

PNWTOA NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2016

- Mark Benecke was voted in as our new TOA Treasurer. He will be taking over this position in August 2016. The TOA board is asking Mark to research ways to set up auto payment for membership dues starting in Jan. 2017.
- Tony Hernandez was appointed as Oregon's Shadow assignor. He is very enthusiastic about recruiting in the Oregon area. If you know of someone who is interested in becoming an official, USTA or ITA, pass Tony's contact information on to them.
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- Nicholas Powel Award nominee paper work was submitted in June. The results of that selection will be announced in Sept. The winner wins a trip to NY and a day pass at the US OPEN! Stay tuned to find out if our nominee was selected. The name of our nominee is being withheld because they don't even know they were selected as the nominee :)
- The Board has decided to cancel plans on Roving clinics for the 2016 year. Our reasons stem from the fact that at this time we do not have any applicants. The current new hires have gotten their training hours in so far or are finishing their training in the upcoming tournaments. Our training budget then will go to our Fall Chair clinics for 2016. We hope that with all the changes we have had this year with USTA and ITA certification we will be in a better position to launch a recruiting platform. We will earmark Roving clinics for next Spring 2017.
- The last two training webinars from USTA for Roving and Referee are now available. I found that both are still long but a little more user friendly.

The last stage of ITA certification is the training webinar. Be sure to register soon, they are only available for 3 weeks. The webinar sounded like it was going to be a long session (2 hrs.) but actually it was over in 1.5 hrs. and was very informative. For those of you who are interested in becoming ITA-certified this year, make sure you contact the ITA committee at officials@itatennis.com to get on their contact list. They will be rolling out the New to ITA test in late Sept. If you need any help with this process, contact any TOA board member, ITA assignor or someone you know who is ITA certified for help. Our contact information is our website pnwtennisofficials.com

- The last TOA board meeting was hosted in Vancouver WA by Mark Benecke. Even though Portland traffic was severe and we had to start our meeting much later than planned we had a wonderful time. The In-Person annual meeting has proven to be valuable for communications during the year. We tend to want to talk about business longer too. Thanks again to Mark and Cindy for allowing us to stay so late!
- The Davis Cup Quarter final matches were epic. Or most of them! As a spectator and tennis official I was not only amazed with the level of play from both teams but equally impressed with the level of line officiating. Our PNW sectional officials, Siamak H., Kristen Seabecker from Portland and Gary Stevenson from Medford were outstanding! They didn't have one overrule from Hawk Eye in three days! We were all very proud watching you out there. Spectacular job!

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