

## Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

June, 2016

- TOA service contract with PNW/USTA is complete. Assignors are currently sending out solicits to area officials with current 2016 certification of Sectional Referee or higher for availability. All officials who work these events will receive a copy of this service agreement. A signature is not required.
- The ITA committee is moving fast! If you are a current 2016 certified ITA official you need to:
  - Register on ZEBRAWEB.COM
  - Pay your Dues for membership
  - ITA online test is now available. Complete test by July 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Certification Webinars (must pass test first) scheduled July 22-Aug 14
  - September-Payment, Test, Webinar opens for new/uncertified officials.
  - If you are interested in becoming ITA certified email:  
[officials@itatennis.com](mailto:officials@itatennis.com) with your request. "New-to-ITA officials will need to have USTA certification prior to becoming ITA certified"
  - September-2016-17 ITA Rulebook is available.
- Update on **KIRKLAND W 50K**. Nucula is posting "TBA was Kirkland" at this time. All line officials who have applied for this event keep checking Nucula for event status.
- USTA has scheduled their Roving and Referee webinars to come out in June. A reminder that all USTA webinars need to be completed by October 1, 2016 for your 2017 certifications. If anyone is having difficulties maneuvering through the current webinars feel free to contact any of the TOA board members for help. Denise Alexander/WA, Julie Dorr/WA, Becky Martin/WA, Siamak Hajarizadeh/OR, Holly Weyhrauch/OR, Mitch Roth/Alaska, Mark Benecke/OR, Barb Silvey/WA, Sonia Isotov/OR.

- Committee members Holly Weyhrauch and Denise Alexander are waiting on the USTA Roving webinars to come out before scheduling the Roving clinics this summer. We are hoping to have clinics in Seattle, Spokane, Portland and Eugene.
- The TOA board will be appointing a Shadow/New Hire Coordinator in Oregon in June. We have a couple of interested members who have applied. The current cutoff date for that position was July 1<sup>st</sup>. Because of that upcoming holiday weekend we are moving the cutoff date to apply to June 24<sup>th</sup>. The TOA board will make the announcement on June 28.
- The TOA board has decided that Keli Smithers will be the assignor for all of Oregon at this time. We felt that one assignor, as opposed to one in Northern and one in Southern Oregon, is sufficient.
- Message from the TOA Board Members:

Part of our mission to the TOA members in the PNW is to establish equal and fair employment, fair wages, training opportunities, and to acknowledge our outstanding officials.

It is important to mention that not all Tournament Directors in our section are in need of our assigning services and have the right to solicit and assign who they want for their events. We feel that in time with proven capabilities that the TOA assignors will adopt more assigning opportunities from the sectional Organizers and TD's. The board is reaching out to those who are not using our services for assigning at this time to let them know that we are available and willing to work with them if there is a need in the future.

For too many years area TD's were forced to come up with their own procedures for assigning referees and officials they felt secure with. Our task is not to demand they change their procedures but to offer our services that support TOA members and qualified officials for their events. The TOA board is dedicated to the membership and will continue to communicate openly with TD's and organizers to promote you.

What can you do? Follow THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OFFICIALS on and off the court when referring to tennis officiating and other officials.

If you have a complaint or need to bring an issue forward please contact our grievance committee members in writing.

Siamak Hajaradeh, Mitch Roth, Becky Martin

Your correspondence is confidential and will only be discussed within the TOA board if warranted.

***“You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than what others say about him.”***

Denise Alexander

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