

Officials Newsletter Summer 2006

Well, I hope you have had a terrific summer. Here are a few topics for our discussion:

1. **DATA CARDS DUE TO ME BY OCT.15TH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

You must have the entire front filled out with your USTA # & Exp. included. I will not call you if it is not filled out! Make sure you have signed it on the bottom and have included the date and instructor of the school you attended on the inside. Check your work record and make a copy for your records!! If you don't get the card to me, they will drop you to provisional. Send them to Richie Weaver, 17725 Chancellorsville Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, 70817-8902.

2. As certified officials, we all need to recruit others to join our ranks. Your Officials Committee has an idea for a recruitment program. Do you remember the Army poster with Uncle Sam looking at you saying "Uncle Sam wants you!"? We are going to produce a similar poster with a photo of a lucky one of us in the center. Surrounding this photo will be other pictures of us doing the job we do, starting a match, chairing a match etc... If you want to submit a photo of yourself or another official for the center of the poster all you have to do is look straight into the camera with your finger pointed toward the camera and we will select the one we want to use. If you can send me other pictures of us doing our jobs, please do. I am looking for a cross section of photos. This photo is just to show you what we are looking for.



3. Here is the information on your shirts. They have yet to decide on a new shirt. When I know what to do, so will you. Continue to use your tri-color shirt until further notice. I do know that when you do order your new shirt, they will mail to you at no cost a patch to cover any jackets that have the old logo. I heard they were going to change vendors, but I don't think they are going to do that.

4. 5 things you don't know about me, John Liles:

1. I have a twin brother named Jim. Jim is 5 minutes younger and lives in Hot Springs Village, Ark. I also have 3 sisters. two other brothers and

2. I love to fish and go out as often as I can on Cross Lake to bass fish. Bass fishing on Cross Lake is like looking for a needle in a haystack, but it is relaxing.

3. I have been involved in the LTA and Southern for over 15 years as a volunteer. I am currently the interim District League Coordinator until a replacement can be hired.

4. I am Chairman of the Willow Ridge Home Owner's Association in Shreveport.

5. My first job at 13, was unloading watermelon and tomato trucks at a market in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



5. The five people I, Carl Underwood, would most like to have dinner with are:

1) Andre Agassi - he went from a rebellious teen player to a man who is respected by all who play the wonderful game of tennis. I would also want to know how he was able to stay focused for twenty plus years on a game that wears down your body when you play at such a high level.

2) Pete Sampras - he is arguably the best player to ever play the game and he was always so down to earth. I would like to know how he was able to keep playing for the year and

half were he struggled and with all the critics to come back and win the U.S. Open. And does he think Roger Federer will break his record of fourteen grand slam titles.

3) Tiger Woods - Being part of the minority on the golf tour does he find it harder to have success or be treated the same because of his heritage and does he think he has a shot at breaking Jack Nicolas record of eighteen major titles.

4) President Bush - How is he able to tune out all the critics and still be able to stay focused on his agenda. Does being President of our great country a privilege or does he think it's a burden on him and his family.

5) Dale Earnhart, Jr. - How can he get into a race car after what happened to his father a few years ago doing the same thing he does for a living? And if his kids wanted to follow in his footsteps would he want them too?

