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Greetings from the Editor

By Dave Muhich

Greetings everyone, and welcome to another edition of the PNW newsletter. I don't have too many words of wisdom this month, other than to say that, every time I step on court, I am continually reminded of the talent, passion, and dedication that all of you have for what we do, and it makes me proud to be among you. Please consider taking on a volunteer task, such as contributing an article to this newsletter, as one of our Eastern Wash officials did this month.

2008 Officials' Training

By John Rodenberg

The 2008 Officials' Training classes in the PNW are well underway. Below is a summary of the WA class, along with information for the OR and BC classes, for those who have not yet attended a class.



Washington

Took place on 2/9 and 2/10 at Central Park Tennis Club in Kirkland Washington. National T/E Martin Brown of Oakland, California, conducted excellent training sessions. The action on the new DVDs is very good, and provides a timely tie-in to the material at hand. Some firsts were observed in either the Saturday or Sunday sessions:

- Laptops appeared for note taking and rule checking on line
- Free giveaway table with official's gear
- Used / new uniform material sold at discounts
- Training session on work or data cards
- Discussion of national mentor program
- Snow, yes snow, on some of the cars arriving from E Wash
- Fabulous custom catered lunches
- Discussion of new equipment techniques
- Putting faces with names

We are hoping for the same type of collaboration and involvement in the other PNW training classes.

BC

Tuesday, May 27 and Wednesday, May 28

Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club, 1630 West 15th Avenue, Vancouver, BC.
Contact Lois Ker at 604 737 3087, 604 376 4841 or lmker@telus.net

SCHEDULE

Evenings 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

INSTRUCTOR

Perry Hines, Portland, Oregon

LODGING

Contact Lois Ker for nearby lodging information, if needed.

OREGON

Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6

USTA Pacific Northwest office, 4840 SW Western Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005.

SCHEDULE

Saturday morning will be 8 a.m. to Noon; lunch will be Noon-1 p.m.; Saturday afternoon is Referee class 1-3:15 p.m.; ITA class is 3:15-5:30 p.m.

Sunday class is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a working lunch Noon-1 p.m.

*Lunch is hosted both days, but bring your own drinks.

INSTRUCTOR

John Suter, Denver, Colorado

LODGING

Contact Courtyard by Marriott at (503) 641-3200, or Contact Embassy Suites at (503) 644-4000.

ITA Collegiate Perspective

By Victor Kollock

It's been awhile since I have contributed to the newsletter. I was moved to share these thoughts having witnessed the enormous contribution made by others as we progress through the collegiate season. Our respective collegiate assignors deserve our thanks, gratitude, and a hearty round of applause. **John Rodenberg** and **Perry Hines** have been joined by **Steve Halberg** and **Tony Anegon** to ensure that officiating requests from PNW Section universities are fulfilled with ITA certified officials.



With increasing and concurrent demands for officials, plus the unexpected date and/or time change thrown in for good measure, the job of the assignor is a daunting task of coordination and diplomacy. Fortunately for us, these gentlemen take that task to heart and put forth a quality effort to not only get the job done, but to do it well.

I have some understanding and measure of the effort that Tony has made as the new collegiate assignor for Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, and the University of Idaho. He's dealt with numerous changes to the original schedule and has accommodated both the clients and the officials to make things fit. I've no doubt that same level of effort has been required of the other collegiate assignors as well.

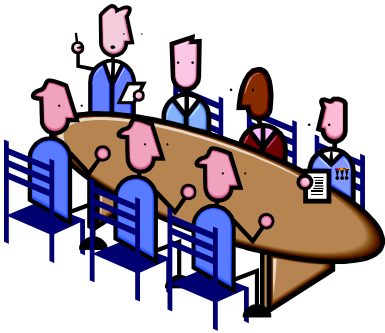
We can all demonstrate our respective thanks to them by raising the level of our collegiate officiating. As I recently shared with a new ITA official, it is important that we assess our performance after every match to identify where we can improve and to strengthen our comprehension of the rules by regular reading of the Friend at Court. While our actions and interactions as officials are always being

observed, we are in the best position to self assess our performance. We should also be willing to assist other officials who need help improving their technique and verbiage. Most important, we must be willing to self motivate to want to improve our officiating.

The collegiate assignors dispatch the right number of officials to the match. It is then up to us to perform at a high level so that both teams participating in the match benefit from our presence on court. We have the remaining ITA season to demonstrate our collective thanks and commitment.

YOUR PNW OFFICIALS' COMMITTEE

By John Rodenberg



Each section of USTA is required to have an Official's committee, with a chair and vice chair. Chair is appointed by president of USTA section. Our committee consists of the following people with roles listed:

Lois Ker, BC, is BC assignor, member of Complaint sub-Committee, awards coordinator and Tennis BC employee

Dave Muhich, WA, is Newsletter Editor and blog developer

Reini Vanderheyd, WA, is Supplies coordinator

Carl Bergquist, WA, is West Wash USTA assignor

Ira Moss, WA, is Wash Shadow assignor and author of Tennis Times "From the Chair"

Bill Haskin, OR, is Southern Oregon USTA assignor

Perry Hines, OR, is Northern Oregon USTA assignor, Portland area ITA assignor and Sectional Trainer/Evaluator of officials

John Costic, OR, is Oregon Shadow assignor

Sam Sambrano, WA, is Recruiting & Diversity coordinator and member of Complaint subCommittee

Tony Anegon, WA, is Vice Chair, new officials coordinator, data base record keeper, E Wash ITA assignor and member of Complaint subCommittee

John Rodenberg, WA, is Chair, UW/PLU ITA assignor and member of National Officials Committee

In addition, two people do assigning, but are not on the committee:

Ivar Husa, E Wash USTA Assignor

Steve Halberg, UO ITA Assignor

We are looking for current and future members of this committee. If you have an interest in any of the functional areas listed and time to volunteer, please let me know.

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