

# IHSTCA Newsletter

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2019

Dear Members:

For those of you who have not used the TennisReporting system or just need a refresher course; I have provided you with the link to the video instructions.

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If you have problems with the system, please note those issues are completely out of my hands and must be addressed by TennisReporting. Below is the contact information for questions or issues you might be experiencing.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Boys' List of Participants due | May 14, 2019    |
| Sectional Seeding Meeting      | May 15, 2019    |
| Sectionals                     | May 18, 2019    |
| State Final Seeding Meeting    | May 21, 2019    |
| State Finals                   | May 23-25, 2019 |
| Boys' Season Ends              | May 25, 2019    |
| IHSTCA Summer Board Meeting    | TBD-July        |

*The IHSA Dead Period for this summer is **August 5-11, 2019**. The IHSA calendar has it identified incorrectly ~ per Craig Anderson, IHSA Executive Director*

## OPENINGS

**Saint Ignatius College Prep** is seeking Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach for the Fall 2019 season. Looking to bring on-board an assistant to help run afternoon practice, manage matches and travel on the bus to practice and games. The season runs Aug. 12 to Oct. 26th. Here's the link to the job spec on the Ignatius website: <https://bit.ly/2I6Km4A>

**Latin School Chicago** has a Boys JV (2020) and Girls (2019) Tennis positions open. This is a paid position. Candidates should send a resume and references to Liz Tortorello-Nelson, Assistant Athletic Director, [enelson@latinschool.org](mailto:enelson@latinschool.org). Latin will pay for NFHS certification.

## OPEN DATES

**Rock Bridge HS in Columbia, MO** has two openings in an 8-team tournament girl's tournament on Saturday, Sept 28. Please contact

Coach Ben Loeb; [bloeb@cpsk12.org](mailto:bloeb@cpsk12.org) or call 573.268.8750 for more information.

**Guilford High School** has one opening in a quad on 5/4. Others teams are Dekalb/Hampshire. Please contact David Woosley via email [david.woosley@rps205.com](mailto:david.woosley@rps205.com)

### Jacobs High School:

#### Boys Spring 2019

-Tuesday, April 30: At Jacobs following conference dual

#### Girls Fall 2019

-Saturday, August 31: Looking to add two teams to our 16-Team Invite (2s/2d format)

-Tuesday, September 17: At Jacobs following conference dual

-Friday, October 4: Home or Away for our Varsity "B" Team

Please contact Jon Betts at [jonathan.betts@d300.org](mailto:jonathan.betts@d300.org)

**O'Fallon HS:** Has two dates available this spring for varsity boys. We would be willing to travel or host (depending on the date). Preferred dates for us include: 4/18, 4/19 & 5/7. Contact Doug Mennerick [mennerickd@oths.us](mailto:mennerickd@oths.us) with questions or openings.

**Warren Township:** Seeking a girl's varsity team to add to quad on September 7, 2019. The format would be 3 singles and 4 doubles. If interested contact Vince Desecki at: [vdesecki@wth.net](mailto:vdesecki@wth.net)

**Knox College** is seeking players for the 2019-2020 school year:

Potential Women's Tennis players UTR 3-5 (4 spots):

[https://prairiefire.knox.edu/sb\\_output.aspx?frform=23&path=wten](https://prairiefire.knox.edu/sb_output.aspx?frform=23&path=wten)

Potential Men's Tennis players UTR 4-7 (2 spots):

[https://prairiefire.knox.edu/sb\\_output.aspx?frform=23&path=mten](https://prairiefire.knox.edu/sb_output.aspx?frform=23&path=mten)

*\*Application Fee waiver available.*

*\*Academic Scholarship money still available.*

Contact Coach Witherell ([mlwitherell@knox.edu](mailto:mlwitherell@knox.edu))

Cell (309) 371-8050

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

*Patti Shaw – Peoria Richwoods HS*



\*2015 Boys Regional Coach of the Year  
\*IHSTCA Board of Directors  
\*IHSTCA Treasurer

Patti served at the head coach for the girls from 1999-2009. She volunteered as the girl's assistant coach until 2017. She has been coaching the boys' team since 2006.

Shaw ran for the IHSTCA board because she believed the association needed more women serving on the board. She was elected to the board of directors in 2000. In 2002, Patti was voted to serve as our Treasurer. She still holds that position today.

Patti is the mother of three grown sons and she is a proud grandmother to three grandchildren. Some of her hobbies include: hiking, playing tennis and playing the piano.

“Patti has been treasurer for so many years. From the very beginning, she has worked tirelessly to make sure that our accounting has been done correctly and that we always have enough money in the bank. While many of us have worked hard from time-to-time for the board and the organization, Patti has consistently done all of this work so that we are in compliance with all of the laws that many of us don't even know!”

*–Josh Leighton, Deerfield*

"Patti Shaw is incredible. She took over from Jeff Fujino and became indispensable. She does so much. The luncheon catering, setting up for the workshop, the working with the financial institutions and taxes. We tripled Patti's pay a couple of years ago but if my math is correct 3 x 0 is still 0. There aren't enough superlatives to really describe Patti Shaw."

*–Greg Cohen, Past President*

“Patti is the glue that holds the workshop and our organization together.”

*–Carrie Watson, Marion*

*“I think the IHSTCA coaches are dedicated and committed to developing good tennis players AND helping them become good people.”-Patti Shaw*

## ARTICLES



*Joe Tedino, PTR-certified instructor, coaches the boys' and girls' teams at St. Ignatius College Prep.*

### Behavior Modification

#### **Curbing heckling that's creeping into junior**

**tennis:** The attached article; on how coaches can encourage better spectator behavior appears with my byline in Tennis Industry Magazine's April issue. This is a huge issue for me as I travel with our teams to events where parents, siblings and other spectators exhibit bad behavior during matches.

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### Learning How to Lose

As coaches we understand the importance of winning and losing. Parents on the other hand often have difficulties dealing with their child's failure. The article, *Learning How to Lose* is written by former U.S. Women's Champion, Tennis Channel announcer and Tennis Magazine contributor, Tracy Austin. As a parent of three children and child prodigy herself; Tracy describes the importances of how to

handle that lose. Austin knows this first hand with her experiences with her son, Brandon who plays tennis at USC.

Every season this article is included in my “Parents Packet.” If it helps one parent to better assist their player in dealing with a loss or loses then it has served its purpose. Attached is the article, “*How to Lose*” by Tracy Austin.

## THE INDUSTRY NEEDS YOUR INFLUENCE!!



*Appointed to the USTA National Task Force for High School Tennis for 2019-2020. This Task Force insures that high school tennis is in the forefront of tennis programming, marketing and promotion on a national level. Denny Schackter is the founder of Tennis Priorities Company.*

I wish you well as your spring season goes into full force.

As high school coaches, all of you have been put in a position of being, not only an athletic coach, but also a life coach.

I am a veteran of too many years in the tennis industry; as a coach, sales rep, volunteer, and advocate. Right now I am proud to be serving on the USTA National Committee for High School Tennis. Besides all the work the Committee does as advocates for high school tennis, we are, as well, also advocates for careers in tennis.

Right now, there is a tremendous need in private and public facilities for an influx of young tennis professionals. The USTA, PTA and PTR are all working hard to market and recruit high school players to the profession. Average ages of tennis teachers, both full time and seasonal, as well as directors of tennis in large facilities, is going up at a rapid rate.

As an influencer, I am asking you to ID that “gym rat” that loves tennis, perhaps wants to play college tennis or Tennis on Campus, and might like to have a rewarding career on the court influencing the improvement of tennis play.

If you have, or know of high school players, both boys and girls, in your footprint that might wish to investigate a career in tennis they can log on to the websites for both PTR and PTA for information on tennis careers. The USTA is also working hard to promote careers in tennis. In addition, there are nine colleges in the US that are now offering Professional Tennis Management Programs. Those are Ferris State, Berry U, Tyler Junior College, Hope College, Methodist U, San Diego State, University of New Mexico, Manhattenville College and UCF. Logging on to the school sites should inform those potential students what is available. I appreciate your support of the industry needs. After all, the first introduction to tennis, many times is you, but many times it is a tennis pro in your community.

Related to that, as a high school coach, I would urge you to check out **netgeneration.usta.com**. When you sign up, you receive a wealth of information for you, your players and your community.

Thank you for your time and all the best to you and your squad this spring.

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## USTA SCHOLARSHIP



### Richard Bradley Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500)

**DATELINE EXPENDED: APRIL 26**

The Richard Bradley Memorial USTA/Midwest Section Scholarship was established by the

USTA/Midwest Tennis & Education Foundation in partnership with former tennis professional Katrina Adams in 2014. Each year, a \$2,500 Richard Bradley Memorial USTA/Midwest Section

Scholarship will be presented to one junior tennis player from the USTA/Midwest Section.

Richard was a tennis supporter whose volunteer service began at the grassroots level in his community, and extended through different levels at the USTA with an emphasis on promoting and growing junior tennis. Bradley's work in Chicago played a pivotal role as a volunteer with the Chicago Prairie Tennis Club (oldest African American organization in the country). In addition to his passion for tennis, education was very important to Richard as he was a school administrator with the Chicago Public Schools system.

#### Requirements - Each applicant must:

- Be a resident of the USTA/Midwest Section;
- Be a current USTA member;
- Be an African American high school senior;
- Be an A or B academic student;
- Plan to attend an accredited college or university;
- Play tennis at one of the following levels (USTA, Midwest, District or locally on high school team) and/or participate in program such as JTT or NJTL;
- Volunteer for tennis in the local community;
- Submit a completed application packet.

## JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Hello Tennis Leaders!

This year you have probably heard about the Team Challenge and the new Team Tournament. Thanks to many of you who have already registered events and hopefully those events that have been completed were successful!

There is now a new site that contains all the needed information for both Team Challenge and Team Tournament:

[www.usta.com/teamprograms](http://www.usta.com/teamprograms)

Use this site for more information about the two programs.

- To register your Team Challenge or Team Tournament
- To choose a webinar to attend
- To submit your participation numbers and feedback

Remember, there is an incentive for the Team Challenge this year. Each level (Red, Orange, Green) that you hold counts toward your incentive tier. Submit the incentive after each tier is reached. Use this link for the incentive form:

<https://ustamidwest.formstack.com/forms/19teamchallengeincentives>

This link will provide information about the incentive tiers:

<https://www.usta.com/midwest/netgenincentives>

Don't forget to list your Team Challenges in the Program Management Center on [www.NetGeneration.com](http://www.NetGeneration.com) in order to claim your incentive!

Please let me know what questions you have or if I can assist you with anything. And as always, thanks for helping grow the game of tennis!

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## SPRING CLEANING

Doing some spring cleaning I happened to come across this poem. It was given to me by my former athletic director, Mike Chornak. It was bitter sweet finding this poem. Marion HS lost Mike three years ago to cancer. Mike always stressed that we as coaches have to always be mindful of the impact you have on your athletes.

### IMPACT OF COACHES

*Author ~ Unknown*

I have come to a  
frighten conclusion.

I am the decisive element  
in the gym, on the field,  
or in the yard.

It is my personal approach that  
creates the climate.

It is my daily mood that  
make the weather.

As a coach, I possess  
tremendous power to make  
an athlete's life miserable  
or joyous.

I can be the tool of torture or  
an instrument of inspiration.

I can humiliate or humor,  
hurt or heal.

In all situations, it is my  
response that decides  
whether a crisis will be  
escalated or de-escalated  
and an athlete humanized  
or dehumanized.

Failure  
is a  
Bruise  
not a  
Tattoo

Jon Sinclair