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Sara Rutledge has resigned from the ITA board of directors after many years of service. The Indiana Tennis Association thanks her for the hard work, loyal service and numerous contributions she has made over the years. Thanks Sara.

Tick-tock:It's time once again to **renew your membership or join ITA for the first time**. So fill out the application, enclose your check payable to ITA, and return it to **ITA, PO Box 135, Indiana, PA 15701 by May 4**. Check S&T Bank Arena (formerly Indiana Ice Center), and online at www.whitetownship.org/rec for **additional applications**. You may also copy this and give it to your friends. (No pressure, but submit your application right now because sizes of many programs are limited and preference is on a first come, first serve basis.) Remember to give us your email address, so we can keep you informed.**FUNDRAISERS NEEDED:** One of the long-term goals of ITA is to raise money for lights at the white township courts (\$75,000). All ideas/suggestions are welcome. Email us at ITA2007mail@yahoo.com.**Promotional Items:**

Let us know if you have not received the ITA automobile magnet. We still have some left from last year. One per family is free with your membership.

INDIANA TENNIS ASSOCIATION SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES 2008

► **JUNIOR LESSONS—Ages 8 to 17 (See Code 17)** Sign up your children for two weeks of junior tennis lessons that begin on **Friday May 16 and run weekdays for two weeks through May 30 (except for Memorial Day)**. **Rain dates will be June 1-3**. The program is for boys and girls from ages 8 to 17 and **will be taught this summer by Ray Goss**. Ray started his tennis career playing college varsity tennis for Duquesne University. He went on to compete in nearly 200 tournaments and has amassed 75-80 trophies for coming in either first or second place in singles and doubles. Ray also has devoted hours to teaching tennis to his many grandchildren. Now, in 2008, ITA is happy to have him onboard to instruct our local youth. Please encourage your children to take advantage of this opportunity to learn or improve their game of tennis from one of Indiana's all-time premier tennis players, Ray Goss.

The classes will be held at the White Township Courts on East Pike with the **junior/senior high students meeting from 4:00 to 5pm** and **elementary students from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.** The lessons are for beginners through advanced players and participants will be grouped according to ability level within their age group. Many of our past and current Indiana High School varsity tennis team took these same lessons when they first started in tennis. If your child is interested in learning to play tennis, you cannot pass up this real bargain!!! Call Phil Levri at 724-783-6406 with any questions.

► **CHILDREN'S LESSONS—Ages 3 to 7 (See Code 20)**

Start 'em young and start 'em early! Our programs offer something for everyone, so even very young children, ages 3 to 7 can sign up for **lessons given this year by IHS graduates Brendon Hurd, Lauren Young, Adam Kensey and Dominique Borusiewicz**. Brendon played four years of varsity tennis, including #1 doubles junior and senior year. In 2007, he played at Penn State Erie, and now assists Coach Tony Medvetz with the IUP women's team. Lauren played #2 and #3 singles for IHS Varsity Tennis. Adam Kensey played #2 singles for IHS. Currently, Adam is playing #4 singles and #2 doubles for Seton Hill University. Dominique played #1 doubles junior and senior year. **All four instructors have assisted ITA with lessons in the past, and all four participated in these same lessons as youngsters!** **What a great tribute to ITA and its leaders and instructors from days gone by!!**

Classes for children ages 3 to 7 will be held for six consecutive Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00, beginning June 7. Fill in code 20 on your application and call Phil Levri at 724-783-6406 with any questions.

► **TENNIS CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Indiana Tennis Association is proud to once again offer two scholarships to **Andy Findlay's Intense Tennis Camp 3-Day Overnight Superclinic at Slippery Rock University from July 16-18**. This scholarship is open to girls and boys ages 11-18. Additionally, we will offer two scholarships to **IUP Tennis Camp July 14-17**(see information other side). The scholarships will be open to boys and girls who attend the 2007 junior tennis lessons, and interested participants **may submit essays by May 30th answering "WHY you deserve a scholarship."** See ITA application for details.

► **WEDNESDAY ADULT LESSONS with ***Bonus—Andy Findlay Clinic (See Codes 18 and 19)**

IUP Head Women's Tennis Coach Tony Medvetz will teach the **adult intermediate and doubles strategy lessons Wednesday evenings beginning June 11** at the White Township Tennis Courts. Don't miss this opportunity learn some new maneuvering in **Doubles Strategy at 6:15**, or brush up on technique in the **Intermediate class at either 5:00 or 7:30**. (The doubles strategy class requires solid basic fundamentals and game experience, and you may sign up with or without a partner.) Coach Tony will not only give you what it takes to be a lifetime tennis player, you'll have fun getting there.

One of Indiana's all-time premier tennis players, Ray Goss will teach the adult beginner class at 6:00 and adult advanced beginner class at 7:15 on Wednesday evenings beginning June 11 at the White Township Tennis Courts. Beginners include those just starting to play (1.0) and those with limited experience, still working primarily on getting the ball into play (1.5). Advanced beginners are those needing on-court experience (2.0) and those learning to judge where the ball is going (2.5).

*** **BONUS (with adult lessons)—Pro Clinic**

Coach Tony has again recruited **Tennis Pro Andy Findlay** to run a **FREE clinic** (sponsored by ITA) **on Sunday July 20**. Andy Findlay is the Head Tennis Pro at Pennbriar Athletic Club in Erie, Pa. Between 1992 – 2003, he was the Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach at Edinboro University of PA. Additionally, Andy owns and operates the successful 'IntenseTennisCamps.com' in Western PA in June and July and is a partner in 'SpringBreakTennis.com' at Hilton Head Island, SC in February and March. **The clinic will be offered first to the adults participating in lessons.**

The following five programs are offered at no additional cost and are for ITA members only.

1. Women's Morning Mixer (See Code 15)— The Women's Tennis Mixer meets Monday mornings, 9:00 to 11:00 at the White Township Courts beginning June 2. It is a round robin format. We play 5 no-ad games of doubles, and then switch partners. We usually get 5 or 6 rounds played, and have some challenging points as well as lots of laughs! You don't have to commit to playing every week, but are welcome to join us at any time. We will start on June 2 and continue through September. Please register when you send in your ITA membership form, and be sure to include your e-mail address. I keep in touch with players via e-mail. bar011@earthlink.net. **Karen Ross**
This mixer requires basic fundamentals and game experience. (For less experienced players, a novice mixer is offered on Saturday mornings and you may sign up with or without a partner.) . If you are not sure which group to try, check with Karen, 724-349-0348. ITA congratulates Coordinator Karen Ross for another great season.

2. Adult Summer Leagues (See Codes 1 through 11, and 14)

The summer tennis league provides a player the opportunity to play a weekly match in singles, doubles, or mixed doubles competition. Divisions are organized by gender and age for 'A', 'B' and 'C' level players. We will once again utilize a point system of scoring to determine winners of each division. This benefits the individual or team who makes the effort to play all their matches. Each player will be given 3 points for playing the match, and 2 points for winning. By doing so, a player who plays all his/her matches can conceivably have more points than someone who has not completed all matches. See the membership application to sign up. Adult Co-Ed Novice League play will begin in mid-July to give beginners time for lessons and play development.

3. Junior Summer League (See Code 12, 13, and 22)

Just a reminder, register now for the Junior Tennis Summer League. All students ages 13-17 are invited to join. There are two divisions for the summer league, boys' singles open and girls' singles open. Individuals are responsible for setting up their own matches during the course of the summer and champions are awarded at the end of the season. Please fill out code 12 or 13 on the ITA application and contact Phil Levri at 724-783-6406 if you have any questions about playing in the summer junior tennis league.

4. Adult Social Mixed Doubles – NEW DAY—EVERY SUNDAY (See Code 16)

JOIN US EVERY WEEK, SUNDAY NIGHTS FROM 6:30 – 8:30 FOR THIS FUN MIXED DOUBLES SOCIAL. The mixer requires solid basic fundamentals and game experience, and you may sign up with or without a partner. (*For less experienced players, a novice mixer is offered on Saturday mornings.*) The social sometimes includes refreshments and a drawing for awards like T-shirts and tennis balls. New coordinator Cindy Hatcher will team up with Lou Levri to get a great group together for this weekly program. Email your questions to Cindy and Lou at ita2007mail@yahoo.com.

5. Adult Novice Mixer (See Code 21)

Back for a second year, ITA will again host a novice mixer on Saturday mornings beginning June 7 from 9 to 11. You may use this forum for a jumping stone to see when you're ready to move up. Come out and have some fun on the White Township Courts. This Mixer is open to all interested ITA members.

IUP Tennis Camp July 14-17, 2008

Tony Medvetz, Camp Director, invites commuters and residents (stay in IUP dorms) to Tennis Camp at IUP in July—one great session for boys and girls ages 9 to 18. These lessons are not sponsored or related to ITA, but we want tennis enthusiasts to know about one of ITA's biggest supporters. Call Tony at 724-463-9007 or look online at www.iup.edu/athletics for a brochure on camp fees and registration.

2009 Summer Tournament—Indiana Open

ITA still awaits an ambitious person or persons to step up and run the Indiana Open for Summer 2009. Hopefully one or more energetic, organized new or renewing members will take on this mission for the summer of 2009, since the project involves planning that begins in January prior to the Open. A "How To" booklet is available courtesy of Theresa Wise to the brave soul who goes there.

ITA 2007 Special Accomplishments:

#1. We continue to exist as an organization. #2. We donated \$250.00 to IHS Boys tennis team for making it to States. #3. We renewed the tradition of having an end of season party and awarding trophies to league winners. #4. Lizanne Porter and Lou Levri ran a winter program of indoor tennis at the S&T Arena on Astroturf carpet. #5. We ran what might be the first ever ITA lesson series for children ages 3-9. #6. Karen Ross renewed the ITA insurance. #7. ITA sponsored a weekly novice mixer. #8. Cinda Krouk and Lou Levri ran a fun, well-attended mixed doubles social #9. ITA distributed car magnets (Sara Rutledge's idea) to it's membership.

Congratulations to 2007 scholarship winners: Katie Brice and Aishan Shetty who attended Andy Findlay's camp and Erin Stritmatter who attended Tony Medvetz's camp.

League News:

2007 League Results:

Women's Singles **First Place: Shirley Gilliland, Second Place: Lizanne Porter** Men's 50+ Singles **Winner: Larry Feldman**
Women's Doubles **First Place: Cindy Hatcher and Sharon Boykiw**
Second Place: Emmy Fairman and Leigh Shubra Other Divisions did not have enough play to award winners.

Congratulations to all who fulfilled their commitment to the league by scheduling their matches, showing up, playing matches to completion, and exhibiting great sportsmanship!

In 2008, ITA hopes to have more participation and give away more trophies. 1) We will try two new divisions—Women's 50+ Singles, and JR. CO-ED SINGLES (Ages 13-17). 2) The Adult Co-Ed, Novice League will begin in mid-July after some "newbies" have taken lessons.) 3) Also, the board voted in a change to the League rules. The change might liven things up, and make league play more do-able for those with time constraints or health issues. If not won in straight sets, matches will be determined by a 10 point tie breaker. How's that for something bold and different??

ITA EMAIL ADDRESS: Questions, comments and suggestions may be emailed to ita2007mail@yahoo.com