

# Officials Newsletter /Spring 2006

Hi Guys! How was the training workshop? Did you get all yours questions answered? If not, let me know and maybe I can answer them for you. I am sending this newsletter out to two different e-mail lists. You might get it twice.

Several items of interest:

1. One of our own was selected to officiate at the Davis Cup tie in April in California between USA and Chile and that is Marie Gagnaud! Marie has been working on the professional tour for many years now and has worked the US Open for 16 years. She was Louisiana's Official of the year in 1984 & 1985. That is our Marie in the background. Congratulations Marie!!!!



2. Another training workshop has been scheduled for May 20 & 21 at the LTA office in Baton Rouge. Anybody needing to attend should contact Jane Christensen at [tqmsystems@aol.com](mailto:tqmsystems@aol.com). There is also a training clinic in Shreveport on June 24 & 25. Contact John Liles at 318/631-2095 or [jliles@yahoo.com](mailto:jliles@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend.

**Please bring a friend or two who you think can do the job!!**

3. The following is an update from the National Committee:

A. If a player uses an epi-pen during a match, the match must be stopped, and 911 should be called. Play may not continue and the match should be marked as a retirement.

B. Effective immediately the USTA has adopted the ITF policy relating to electronic devices. This policy bans the use of all electronic devices at any time during a match, even if the device is used to play music. Only written notes may be consulted during the match.

C. The Officials Committee has recommended the adoption of a new shirt design that would be royal blue in color with a wide red stripe down both sides.

Please note, however, that the Marketing Dept. still has the final say on all designs so nothing is final.

4. The USTA Advanced Media department has just completed the re-launch of the USTA website. Currently you can find a link to the officials' web page under the heading "Tournaments and Leagues". Rich Kaufman is scheduled to have a meeting with the Advanced Media Dept. to discuss when and if any changes will occur to the location of the "Officials" link.

5. The following officials have earned the following service pens:  
5 Years – Diane Weigand, Crumpton Anderson, Aimee Johnson  
10 Years – Pierre Hjartberg,  
20 Years – Richie Weaver

6. Beau Holton Official of the Year for 2005 – Jane Christensen  
Southern "Grassroots Official of the Year" for 2006 – Susan Allender  
**Congratulations Jane & Susan!**

**7. Exhibition featuring Pete Sampras and Todd Martin!**

That's right, on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> in Baton Rouge there will be an exhibition between Pete and Todd. I don't have all the details at press time but look for further information in the summer newsletter. I am in charge of getting the officials for this event. If you are interested in working, let me know. I will need 11 or 12 officials and I know everybody would like to work but that is not possible. **I will be selecting officials based on professional experience first!**

8. Starting with newsletter, we are going to have 2 special features. They both have to do with getting to know our fellow officials better. I am asking 2 questions of 2 different umpires. One is "Tell us 5 things we don't know about you". Glenda Bryan of New Orleans has agreed to be our first installment. The other question is "If you could have dinner with 4 people, who would it be and why?" Cleburne Simon also of New Orleans will be our featured official.

5 things you don't know about me, Glenda Bryan



1. I used to own a child daycare: Before I started teaching tennis, I owned a daycare with 99 children in Lafayette. We kept children from 6 weeks to five years old. I taught a Pre-K class to four and five year olds.

2. I was a tennis team groupie in college: I was friends with some of the USL Men's tennis team and had a huge crush on a certain Texan Bill Bryan in his then short shorts! The girls were banned from watching practice so my friends and I watched the guys from behind the courts **in the woods** so Jerry Simmons wouldn't see us!

3. I am pretty handy around the house: Mostly out of necessity and definitely self-taught (via HGTV) I started fixing things around my house. The necessity has grown to me having my own shop in the garage with a table saw and just a lot of power tools. My neighbors come to me when they need something fixed at their own houses. I really enjoyed building an entertainment center and headboard for my bed.

4. One Grandmother was 100% Cherokee Indian and another Grandmother arrived in Texas on an Orphan Train: My Indian grandmother's name was Texanna Brown. When she died at 84 she still wore her hair in her Indian braids. The Orphan Trains took hundreds of thousands of orphaned children all across the United States and placed them in homes as indentured servants during the early 1900's. While some of these children were adopted, many of them were simply used to help with farming and chores.

5. I used to want to be "Mannix" or "Honey West": I guess I am showing my age with these TV shows, but in high school I was always looking for people that were committing crimes so I could solve them. My friends still often refer to me as "Mannix". In college I then volunteered with the Sheriff's Department as a member of a SWAT team. I actually learned to repel backward off of Blackham Coliseum for a demonstration at the Acadiana Fair and Trade show.

9. 4 people I, Cleburne Simon, want to have dinner with are:



1. Arthur Ash – My all-time hero. I want to know how he was able to live through all the adversity in his life, attacked from all sides, and not once react negatively, a true gentleman.

2. Vince Lombardy – Find out how a person can dedicate themselves so fully using discipline and hard work, accepting nothing less than their best to achieve their goal.

3. Bill Cosby – The funniest person I have ever seen, yet do it so that all the family members can enjoy. A great story teller.

4. Amelia Earhardt – She had the guts to live her dreams, no matter the odds and obstacles she had to overcome. She was full of adventure and spirit.

After 12 years of service, Martin “Catfish” Jones is retiring from officiating. “Catfish” has been a dedicated official and will definitely be missed on the ITA scene.

Good Luck my friend! Come by and visit us only *don't heckle the umpires!!*

