

# Girls Coach of the Year - 2008

## *Tracy Waters-Miller -- Barrington*

Our *Coach of the Year* selection for 2008, Barrington's Tracy Waters Miller, is no stranger to being honored by the IHSTCA. Tracy, a member since 1978 and the association's president from 1987 to 1989, was selected *Assistant Boys Coach of the Year* in 1993 and 1996 and entered the Hall of Fame in 1996.

She has an overall record of 410-110 in 23 years as a girls' head coach and boys' assistant -- eighteen years at Crystal Lake South and five at Barrington. Her girls' teams are a collective 236-59 and her boys' frosh / soph teams are 174-51.

As impressive as this record is, her five year run at Barrington is even more exceptional. Her 2008 team finished fourth in the state, had a dual record of 19-4, won conference and sectional titles and qualified five players for the state tournament. In 2007 and 2006, her teams finished sixth in the state; they were second in 2005 and third in 2004, winning sectional and conference titles each year.

"Tracy became Barrington girls' varsity five years ago . . . she was able to take a good tennis program and turn it into a state contender," said Barrington athletic director Mike Obsuszt. "She has accomplished this by introducing specialized physical conditioning for the team and having the team focus on goal-setting and a work ethic necessary to accomplish those goals. What makes me most proud however is the fact that these young ladies consistently show respect for opponents and the sport itself. This is something Tracy has instilled in them."

Over the years Tracy's accomplishments in other facets of the game are equally impressive. As President of IHSTCA, she created the board of directors, started a file system for records, created and set up the design of the *Years of Service Award* still being used today, organized all the past state champion and team information that is on the girls' state program and created a survey that resulted in a change to the format of the boys' state tournament. Additionally, Tracy has served on the Tennis Advisory Board and the state seeding committee during the 80's and is currently serving on both.

"Tracy is respected by her players, parents and her peers," continued Barrington AD Mike Obsuszt. "She is a hard worker and strives to be the best in all that she does. However, she is also the consummate team player. She can be seen at numerous other sporting events at school cheering on our teams. She is a true professional and a great representative of Barrington High School."

For her stellar 2008 season and her tremendous contributions to high school tennis over the years, the IHSTCA is proud to select Tracy Waters Miller as our *Coach of the Year*.