

2019 IHSTCA AWARDS

Boys Class 1A

Patrick Gormik-Dunlap HS
Murphy Liang-Marian Catholic

Coach of the Year
Assistant Coach of the Year

Girls Class 1A

Warren Harris-Chicago Latin
Tracey O'Fallon-Ottawa HS

Coach of the Year
Assistant Coach of the Year

Boys Class 2A

Sean Masoncup-St. Charles North HS
Sue Sprovieri-Reavis HS

Coach of the Year
Assistant Coach of the Year

Girls Class 2A

Denise Murphy-Lake Forest HS
Brad Wilson-Niles West HS

Coach of the Year
Assistant Coach of the Year

Boys Class 1A Regional Coach of the Year

Matt Gross
Kevin Reed
Mark Conrad
Steve Boll
Kelly Willard

Ottawa HS
Geneseo HS
Glenbard South HS
Dixon HS
Metamora HS

Girls Class 1A Regional Coach of the Year

Gary Garver
Mike Hand
Carrie Watson

Washington HS
Benet Academy
Marion HS

Boys Class 2A Regional Coach of the Year

Eric Laird
John Roncone
Larry Faulkner

Wheaton North HS
Barrington HS
Glenbrook South HS

Girls Class 2A Regional Coach of the Year

Meg Ahlgrin
Matt Bulman
Kevin Graham

Glenbrook South HS
St. Charles East HS
Glenbard West HS



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Greg Cohen – Warren Township



“I am the luckiest coach in America. I moved into a district when there were 1600 students that grew to 4200 with a lot more money by the time I retired. I also had some incredibly talented kids that I get credit for but I did nothing other than enjoy watching them play.”

This quote perfectly summarizes Greg Cohen’s humble approach to his coaching career. Those of us fortunate enough to know him, however, are fiercely aware that the kids on his teams were indeed the lucky ones. They got to participate in the Warren tennis family, one that Greg made to be unlike any other in Illinois. He took them to USTA tournaments and made weekends of it; he created summer quads all over the Midwest; he ran junior excellence academies in the spring and fall; he took kids to college meets (lots of them), challenger tournaments, Kalamazoo, and anywhere else that he thought his kids would get a great tennis experience. Simply put, Greg’s tennis family at Warren was so incredibly lucky to have him as their leader.

On the tennis courts, Greg helped lead Warren to results that had never before been seen and will likely never be duplicated.

- 8 IHSA sectional titles (7 boys, 1 girls)
- 11 Top 10 state finishes
- 2 individual state champions (Dennis Nevolo, Denis Bogatov)

Greg served three terms as president of the IHSTCA, was on the state seeding committee for 20 years, ran summer workshops, presented at the IHSA to increase dates during the season from 18 to 20, and on and on. When the IHSTCA needed to begin running this winter workshop on its own, Greg said “I’ll do it” and made it what it is

today. His contributions to IHSA tennis and the IHSTCA cannot be overstated.

Greg coached 36 years of high school tennis in Illinois, and Illinois high school tennis is way better off because of it.

Congratulations, Greg, and welcome to the IHSTCA Hall of Fame!

Longevity Awards

*Attached

2020 Century Club

*Attached

Congratulations

The IHSTCA would like to congratulate all the coaches for your hard work, time and dedication to your players and to our sport!

RECAP: WINTER WORKSHOP

The 2020 workshop saw 267 coaches attending compared to 248 in 2019. Our current membership sits at 346 members.

USTA Professional Tennis Management: For more information visit <https://www.usta.com/ptm> or contact John Embree USPTA CEO at John.Embree@uspta.org

Note from Tad Eckert, Presenter regarding the USTA Combine: Coaches here is a video for the physical fitness portion of the USTA national combine that I attended in June in Orlando. It demonstrates the testing and shows what equipment they are using. I neglected to have the kids try the service box racket touch one!

If you have any questions contact me at: tad@harigmfg.com

Search Google under USTA Combine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBQILhxPzWU>

Coach of the Year



Pat Gornik-Dunlap (1A)



Sean Masoncup-St. Charles N (2A)

Girls Coach of the Year



Denise Murphy, Lake Forest (2A)

*Not pictured: Warren Harris, Latin (1A)



Boys Regional Coaches of the Year



Larry Faulkner, Eric Laird, Mark Conrad, John Roncone, Kelly Willard, Matt Gross, Steve Boll and Kevin Reed

Assistant Coaches of the Year



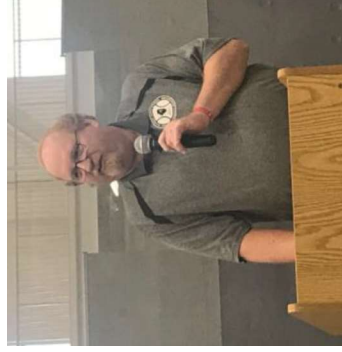
Murphy Liang, Sue Sprovieri, Tracey O'Fallon and Brad Wilson

Girls Regional Coaches of the Year



Meg Ahlgrim, Matt Bulman, Kevin Graham, Gary Garver, Carrie Watson and Mike Hand

Hall of Fame



Greg Cohen-Warren Township



2020 IHSTCA AWARDS DEADLINES



Pitchford Sportsmanship Award **Monday, May 25**
<http://www.ihstca.org/assets/uploads/documents/IHSTCA%20Sportsmanship%20nomination%20form.pdf>

Submit to Matt Gross: mgross@ottawahigh.com

Coach of the Year Award **Monday, June 8**
<http://www.ihstca.org/assets/uploads/documents/IHSTCA%20Coach%20of%20the%20Year%20nomination%20form%20.pdf>

Submit to Carrie Watson: cawatson@marionunit2.org

Hall of Fame Award **Wednesday, July 1**
http://www.ihstca.org/assets/uploads/documents/HOF_Form.pdf

Submit nomination to Sean Masoncup: sean.masoncup@d303.org

Boys All-State **Monday, June 1**
<http://www.ihstca.org/assets/uploads/AllStateNominationForm.pdf>

Submit to Dan Brown: dانبrownntennis@gmail.com

Girls All-State **Monday, November 2**
<http://www.ihstca.org/assets/uploads/AllStateNominationForm.pdf>

Submit to Josh Leighton: jLeighton@dist113.org

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