

## **PNWTOA NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER, 2016**

I am honored that I was nominated and then selected to be awarded the first Perry Hines Official of the Year Award. Perry was a wonderful man and mentor to many. His ability to reach out, making each of us feel special and worthy was remarkable in itself. The phrase "What would Perry do?" is still asked by many who learned so much from his words and actions. This award is a monumental way for us to honor his memory.

~Congratulations to Lisa Stevens from Portland, Oregon for being awarded the 2016 Mike Robb Rookie of the Year Award. Lisa started officiating in 2015. Right from the start all of her trainers agreed that she had the knowledge and temperament to become a quality official. Lisa's knowledge comes from playing tennis at a high level and her temperament comes from being a tennis mom for the past 10 years to her daughter. Her inspiration for becoming an official was from sitting on the side lines always watching at these Jr. events. She was excited to find out that becoming an official she could now be a part of what was happening on the court.

### **~NEW PNW/USTA VICE CHAIR OF OFFICIALS**

Anne Burrell-Smith will be retiring after three terms as our Vice Chair. We were very fortunate to have her and her husband Ramsey move into our section, it is one of the most beautiful places in the nation. But most importantly was having her volunteer her leadership as Vice Chair through one of the worst times our section could have imagined. She navigated us in forming the Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association, organizing our first elections for board members,

publishing our Bylaws for the TOA, and found ways to negotiate for us with the PNW/USTA when we found it impossible. Besides fulfilling her Vice Chair responsibilities for our Section she conducted line clinics, performed chair evaluations, mentored many of us for USTA Line assignments and promoted us for work opportunities at local Pro events. Anne also brought to my attention the importance and responsibility the Section has in nominating officials for National and Sectional Awards. Since doing so, we have awarded two PNW officials the National Nicholas E. Powell Award, 2015 Sectional award went to Bette Rankin and 2016 National award went to Sam Sambrano and we have reinstated our Sectional awards.

I have thanked Anne many times over the past year during my term as TOA president, for her input and dedication to the PNW Section. I want to thank her once more, we are fortunate to have had you move into our area when you did!

The PNW/USTA has selected me as next year's Vice Chair of officials for 2017. I am honored and hope to continue building our Sections Tennis Officials Association and our working relationship with PNW/USTA. My term will start Jan. 1. 2017. Anne will continue as mentor and advisor for me as Vice Chair of officials.

### **~MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

The 2017 PNWTOA Membership renewal has started. You now have two ways to pay your membership dues through Pay Pal or by check.

You will need to log on to our website: [pnwtennisofficials.com](http://pnwtennisofficials.com) to access both options. The Membership form has been updated and can be downloaded from the website. If using PayPal you will be able to fill out

the membership form from that site. Note: There is an added charge of \$1.05 when using Pay Pal.

**DEADLINE FOR PAID MEMBERSHIP DUES IS MARCH 1, 2017**

~The TOA Board had its last monthly meeting Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> for 2016. This will also be the last newsletter for this year. In preparation for 2017 the TOA Board will be putting on our January agenda:

1. Publishing a new Fee schedule that will be submitted to TD's throughout the PNW Section. We are hoping that this will increase the use of our assignors and officials. We currently have sent out a survey to many of the Sectional TD's to find out what we can do to generate more officiating jobs.
2. Organizing study groups for USTA Learning courses and ITA test. This could be in our homes with snacks and drinks. It would be another source of training for new officials to meet officials in their area and discuss officiating.
3. Training for ITA chairs, USTA chairs, Line work and Roving. USTA has given grants for training in the past but we cannot always wait to see if we are on that list. The Board feels that we can take a more proactive path in 2017. There will be a committee appointed to finding additional forums for training.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Thank you for a great year,**

**Denise Alexander and the PNWTOA Board**

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