

PNWTOA NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2017

April 6th we had our Annual PNWTOA Membership meeting. There were 16 members in attendance. Introductions were made by three of the nominees for the TOA Board of Directors open assignments, current Secretary Becky Martin, current director Siamak Harjarizadeh, and new nominee Carl Beardsley from Portland. We also added an additional nominee Chris Zablan from Seattle who wasn't able to make it to the meeting. Ballots will be emailed this week to the membership for voting.

The TOA is still accepting nominees for this year's Nicholas E. Powell award. If you know someone you'd like to nominate please contact Denise Alexander at alexander9688@comcast.net.

Barbara Wyatt is a TOA official from Tacoma. She recently had an article published in New York Tennis Magazine focusing on five important rules that you might want to know before your team heads off to Sectionals this summer. Be sure to scroll down to the bottom of the article to read more about Barbara and her accomplishments.

<http://nytennismag.com/article8502/five-rules-you-must-know-sectionals>

The USTA has announced they have selected two members from our section, Anne Burrell Smith and Siamak Harjarizadeh, as USTA trainers for the PNW. Anne and Siamak will go to Florida in May for training. Their training will include the four disciplines of officiating the USTA is offering officials this year. Roving, USTA Chair, Referee and USTA Lines. When Anne and Siamak return they will be organizing clinics in our section paid for by the USTA. These clinics are not only for new officials. It has been a very long time since any of us have been to a training clinic and techniques need to be updated. Sometimes we develop inefficient habits unintentionally over the course of time. I would encourage all officials to sign up for these clinics so our section can become more consistent in our officiating and knowledge Section wide.

The ITA season is coming to an end this month and the ITA committee is gearing up to start ITA recertification in May. Be sure to check ZebraWeb often to stay up to date.

Last weekend working at U. Washington



Denise Alexander, Chris Zablan, Julie Dorr, Grace Abraldes, Sam Sambrano

*Jon Fovoargue was outside dealing with his keys locked in his car.

Thank you for your support,

Denise Alexander-PNWTOA President