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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Our Christmas Social/Tennis this year will be on Saturday, 9th December 2017. This is a popular event for our members, so do come play some tennis, meet old friends and make some new friends. We have quite a few new members who have joined this year – interesting people and good tennis players.

You will recall that we were concerned about the fate of the three outdoor Tennis Courts at 600 West Queens. Both STANS and North Vancouver Tennis Society (NVTS) have made representations that these courts should continue to be made available. NVTS have now received confirmation that one of the recommendations of the Delbrook Lands Dialogue process was to retain these Tennis courts. This is very comforting news, as the loss of these lit courts would have been very sad.

Pickleball is quickly gaining members and popularity. We understand between April and September this year, 230 new members have joined the club. The Tennis community works in harmony with the Pickleball group.

Murdo Frazer tennis courts have what is technically described as 'popcorn surface'. This surface is very treacherous when wet. Our members have slipped and fallen playing on these courts even after a very light shower. In addition the court surface has become uneven from the tree roots growing very near the surface. We have brought these to the attention of the authorities through NVTS and we understand the Municipality might be able to include this in their 2018 capital expenses. We very much hope they would.

I thank our executives and many kind volunteers for their help. This year's picnic was a huge success. As in the past Pari Koch was able to collect many prizes from the business community which were given away to our members. Like last year Pari had the sandwich/snack bar open early and by end of day there was little leftover food. Francoise de Pauw and John Kennedy took pictures and several were posted on our Facebook page.

For our Programs Director Dave Courville this was his first hands on experience. Bella took care of registration and Don and Dave made up the teams. We started with the famous yellow number board, but soon abandoned that for names on an erasable plastic sheet. Don has become a master at this.

STANS EXECUTIVES

Kutty Variath – President and Newsletter
Pari Koch – Vice President, Social and Publicity
Don Mackinlay – Treasurer
Denis Martell – Membership Chair
Dave Courville – Programs
Bella Tata – Social/Director at large
Francoise de Pauw – Web development/ Communication/ Social
Tom Laughlin – Director at large

NEW MEMBERS

Denis Martell

We have 39 new members as of November 13 this year. The Posters in various outdoor courts, at North Vancouver Tennis Centre and the efforts of existing members, particularly Pari Koch, have helped this addition. May we ask the help of all members towards recruiting new players to our Group? The following names are in addition to those reported in March and June Newsletters.

Total paid up members are 142. There are 9 Life Members. In all, 151 Members.

New Members since June 2017 Newsletter:

Botia, Ricardo
Brown, Jim
Chester, Rob
Coates, Donna
Ellwyn, Gord
Farahmand, Khosrow
Grant, Margo
Jenkins, Mike
Kehler, Julie
Liu, Baoging
McConnachie, Jolanta
Milner, Lou
Nobari, Ali
Novosad, Lou
Smith, Linda
Stiphout, Willem
Sun, Mark
Withers, Brenda

LINKS TO OUR SITES

The link to our Website is:
<http://www.seniorstennis.ca>

Our Facebook page, which may be accessed by anyone (with or without Facebook account) is:
<https://www.facebook.com/stanstennis>

We welcome all tennis players. Our Membership Application Form may be downloaded from our website given above.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for January to December, 2018

Now's the time to do it! A registration form for the 2018 year is included with this Newsletter. All members wishing to continue their membership are asked to complete the form, 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 can also hand in your membership form and cheque at the Christmas Social on December 9th.

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PICNIC AND ROUND ROBIN



Our Picnic and Round Robin was on Wednesday, 9th August 2017. The weather was bright and not too warm - ideal for Tennis. John Kennedy, being the kind soul that he is, picked up a large container of fresh hot coffee for us and later returned the empty container. STANS owes him much for all that he does for us. Normally he would have written with humor about our picnic for the Newsletter, but this time he left early for not feeling well.

Players began to arrive just before eight in the morning. Bella and David were manning the registration desk. Initially we thought of using the traditional yellow board, but when Don came with the erasable plastic board, we elected to use this. Members still got their numbers, but its use was restricted to picking winners for prizes.

As usual Pari Koch had collected a bunch of gifts from local merchants and well-wishers for prize giving. These were:

- Karin and Frank Scheuermeyer
- Bob Hardman
- Cobs Bread Bakery
- BjornBar Bakery
- Kids Books
- Rosa Floral Design
- 32 Books and Gallery
- KaBloom Floral and Gift Boutique
- Edgemont Gourmet Meats
- Starbucks
- The Juicery Company
- Young Orchid
- Pizazz Gifts
- Chevron Gas Station
- Capilano Barbers
- Delany's Coffee House
- Dog's Ear T-Shirt Boutique
- Gotto Grapes
- Paws and Claws Pantry
- Health Works
- Freshslice Pizza

Our thanks to each and every one of our donors.

The day's action wrapped up with this year's presentation of the Brenda Sacre Trophy. This year's winner was Wendy Pearson.



INDOOR TENNIS AT THE NORTH VANCOUVER TENNIS CENTRE

Dave Courville

STANS has again booked the NVTC for early morning indoor tennis from Monday to Friday. I have the assistance of our devoted Court Captains to run these programs. Many thanks to John Kennedy, Shirley Young, Will Phillips, Don Mackinlay and their subs.



CHRISTMAS TENNIS / SOCIAL

The Christmas Social and Round-Robin will takeplace at the North Vancouver Tennis Centre (280 Lloyd Ave) on Saturday, December 9, 2017. All STANS members are cordially invited to attend, whether or not you want to play tennis that evening.

Time:
 Registration: 6:30 pm:
 Play: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
 Social: 9 pm
 Cost: \$10.00 for
 players, \$4.00 for party
 only.

As well as good tennis, there will be lots of friendly people to



socialize with before Christmas and we would be delighted to have you join us. Light refreshments will be provided by STANS. We look forward to seeing a large turnout this year. Please tell us if you are coming by emailing Dave Courville at dhcourville@shaw.ca.

JOHN WILLIAMS TROPHY

Wayne Elderton advises that the winner of John Williams Trophy this year is:

Aron Pilbart
Currently ranked #2 in Boys Under 14 in BC

Aron Pilbart
2017
John Williams Award
For top U12-U18 Academy Player



Tennis Director Wayne Elderton presents award

SYD NASH TURNS 93

We recently celebrated the 93rd birthday of Syd Nash with a cake and a symbolic candle after our

Thursday's tennis. Syd plays regularly with the Thursday group. I have played with and against him and must tell you that he is still a wily old fox on court. Many of us hold him as our ideal and hope that we would be playing Tennis when we reach his age. Many happy returns, Syd!



CONDOLENCES

STANS extends condolence to Betty Bishop, our life member. Her husband Melvin Bishop passed away on 16 October 2017. A memorial gathering was held on November 5, 2017 at the Seymour Golf and Country Club.

STANS Picnic 2017

