

IHSTCA Newsletter

-- Cross Court --

April

2022

Dear Fellow IHSTCA Members:

After a Covid-adjusted boys schedule last summer, it's easy to tell that spring tennis is back...along with rain, snow, sleet, freezing temperatures, and ridiculous wind chills... I sure hope you and your players have been able to get a great start to the season despite the less than ideal conditions. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jon Betts. I have been the head coach at Jacobs High School in Algonquin for 17 years and I am honored to step into the role of president for the IHSTCA. I came to tennis late, as a freshman in high school. Because I had high school coaches who cared and invested in me (thank you Coach Myers & Coach Scott at McHenry!), I was able to continue on to play in college and make tennis and coaching an enduring part of my life. There is little I appreciate more than the tremendous effort our IHSTCA coaches dedicate towards their programs and players. You all are a constant source of inspiration and it is my great privilege to be in a position to help support and advocate for you all.

As I move into this new role, I need to take a moment to give my sincerest thanks to Sean Masoncup, who, despite all the grief I give him, has done a phenomenal job stewarding our organization through a time of unprecedented turmoil. He is a tremendous coach and leader. We were fortunate to have him as president and I am very lucky to call him my friend.

Following the recent board election, we want to welcome two new* faces to the board (I'll be sure to have both share a bit about themselves in a subsequent newsletter). Courtney Bison is the head coach at York HS in Elmhurst. Although I couldn't convince her this past February, I hope to talk her into sharing some of the great things she's doing with her teams at an upcoming workshop. Our other "new" board member is a familiar name. Illinois coaching legend Greg Cohen was the long-time head coach of Warren and recently came out of retirement with the Mundelein Mustangs. He is a past IHSTCA president we all consider the gold standard and we're extremely excited to welcome him back!

I want to wish you all the best of luck, health, and success for you and your players this spring. I'll keep my fingers crossed for better weather and hope to see you all on the courts soon. If there is ever anything you might need, or any suggestions you might have, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Jacobs HS

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IHSTCA Board of Directors

Officers

President: Jon Betts (Jacobs)
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Secretary: Patrick Gornik (Dunlap)
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Matt Gross (Ottawa)
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Dave Lipe (Edwardsville)
Mike Terry (Quincy)
Carrie Watson (Marion)
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Jon Betts

All-State (Boys)

Dan Brown (Chair)
Dan Skaer
Mike Terry

All-State (Girls)

Josh Leighton (Chair)
Jon Betts
Mike Terry

Summer Workshop

Jon Betts

Coach of the Year

Carrie Watson (Chair)
Patrick Gornik

Newsletter

Jon Betts (Chair)
Carrie Watson

Awards / Certificates

Fred Galluzzo (Chair)

Pitchford Sportsmanship Award (Girls + Boys)

Matt Gross (Chair)
Mike Terry

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Dave Lipe (Chair)
Bill Lange

Historical Committee

Tracy Waters-Miller (Chair)
Chuck Morrison
Mike Terry
Kelly Willard

Century Club

Tres Heimann (Chair)

Hall of Fame

Sean Masoncup
Josh Leighton
Kelly Willard

Workshop/Luncheon

Sean Masoncup (Chair)
TBD (Luncheon)
Kelly Willard (Booklet)
Carrie Watson (Registration)

State Format

Josh Leighton (Chair)
Jack Carmody
Mike Hand
Kelly Willard

IMPORTANT DATES

Boys' Season:

List of Participants due	May 17, 2022
Sectional Seeding Meeting	May 18, 2022
Sectionals	May 20, 2022
Pitchford Nominations Due	May 23, 2022
State Finals Seeding Meeting	May 24, 2022
State Finals	May 26-28, 2022
Season Ends	May 28, 2022

On the Horizon:

IHSTCA Summer Board Meeting	July 20, 2022
IHSTCA Summer Coaches Workshop	July 25, 2022
2023 IHSTCA Winter Workshop	Feb. 3, 2023

Helpful Resources

[2022 USTA Friend at Court](#)

[IHSTCA Website](#)

USTA Tennis Service Representatives:

Bret Schrama – Bret@midwest.usta.com

Gina Jasovic – Gina@midwest.usta.com

Mary Beth Bowman – MaryBeth@midwest.usta.com

Great Podcasts for Your Listening Pleasure:

The Metro East Sports Podcast – Dave Lipe (Edwardsville)
CourtSide with Beilinson Tennis – David Beilinson (Glenbrook North)

PITCHFORD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Pitchford Award winners demonstrate great sportsmanship and academic excellence, are great team members, and are active in their school and community. Don't delay, please submit your spring nominations to Matt Gross (mgross@ottawahigh.com) by May 23rd

2021 GIRLS' AWARD WINNER

Margaux Bruce (Marion HS), Class A

In recommending Margaux, Herrin HS Head Coach Matt Snell shared:
Margaux's sportsmanship was always on full display. Her smile is ever-present. Oftentimes, I would have players lose to Margaux and complain that she made it so easy to lose to her because she was so nice. She complimented and gave tips to our younger players and is involved with teaching junior players the game she loves.



GIRLS' ALL-STATE HONORS

Class 2A

Class AA Singles – First Team

Sarah Wang	Stevenson
Autumn Rabjohns	Lake Forest
Jessica Kovalcik	Plainfield North
Anna Wiskowski	Hinsdale Central
Madison Liu	New Trier
Margaret Forkner	Libertyville
Chase Metcalf	Hinsdale South
Sofia Olaru	Naperville Central

Class AA Singles – Second Team

Shannele Lopez	Glenbard West
Lizzie Isyanov	York
Nicole Hu	Hinsdale Central
Maia Loureiro	Sandburg
Katrine Boianov	Lake Zurich
Julia Ross	New Trier
Lena Dogadalski	Libertyville
Katelyn Wu	Glenbrook North

Class AA Singles – Third Team

Valentina Bellagamba	Deerfield
Jenna Horne	Glenbrook South
Jessica Popiol	Bartlett
Peyton Oda	Elk Grove
Amy Park	Rockford Auburn
Clare Lopatka	Benet Academy
Kaitlyn Strilich	Conant
Abby Penados	Niles West

GIRLS' ALL-STATE HONORS

Class 1A

Class AA Doubles – First Team

Lainey O'Neil & Isabelle Chong
Sophia Kim & Katie Dollens
Jayna Dunwoody & Jenna Stevens
Abbey Lee & Natalie Schoen
Ainika Hou & Sonia Mehta
Lucy Parrilli & Keri Rothenberg
Gracie Ha & Sonal Matta
Abby Carl & Olivia Paik

Lake Forest
Hinsdale Central
Whitney Young
Deerfield
Stevenson
New Trier
Fremd
Barrington

Class AA Doubles – Second Team

Sophia Denizov & Alexandra Popa
Zoe Limparis & Bridget Novatoney
Allison Lee & Bella Schoen
Brooke Coffman & Gabby Lee
Anna Mayes & Kruthi Sudhir
Bella Lins & Leah Puttin
Abigail Allen & Emiley Piao
Eva Zaskowski & Mina Radosavljevic

Glenbrook South
Hinsdale Central
Deerfield
Naperville North
Normal Community
Batavia
Neuqua Valley
Maine South

Class AA Doubles – Third Team

Kaya Trumbo & Isha Desai
Kate Herlihy & Thea Surya
Amani Alvi & Priya Shah
Elizabeth Fausey & Mira Kernagis
Keira Botjer & Coco Zabel
Ellie Peskin & Alexa Stolyarov
Mariel Runyan & Gabby Runyan
Molly Murphy & Rae Cohen

Jacobs
Stevenson
Barrington
Glenbard West
New Trier
Glenbrook North
Bloomington
Highland Park

Class A Singles – First Team

Emma Baker
Emma Davis
Brooklyn Siegel
Maya Jha
Savannah Webb
Karishma Bhalla
Crystina Lee
Agnes Cross

Chicago University
Providence Catholic
Wolcott Prep
Payton Prep
Richmond-Burton
Grayslake Central
Timothy Christian
Sacred Heart-Griffin

Class A Singles – Second Team

Lexi Ellis
Maddy Swisher
Sanskriti Sarav
Julia Wojtowicz
Lia Quintero
Gracie Cittadino
Monica Wendle
Maia Nowicki

Danville
St. Thomas Moore
Chicago University
Peoria Richwoods
Quincy Notre Dame
Johnsburg
Marquette Catholic
St. Viator

Class A Singles – Third Team

Kate Rector
Jocelynn Carmody
Lorenza Foster-Simbulan
Lanie Carder
Kate Trifilio
Emily Kowalke
Carlie Miller
Ella Marvel

Alleman
Triad
Glenbard South
Flora
Fenwick
St. Anthony
LaSalle-Peru
Ottawa

Open Dates

Class A Doubles – First Team

Alyssa Batcheler & Lucy Mitchell
Emilee Pak & Sophie Baker
Addison Lanton & Noelle Lanton
Alice Mihas & Talia Truska
Macy Probst & Isabelle Hemmen
Trinity Hardin & Megan Trifilio
Sophia Esquivel & Megan Hackman
Paola Almeda & Layla Shah

Latin School
Chicago University
Elgin Academy
Latin School
Teutopolis
Fenwick
Wauconda
Chicago University

Class A Doubles – Second Team

Allison Jodoin & Meredith Garcia
Rachel Abraham & Maeve Paris
Lucy List & Annie List
Clarissa Chen & Jane Carter
Josie Hotsinpiller & Ava Towne
Maggie Ames & Lauren Emm
Olivia Reynolds & Theresa Bartelme
Brooke Martin & Haley Martin

St. Viator
Fenwick
Robinson
Timothy Christian
Danville
Central Catholic
Peoria Rich
Normal University

Class A Doubles – Third Team

Julia Musgrave & Reagan Martyn
McCahey Hardy & Makenzie Hyland
Audery Litfin & Jillian Paulson
Shikha Agarwal & Mary Meghrian
Ayanna King & Brooke Anderson
Karen Speer & Sami Hartoin
Lily Ingram & Elise Noble
Amber Ehrlich & Simmi Mander

Rochester
Nazareth
Wheaton Academy
Dunlap
Morgan Park Acad
Triad
Jersey
Glenwood

Boys Spring 2022

>Glenbard West is looking for a last minute addition to the 38th annual running of the 2s/3d Hilltopper Invite THIS SATURDAY!!! (4/16).

Email head coach Tad_Keely@glenbard.org

> O'Fallon is looking to fill 2 dates this spring for our varsity boys. Quad or Tournament preferred but would also be fine with a dual match. Preferred dates for us include: 4/16 and 4/23 If you have any openings, please contact Doug Mennerick (mennerickd@oths.us) or Erin Thoman (thomane@oths.us)

> Rockford Auburn is looking for a Varsity Boys Tennis Quad or Invite on Saturdays, 4/16. If you have an opening please contact AD Brad Pemberton brad.pemberton@rps205.com

> Geneva HS is looking for additional JV Invites/Tournaments for this Spring Season. Please contact Dave Carli, AD dmcarli@geneva304.org

Girls Fall 2022

> Geneva HS is looking for JV2 girls tennis tournaments to join for the 2022/23 season. If you have an opening please email or call Dave Carli, AD. dmcarli@geneva304.org 630-463-3812

> One team needed for a Varsity Girls Tennis Quad 9/17/22 with Benet, St Viator and Joliet Catholic. Email mhand@benet.org

> Looking for additional girl tennis matches for the fall 2022 season. If interested please email AD Rick Palme rat rpalmer@imsa.edu

>Looking for teams for our 32-Team Jacobs Golden Eagles Team Duals Tournament 8/19 & 8/20. Please email jonathan.betts@d300.org

The IHSTCA would like to congratulate all the players and coaches for their accomplishments at the 2021 state finals!

Coaching Education Opportunities

>USTA Level 1 Coaches Workshop

When: Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12, 2022

Where: Midtown Athletic Club – 2444 N. Elston Ave. Chicago

Time: 9am-5pm both days (lunch provided)

Cost: \$45

Register Online [HERE](#)

The Level 1 Coaches Workshop is open to ages 16+ and is a great opportunity for high school coaches and high school/college players who will be working summer camps. The workshop will focus on principles and skills needed to teach beginner to intermediate players of all ages.

>USPTA Midwest Grasscourt Conference

When: Saturday, June 18, 2022

Where: Sand Valley Resort in Nekoosa, WI

Time: 10am to 5pm (Social from 3-5pm)

Cost: \$65 (2+ coaches from the same club/school receive 10% off)

Register Online [HERE](#)

Register by **May 18** to receive a free hat from **American Needle!**



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