.

Grant Connell Tennis Center has a new name and a well-lit board: North Vancouver Tennis Center. They have made some improvements to the old courts to make them look somewhat comparable to the new extension.

We quote from a recent news release of the City of North Vancouver regarding Cloverly Park and tennis courts: "Only preliminary discussions have taken place" and "a second stage of public engagement" will begin in 2015. You will recall that we had made representations to the City to keep the tennis courts at Cloverly available to the public.

North Vancouver Tennis Society held their annual general meeting on November 5, 2014. Three directors have retired and three new directors have joined the Society. We work closely with North Vancouver Tennis Society and it is their intervention that had secured for us the new tennis courts for our winter indoor games. I urge STANS members to become members of North Vancouver Tennis Society as well. The annual fees are only \$5. The Society acts in an advisory role to North Vancouver Tennis Center.

I thank the executives who retired after serving their six year term, the current board and many volunteers who come forward to make our events a success. I am particularly indebted to John Kennedy

for being our photographer par excellence and reporter at large. When Ron was away in Toronto during our picnic and I was desperate for someone to conduct the games, Ian Dirom came forward, even when he had to go to the airport to receive guests. Thank you, Ian.

Recently some of us had the pleasure of seeing John Boston at Delany's for coffee. John is undergoing chemotherapy and is fighting the brave battle like a soldier! I wish him well.

STANS EXECUTIVE

Variath Kutty - President and Newsletter
Ron Ranquist - Programs
Don Mackinlay - Treasurer
Denis Martell - Membership
Judith Bicknell - Cards and Social
Pari Koch - Publicity/Social
Bella Tata
Tom Laughlin

NEW MEMBERS

Denis Martell, our Membership Chairman, reports new members who have joined our association:

Patsy Morgan
Jae Il Lee

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 where an application form can be downloaded. Or call any member of your Executive and we'll send a membership application.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
January 2015-December 2015**

Now's the time to do it!

A registration form for the 2015 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 7th.

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**PICNIC AND ROUND ROBIN
John Kennedy**

On yet another fantastic summer day in North Vancouver, some fifty STANS members showed up at Murdo Frazer courts on Wednesday August 6th to enjoy some good tennis, a few laughs, some tasty snacks along the way and Cindy's Comfort Foods' lip-smacking lunch to pay off the morning's efforts.

It was great to see so many returning faces, particularly the one owned by the ever-charming and efficient Ian Dirom who ran his usual tight ship and kept the rhythm going so that courts were filled and emptied just as though we'd all been trained to the task. Except for those among us who had

difficulty figuring out where the red arrow was pointing. The ever-faithful Will Phillips was Ian's supportive back-up guy.

It was great to see Kirsty Milligan and Pari Koch arrive just after dawn with tables (thank you Sandy), table covers, coolers, ice, and a myriad of other bits and pieces looking for volunteers to help move all that stuff from Kirsty's car to its appointed spot. It all went smoothly as did the phase involving veggies, dips and fruit that took up another Kirsty trunk-load and required even more volunteers to lend a hand. President Kutty kept an eye on the action and STANS Exec member Tom Laughlin arrived with his trusty blower and made quick work of cleaning the courts. Our thanks go to St. Catharine's church for letting us use their refrigerators overnight. Ever present through all of this was the organiser, one Judith Bicknell... whom many will remember as the solo act providing the goodies at our Christmas party.

STANS is indeed blessed to have members who will go the distance to make things work for all of us.

When the time came to award prizes it was clear that STANS volunteers had done a lot of work to solicit support from around the community and the community had responded brilliantly. Prize contributors included, from Edgemont Village, Brenda at Capilano Barbers, Robin Delaney and the crew at Delaney's Coffee shop, Roger from the Chevron station, Cobs Bread, Trims, Fresh Slice and the Edgemont Wines VQA store. Other supporters included STANS sponsor Francis at Racket Hut, The Bay in Park Royal, Starbucks in Pemberton Plaza as well as, from West Van, Foot Solutions, Dog Ear and Gale Grapes and STANS long-time supporter and sponsor, Travel Concepts Ltd.

And the Brenda Sacre cup was awarded to Ian Shepherd whose smile and skills keep him at the top of his game and at the top of the lists of people who want someone to play with.

For this writer, the most touching moment of the day came when Jim Gladden was awarded a used tennis racquet. The racquet came from Margaret Pahr who had sent it along with the message that

she was no longer able to use the racquet and she thought to offer it to STANS. Margaret has been a long-time STANS supporter, a regular and accomplished player at the Murdo Frazer courts and elsewhere, a teacher and mentor and a person for whom this generous act was only one of many she shared with her community over the years. Thank you, Margaret.

To all who came to share the day, whether you were able to play or not, we say thank you. Good days are often the result of good people sharing their talents and their enjoyment of this sport and today was a good day.

And for those of you who couldn't be here, we look forward to welcoming you next year.

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INDOOR TENNIS AT THE NORTH VANCOUVER TENNIS CENTRE Ron Ranquist

STANS has again booked the NVTC 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 Tom Laughlin (and their subs).

Our Monday, Wednesday and Friday groups play in the newly built courts 7, 8 and 9. We have sent a letter to all members of STANS, asking them to indicate if they would like to join the indoor groups. Our Monday and Wednesday groups were full for the October/December season, but we had less

interest in Friday tennis. We look forward to welcoming new members.

We have also asked you to please indicate if you would be joining us for Christmas Tennis/Social on Sunday December 7, 2014. I look forward to a large turn out this year also.

STANS HAS A WEBSITE

www.seniorstennis.ca

I hope you take advantage of it. It lists Courts and Times and updated Coming Events. Under "Contact Us," you can find an application to join STANS. We welcome your enquiries and comments.



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GRANTS TO YOUNG PLAYERS

We have awarded grants to the following young players:

Luka Vukovic
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Sara Bremsak

They were all recommended highly by their coaches and were doing well in the competitions they had entered.



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BC SENIORS GAMES

The BC Seniors games will take place in Langley from September 9 - 13, 2014. 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 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!

BC Seniors Games Society will be rebranding its annual multi-sport event as the 55+ BC Games starting in 2015 with the North Vancouver Games.

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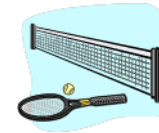


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