

IHSTCA Newsletter

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December/January

2018-2019

Season Greetings IHSTCA Member:

Please don't wait till the last minute to reserve your spot for our Annual Winter Workshop in Aurora on Friday, February 1, 2019. *Discounted hotel reservations are limited.*

The association has worked hard to provide coaches with affordable way for you to enhance your practices. The conference includes:

- Drill/idea booklet
- Directory
- Coupons
- Clipboard and other goodies
- Breakfast with the vendors
- Awards luncheon

This is a great opportunity to network with other coaches! The registration form is attached. **NOTE: YOUR IHSTCA MEMBERSHIP IS INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION FEE.** We hope to see you there!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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IMPORTANT DATES

2019 Winter Workshop	Friday, February 1, 2019
Boys' Season Starts	February 25, 2019
Boys' First Contest	March 11, 2019
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

OPENINGS

Highland Park High School is looking for a Head Boys Tennis Coach for the upcoming season. Interested applicants should apply online at:
<https://www.applitrack.com/dist113/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?category=Athletics%2FActivities&subcategory=Coaching>

We will also be opening our Head Girls Tennis Coach position in January. Potential teaching openings include: Math, Fine/Applied Arts, and PE. If you are interested in the girls' position please email athletic director, Jon Rowley - jrowley@dist113.org.

Lincoln Park High School is looking for a Boys Head Coach. Anyone interested should contact athletic director; Vince Defrancesco at: vadefrancesco@cps.edu

Walther Christian Academy is looking for a coach for its boy's tennis program. We are a small school, located in Melrose Park. We typically have 8-12 athletes on the team with varying skill level. Candidates should have a strong background in the sport; have a passion for teaching the skills of tennis, and exhibit characteristics of the Christian faith. The season runs from early March through early May. We have 4 courts on school grounds for practice and competitions. Please send resumes to athletic director David Grim: david_grim@waltheracademy.org

OPEN DATES

Huntley is looking for two teams for a quad at Huntley on April 27. Please email Barry Wells bwells@districk158.org if interested or would like more information.

Rock Bridge H S in Columbia, MO has an opening for team to be in a double dual meet event on Friday, April 12 and on Saturday, May 4. A third dual could likely be added the day before or the morning after depending on which event.

Coaches should contact me either by email at bloeb@cpsk12.org or by cell phone at 573.268.8750

NOMINATION



Coach Bob Smith of Leyden High School was nominated by the IHSA to the National level of Coach of the Year honors. Coach Smith is one of twenty-three coaches selected by the National Federation of State High School Coaches Association to move to this level of honor.

Coach Smith's nomination is direct result of his endless commitment and work for the IHSTCA. Bob, throughout his coaching career has fostered and built strong working relationships with the IHSA and the IHSTCA. Smith during his tenure as a board of directors member (and past president) has helped grow the tennis association and has been integrally involved in the Hall of Fame selections; Head and Assistant Coach of the Year Awards, Sportsmanship and Ethics review; Clinic/Workshop development and implementation; Years of Service Awards, webpage creation, updating and newsletter growth, IHSA Advisory Committee and has acted as an IHSA court monitor at the state tournament.

Beyond the extensive list of roles Bob has played for the Coaches Association he has played a central roles in helping the IHSA with the state tournament. Smith spends countless hours reviewing IHSA records and USTA rankings along with formally and informally networking with coaches across the state in order to establish a well thought through tournament where players are seeded appropriately in order to have the best tournament possible. His is often the go-to-person when it comes to tournament specific and is often fielding calls during the sectional and state tournaments for rules clarifications and suggestions when weather is a factor. Coach Smith's behind the scenes work on the boys and girls state tournament and his career long commitment to the IHSTCA are exceptional and appreciated enough at the state level to warrant the IHSA nominating his for this national award.

Provided by: Cam Jackson, Assistant Coach-Leyden

THANK YOU

From Greg Cohen, Past President



I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Illinois High School Tennis Coaches Association, members of the IHSTCA Board of Directors, and all those people with the IHSA that I have had the honor to work with.

I am very proud of the direction that the IHSTCA has taken and is continuing to take. It is great to see that this organization is working to benefit programs throughout the state. It is great to see that this organization has worked hard to be a service for the coaches in our state.

I have had the opportunity to work with some amazing people on the Board of Directors. When you stand in front (especially when you are very large); others do not get to see the people that do all the work. Patti Shaw has been awesome. Her expertise, her poise, her passion, her advice were invaluable. Working with Tres Heimann in recent years and Jim Christopher during the early years made the work with membership so easy.

There are just too many other present and past members of the board to mention. Sounding boards like Kelly, Matt and Josh. Wisdom from Larry and Bill. Just too many and too easy to leave off important people.

I am very thankful that I was elected to the Board almost two decades ago. Mike McConville sponsored me and convinced me that I should run for the Board. Advice from Jay Kramer and Chuck Morrison – “priceless”. I hope they know how much their leadership and their advice helped. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to play for Les Sammon. I have said it before – I owe anything that I ever accomplished in life to Coach Sammon. I hope that I was able to influence players' lives in any fraction of how he helped me.

If I can leave some advice to the Board members that will continue to run the IHSTCA. Remember this is for the coaches. This is for all the state. Make the association something that helps all of our members. Fight for what you think is right for the sport of tennis. Enjoy the opportunity that you have. It feels great to think you can help make a difference – no matter how miniscule.

My advice to all coaches; create some lifetime memories for your players and yourselves. Teaching life lessons to youngsters through sports is one of the truly honorable things that someone can do with their life. Thank you to all of you for helping me grow.

Greg Cohen

SAVE THE DATE!

WINTER COACHES WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

VAUGHAN CENTER, AURORA

7 AM – 3 PM

