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Message from the Editor

This newsletter has been sent to 188 current members, 120 expired members, 35 program directors, and 28 vendors. Of these, 167 will download the newsletter from our website.

If your mailing code says PCM, PRM, CM, RM, HM, or VM then your membership is up-to-date and you will continue to receive future issues of *Scholastic Visions*.

If your mailing code starts with "E" then your membership has expired (or crossed in the mail) and you must renew in order to continue receiving *Scholastic Visions*. Membership renewal forms were mailed in early September. A membership form can also be downloaded from our website.

Team IL 3rd of 32 Teams at PAC

Congratulations! Read all about it on Page 19



Call for Sectional/Sub-Sectional Hosts

There will be 16 Sectional/Sub-Sectional sites in each Class for Seeding Meetings. Please contact Ron McGraw at the IHSA <rmcgraw@ihsa.org> if you are willing to host.

IHSA Rules You Should Know

5.341 Scholastic Bowl Season Limitation

a. No school belonging to this Association shall organize its Scholastic Bowl teams, practice, or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Monday of Week 8 or later than Sunday of Week 38. [August 22, 2005 to March 19, 2006]

b. Each school belonging to this Association shall be limited to practicing and participating in no more than one (1) Scholastic Bowl tournament beginning the Sunday of Week 38 and ending the Monday of Week 8. [March 19 - August 21, 2006]

5.342 Scholastic Bowl Contest Limitation

a. No School belonging to this Association shall participate on more than eighteen (18) dates of interscholastic contests, exclusive of the IHSA series.

b. No individual shall compete on more than eighteen (18) dates of interscholastic contests, exclusive of the IHSA series.

5.340 Scholastic Bowl (Case #268)

Q. What is considered to be a [Scholastic Bowl] contest?

A. An event in which teams of five (5) students representing two (2) schools compete with or against each other in academic quizzing, utilizing a format and rules comparable to the IHSA series, is considered a Scholastic Bowl contest.

Scholastic Bowl Rule Changes Approved

See Page 8

10th Annual Kickoff Tournaments

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At four sites ... November 19

Buzzer System Grants

Public schools can apply for a \$200 grant towards a buzzer system. Deadline extended to October 31 – See Page 17.

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All-State Players Announced

Congratulations to the following honorees, listed alphabetically.

Class A, 1st Team: Jim Bock, Macon Meridian; Matt Davis, Farmington; Brad Fischer, Winnebago; Ben Fraley, Colfax Ridgeview**; Shauna Guanaratne, Lisle Senior; Rob Koehler, Roanoke-Benson*; Daniel Moore, Springfield Lutheran; Ben Post, Elmhurst Timothy Christian**; Patrick Shanley, Byron; Dylan Troxel, Peoria Heights.

Class A, 2nd Team: Joseph Brancheck, Trenton Wesclin; Chris Daigle, Litchfield; Clint Frederick, Cisne**; Kendall King, Fairfield; Ben Lyons, Riverton; Alexander Morgan, Alton Marquette; Preston Prior, Benton; Nicholas Pretnar, Hillsboro; Evan Roderick, Pittsfield; Jacob Simmering, Stillman Valley; Edward Visel, Winnebago.

Class AA, 1st Team: Alex Beata, Palatine Fremd; Cliff Chang, Winnetka New Trier+; Stephen DeVience, Niles Notre Dame**; Alex Inman, Palatine Fremd; Tyler Kerr, Rockford Auburn+; Michael Mangialardi, Park Ridge Maine South**; James Nyenhuis, Wheaton North; Jordan Silver, Lincolnshire Stevenson**+; John Smillie, Morton**+; Donald Taylor, Decatur MacArthur*+.

Class AA, 2nd Team: Michael Bilow, Deerfield+; Greg Gandenburger, Lincoln; Sammy Gelfand, Chicago Von Steuben; Randall Laurence, Hoffman Estates HS; Devin Patel, Wheaton North; Colleen Powers, Rockford Auburn; Daniel Rendleman, Carbondale; Nate Ross, Oak Park Fenwick; Joe Thompson, Chicago Marist; Louis Young, Rock Island HS.

* 1st Team Selection in 03-04

** 2nd Team Selection in 03-04

+ Team Illinois 2005

Schools Change IHSA Class

From Class A up to Class AA: Belleville Althoff, Breese Mater Dei, Burlington Central, Fairbury Prairie Central, Freeburg, Kankakee McNamara, Lombard Montini, Marengo, Normal University, Quincy Notre Dame, Rock Falls, Rock Island Alleman, Sandwich, Wheaton St. Francis, Wood River East Alton, Woodstock Marian. (Some of these are due to a 1.65 enrollment multiplier being applied to non-boundaried schools of 450 or more students. Some schools not listed had waiver applications approved.)

From Class AA down to Class A: Murphysboro

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Statement of Income and Expenses FY05

August 1, 2004 through July 31, 2005

Submitted by Deb Voorhees, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Income

Membership Dues	\$ 6,350.00
Handbooks & Updates	380.00
Scorebooks	1,409.00
Advertising	1,120.00
Donations	1,028.00
Team IL Contributions*	2,107.34
Miscellaneous	<u>45.03</u>

Total Income \$12,439.37

Expenses

Team IL, 2005*	5,411.00
Newsletter	2,365.05
Tournaments	1,927.09
Handbooks	65.00
Scorebooks	507.00
Membership Mailings	685.71
Website	167.40
Awards	1,118.56
Miscellaneous	<u>87.00</u>

Total Expenses \$12,333.81

Net 04-05 Gain (Loss) 105.56

From 03-04 \$ 3,208.43

10 Yr Total Gain (Loss) \$ 3,313.99

Carried forward to 05-06

* Team IL 2005 cost after family and school contributions was \$3,300. This compares to \$2,200 in 2004, \$2,000 in 2003, and \$2,100 in 2002. Prior to that, the IHSSBCA funded all costs except air fare (\$3900 in 2001, \$4500 in 2000, and \$4000 in 1999).

Statement of Income and Expenses FY06

Current Fiscal Year

August 1, 2005 through September 24, 2005

Submitted by Deb Voorhees, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Income

Membership Dues	\$3,845.06
Handbooks	160.00
Scorebooks	905.00
Advertising	140.00
Donations	<u>264.00</u>

Total Income \$5,314.06

Expenses

Newsletter	0.00
Tournaments	0.00
Handbooks	0.00
Scorebooks	155.00
Membership Mailings	0.00
Website	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>

Total Expenses \$ 155.00

Net 05-06 Gain (Loss) \$5,159.06

From 04-05 \$3,313.99

Bank Balance 9/24/05 \$8,473.05

2005 Masonic Bowl Recap

by Dale Thayer, Chairman, Illinois Masonic Bowl

On March 5, 2005, William Fremd High School of Palatine won the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl State Championship by defeating Auburn High School of Rockford. The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl State Tournament was held at Springfield Southeast High School in Springfield.

Morton High School won third place in their match against Pittsfield High School who finished in fourth place. The Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy of Aurora won the consolation championship by defeating Bloomington High School.

Sixteen teams competed in Springfield. Those teams were: Rockford Auburn, Bloomington HS, Carbondale, Fairfield, Galena, Chatham Glenwood, Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy, Decatur MacArthur, Moline, Morton, Winnetka New Trier, Normal Community HS, O'Fallon Township HS, Peoria Heights, Pittsfield, and William Fremd HS of Palatine.

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Regional Tournaments were held on February 19, 2005, at fourteen different locations throughout the state. A total of 207 high schools participated in our tournament this year. Listed below are the teams finishing in the top five of each Regional Tournament:

Site #1 @ Sterling Newman: 1. Galena; 2. Sterling Newman; 3. Warren; 4. Stockton. Consolation: Morrison

Site #2 @ Rockford Boylan: 1. Rockford Auburn; 2. Rockton Honeogah; 3. Byron; 4. Durand. Consolation: Winnebago

Site #3 @ Lincolnshire Stevenson: 1. Winnetka New Trier; 2. Palatine Fremd; 3. Deerfield; 4. Crystal Lake South. Consolation: Lincolnshire Stevenson

Site #4 @ Moline: 1. Moline; 2. Geneseo Darnall; 3. Rock Island; 4. Port Byron Riverdale. Consolation: Taylor Ridge Rockridge

Site #5 @ Dunlap: 1. Peoria Heights; 2. Chillicothe Illinois Valley Central; 3. Dunlap; 4. Streator. Consolation: Peoria Woodruff

Site #6 @ Crete-Monee: 1. Aurora IMSA; 2. Frankfort Lincoln-Way East; 3. Elmhurst Timothy Christian; 4. Bradley-Bourbonnais. Consolation: Crete-Monee

Site #7 @ Macomb: 1. Morton; 2. Quincy Senior; 3. Farmington; 4. Canton. Consolation: Lewistown

Site #8 @ Bloomington: 1. Bloomington; 2. Eureka; 3. Pontiac; 4. Washington. Consolation: Roanoke-Benson

Site #9 @ Normal Community: 1. Normal Community West; 2. Colfax Ridgeview; 3. Normal Community; 4. St. Joseph-Ogden. Consolation: Fairbury Prairie Central

Site #10 @ Winchester: 1. Pittsfield; 2. Riverton; 3. Beardstown; 4. Concord Triopia. Consolation: Jacksonville

Site #11 @ Carlinville: 1. Chatham Glenwood; 2. O'Fallon; 3. Litchfield; 4. Hillsboro. Consolation: Springfield

Site #12 @ Mattoon: 1. Decatur MacArthur; 2. Charleston; 3. Paris; 4. Macon Meridian. Consolation: Sullivan

Site #13 @ Casey-Westfield: 1. Fairfield; 2. Salem; 3. Casey-Westfield; 4. Albion Edwards County. Consolation: Bridgeport Red Hill

Site #14 @ Cobden: 1. Carbondale; 2. Breese Mater Dei; 3. Cobden; 4. Centralia. Consolation: Carlyle

The Masons of Illinois congratulate all teams participating in the tournaments and extend a special "Thank You" to the schools that hosted a tournament site and to all of the workers at the various sites. Without the host schools and without the many, many tournament workers, these tournaments would not be possible.

The dates for the 2006 Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl are Saturday, February 18, 2006, for the Regional Tournaments and Saturday, March 4, 2006, for the State Tournament. Please mark these dates on your school calendar for 2006. Information about the 2006 tournament should arrive at your school during the first week of September 2005.

Coaches Hall of Fame

by David Reinstein, New Trier HS, Winnetka

The IHSSBCA is now beginning to consider who should be in our second Hall Of Fame class. We had a great group selected last year. We will only induct **four** people this year and are hopeful we can maintain our standard of excellence. In order to make a good selection, we need the input of many coaches.



Scholastic Bowl Hall of Fame Inaugural Class

Front: Susan Martin, Cathy Groesch, Beth Young, Tom Durbin.

Back: Jim Fenton, Rob Grierson, Will Oldaker.

If you know of any coach who has had an outstanding career, please let us know about him or her. We would like to know the school they coached at, the years they coached, an approximate win-loss record, and what they did to help the activity. ***If you sent us something last year, then we still have it.*** There is nothing wrong with sending in information about yourself or somebody you teamed up with. We are looking for coaches with more than 200 victories who are retired or about to retire. Three or four paragraphs is an appropriate amount of information.

We are also looking for coaches to vote for the Hall Of Fame. We are looking for coaches with at least five years of experience who are willing to read nomination letters. If you voted last year, then we already have your name. If you did not vote last year but want to vote this year, then please contact me. We want many conferences and age ranges represented by the electors, so please volunteer to vote if you can. Please contact David Reinstein at <reinsted@newtrier.k12.il.us> if you can help us.

2005-06 Calendar of Academic Competitions and Other Events

Hosts: Send results (# teams, top 4) to Susan Martin <sluzmartin@aol.com>; detailed results to Ken Dentino <kdentino@kaneland.org>

<u>(Week) Date</u>	<u>Northeast (Regions 1-2-3)</u>	<u>Northwest (Region 4)</u>	<u>Central/South (Regions 5-6-7)</u>
(13) Oct 1 Saturday			3rd UIUC ABT Early Bird (Urbana) Sudheer Potru <potru@uiuc.edu>
(16) Oct 22 Saturday ACT Date*	8th Loyola Ultima (Closed)		Ottawa Marquette Robb Watson (815-433-0125 x46) <watsolioni@hotmail.com>
(17) Oct 29 Saturday	8th NU (Evanston) NAQT* <wehrman@northwestern.edu> ... and ... 13th Wm Fremd (Palatine) Frosh/Soph Kevin Palmer (847-755-2600) <kcp1963@yahoo.com> ... and ... 4th Lincoln-Way East Varsity Mark Cohen (815-464-4265) <mcohen@lw210.org>		
(18) Nov 5 Saturday SAT Date*	2nd Carmel (Mundelein) Frosh/Soph Brian Mellon (847-566-3000 x471) <bmellon@carmelhs.org> ... and ... 7th Kaneland Varsity Ken Dentino (630-365-5100 x218) <kdentino@kaneland.org>		U of I Phi Scholars (Champaign) Niraj Shah <nyshah@uiuc.edu>
(19) Nov 12 Saturday	5th New Trier Scobowl Solo David Reinstein (847-784-6616) <reinsted@newtrier.k12.il.us>	11th Moline Frosh/Soph Nick Pitz (309-743-8871) <npitz@molineschools.org>	
(20) Nov 19 Saturday	10th IHSSBCA Kickoff @ Wheaton North	10th IHSSBCA Kickoff @ Sterling	10th IHSSBCA Kickoff @ Bloomington & Wayne City
<i>The 2005 IHSSBCA Kickoff Tournaments are sponsored by BuzzerSystems.com</i>			
(21) Nov 20 Sunday	9th UIC Contest Student/Parent Janis Hayden <mjhay@uic.edu>	statewide draw	statewide draw
(22) Dec 3 Saturday SAT Date*	16th HL Richards (Oak Lawn) Varsity Mike Cleary (708-499-2550 x5382) <mike.cleary@chsd218.org>	Huskie "B" Team Showdown Jeremy Bois (815-654-4578) <jbois@harlem122.org>	
(23) Dec 7 Wednesday	computer-based	Knowledge Master Open* <www.greatauk.com>	computer-based
(23) Dec 10 Saturday ACT Date*		9th Rockford Boylan Varsity Susan May (815-877-0531) <suemay2@juno.com> ... and ... 8th Sterling Frosh/Soph – Cheryl Christianson <cchristi@essex1.com>	
(24) Dec 17 Saturday	<i>New!</i> New Trier (Winnetka) Varsity David Reinstein (847-784-6616) <reinsted@newtrier.k12.il.us> ... and ... <i>New!</i> Maine South Frosh/Soph Tom Egan (847-692-8100) <eganphysics@aol.com>		
(27) Jan 7 Saturday	4th Wheaton North Varsity Phyllis Kidd (630-784-7443) <pkiddup@avenew.com>	7th Rockford Auburn Frosh/Soph Linda Greene (815-966-3300 x832) <linda.greene@rps205.com>	
(28) Jan 14 Saturday	7th IHSSBCA Turnabout @ Evergreen Park	13th Sterling Varsity Cheryl Christianson <cchristi@essex1.com>	7th IHSSBCA Turnabout @ TBA
(29) Jan 21 Saturday	11th Fremd Varsity Kevin Palmer (847-755-2600) <kcp1963@yahoo.com> ... and ... <i>New!</i> Maine South VJV Tom Egan (847-692-8100) <eganphysics@aol.com>	Winnebago Varsity Karen Niemeier (815-335-2336) <niemeiek@winnebagoschools.org>	Macomb Rotary Varsity Suellyn Rieckelman (309-837-2331) <rieckelmans@mcusd185.org>

(Week) Date	Northeast (Regions 1-2-3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Central/South (Regions 5-6-7)
(30) Jan 28 Saturday SAT Date*	Wheaton North Frosh/Soph Phyllis Kidd (630-784-7443) <pkiddup@avenew.com>	New! Peoria Notre Dame Frosh/Soph Jim Johnson (309-691-8741) <johnsonj@peorianotredame.com>	43rd Streator Rotary (Streator HS) Tim Schlund (815-672-0545) <schlundt@streatorhs.k12.il.us>
(31) Feb 4 Saturday Speech Ind Regionals*	Homewood-Flossmoor Michael Sacks (708-335-5721) <msacks@hfhighschool.org> ... and ... Science Bowl @ Fremd (Palatine) Brad Graba <bgraba@d211.org>	9th Rockford Boylan Frosh/Soph Susan May (815-877-0531) <suemay2@juno.com>	
(32) Feb 5 Sunday	statewide draw	statewide draw	6th Team Illinois Selection Event @ Bloomington HS
(32) Feb 8 Wednesday	32 sites statewide	IHSA Seeding Meetings	32 sites statewide
(32) Feb 11 Saturday ACT Date* Speech Ind Sectionals* 32nd Chess State Final*	New! Fenwick (Oak Park) Varsity Tom Draski (708-386-0127 x277) <tdraski@fenwickfriars.com>		
(33) Feb 18 Saturday 66th Speech Ind State Final* ICTM Regionals*	various sites statewide	Masonic Sectionals Dale Thayer <thayerdale@mchsi.com>	various sites statewide
(34) Feb 25 Saturday	NAQT State @ Loyola (Wilmette) David Riley (847-920-2546) <driley@loy.org> ... and ... New! Kaneland Frosh/Soph Ken Dentino (630-365-5100 x218) <kdentino@kaneland.org>		
(35) March 4 Saturday 33rd Music S & E State Final*	statewide draw	statewide draw	23rd Masonic State Final
(36) March 6 Monday Casmir Pulaski Day*	64 sites statewide Plan ahead! Will your building be open? Can you arrange for transportation?	IHSA Regionals	64 sites statewide
(36) March 11 Saturday	16 sites statewide	IHSA Sectionals	16 sites statewide
(37) March 18 Saturday Speech-Drama Sectionals* 66th Speech-Debate State Final*	statewide draw	statewide draw	20th IHSA State Final @ Peoria Civic Center
(42) April 22 Saturday	statewide draw	ICTM State Finals*	statewide draw
(43) April 24 Monday	statewide draw	statewide draw	13th IHSA All-State Academic Banquet* Radisson Hotel, Bloomington
(43) April 26 Wednesday	computer-based	Knowledge Master Open* <www.greatauk.com>	computer-based

National Academic Competitions

May 25-30	Lake Forest IL	20th ASCN Quiz Bowl Tournament of Champions*	<http://www.amschol.org>
May 27-30	San Antonio TX	24th Annual National Academic Championship, Phase I *	<http://www.qunlimited.com>
June 2-4	Chicago IL	8th Annual NAQT High School National Championship*	<http://www.naqt.com/>
June 2-5	Washington DC	24th Annual National Academic Championship, Phase II*	<http://www.qunlimited.com>
June 9-12	Chicago IL	24th Annual National Academic Championship, Phase III*	<http://www.qunlimited.com>
June 10-13	Orlando FL	19th Annual Panasonic Academic Challenge*	<http://www.academic-challenge.org/>
Jun 17-18	Durham NC	9th Annual PACE National Scholastics Championship*	<http://www.pace-nsc.org>

If your tournament isn't listed, or if the information listed is wrong, call David Riley at 847-920-2546 or e-mail <driley@loy.org>.

* **Events marked with an asterisk** are academic competitions (and testing dates) that do not fit the IHSA's definition of Scholastic Bowl contests. We list them because they might be of interest to, or cause scheduling conflicts for, a number of your players.

For news about high school tournaments all over the USA, visit <http://www.hsquizbowl.org/>

2004-05 Profile of Champions

Stevenson Profile

by Coaches Bruce Fitzgerald and Tom Blasius

IHSA Class AA Champions

Two years ago, our JV team had a very successful season. We tentatively hoped that when the time came, they might have a shot at the state championship. Last year, we placed second at the State Tournament. We were on the right path. At the beginning of this season, however, the usual coaching doubts began to emerge. Would the kids be willing to work hard enough to improve themselves? How much stronger would our competition be this year? We felt confident that our team had the prerequisite knowledge, but could they retrieve it fast enough to defeat powerhouse teams like Wheaton North?

As the season began, our doubts grew. We did well, placing at several key tournaments, but we weren't the formidable juggernaut we had hoped to be. Nonetheless, we clung to our hopes. After all, the state tournament wasn't until spring. By then, our students would have completed another year's worth of courses and would have absorbed another year's worth of knowledge. Plus the state questions played to our strengths.



The Patriots from Stevenson

Front: Michele Trickey, James Wolff, Aarti Jayanth, Jaron Birkan, Michelle Peck, Cheryl Krugel, Brian McKenzie. Back: Jordan Silver, Darian Esfahani, David Kim, Josh Weiss, Ross Fensterwald, Colin Willmott, Coach Bruce Fitzgerald.

After the challenge of hosting Masonic Bowl, Regionals, and Sectionals all within a two week period, we were up for any challenge. As the state series began, things seemed to be going our way. Because our team was loaded with "experts" in very specific areas, the random mix of state questions worked to our advantage. Nonetheless, we realized that the caliber of schools competing in our sectional was intimidating, to say the least. After several nip and tuck matches – especially against the formidable team from Fremd High School – we breathed a collective sigh of relief knowing we had another set of matches waiting for us in Peoria. The Great Gods of Quiz Bowl were obviously on our side this season.

Once down state, the kids insisted on a long practice session the night before the tournament. We anticipated that they would want to spend their time playing cards, watching television, or going out to eat. The decision to practice rather than "goof off" (as only quiz bowl kids can) turned out to be an important one; we were able to answer at least four or five of the questions at the state meet because of this review session. Other things seemed to fall

into place. For example, at the end of a very close championship match, we faced a question about the primary language spoken in Iran. Providentially, we had just substituted a student of Iranian descent! We won the toss-up and from there on, it seemed as if we were fated to win. After winning the championship round, we asked the team what kept them motivated throughout the long season and the grueling state tournament. Their reply: "We knew that if we took a trophy home, we would get to eat at Cracker Barrel on the way home!" So much for our great coaching tips.

Once back at Stevenson the next Monday, we presented our trophy to our principal in a special morning ceremony in our new Student Activities Center. This ceremony was videotaped, and portions of it, including photos from the state tournament, were spliced together for a segment on the next day's morning announcements accompanied by the song "We Are the Champions" by Queen. We look forward to the addition of another State Champion Banner in our sports center this spring. On April 18th, the Board of Education awarded each team member and both coaches with individual plaques commemorating the State Championship. The award, known as the *Ambassador Award*, is the highest honor bestowed by the board of education for representing the ideals of the school in an exemplary manner.

As often happens with strong teams, our team was comprised mostly of seniors. It will be especially hard to say goodbye to a group that has been together since their freshman year. Four students – Aarti Jayanth, Cheryl Krugel, Colin Willmott, Brian McKenzie – will be heading to the University of Illinois. Jordan Silver, after completing his tenure for Team Illinois in June, is headed to Case Western. Michelle Peck is deciding between Vanderbilt and Kenyon. David Kim will attend St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and Ross Fensterwald will attend Florida State. Darian Esfahani is deciding between the University of Illinois and McGill.

We would like to thank all the coaches who have hosted so many challenging tournaments over the years. These competitions keep our kids interested in quiz bowl. This activity becomes their "sport." The excitement, loyalty, and commitment that goes along with IHSA competition spills over into our activity, and much of the credit for this goes to the legions of enthusiastic coaches across our state.

The Latin School of Chicago

IHSA Class A Champions



The Romans from Latin School

Front: Andrew Friedman, Ben Wishnick, Jake Tulipan, Jonathan Mayer, Ben Weiss, Dan Greenblatt, Michael Karno. Back: Jamie Friedland, Henry Fyfe, Coach Matt Bardoe, Coach Jonathan Legendre, Coach Nicholas Fossland, Franco Lopez, Pierre Dowden

Fremd Profile by Senior Captain Alex Inman

Masonic State Champions

The 2004-2005 Fremd High School Scholastic Bowl team had what amounts to the most successful season in our school's humble history. We finished the season with a record of 58-4, easily the best mark we have ever had. In addition, we won a number of tournaments, giving our esteemed coach Mr. Palmer his first tournament victories in his 15 years of coaching (something that we are extremely proud of).

Perhaps the most defining aspect of our team was the improvement that we showed from the previous year. Three of our starting five attended ACE Quiz Bowl camp in Missouri last summer, and we saw marked improvement by all three. It is still amazing to us to see how far we have come as a team, both in terms of individual performance and team cohesion and unity.

This brings me to the other component of our team that I feel most represents us. We were, through and through, a team. Each one of our five starting members, and at times, other key players, contributed to the team. There was no one superstar. Though we had two First-Team All-State players, it took a complete team effort to get us to where we were. Each member contributed evenly, and each of us had to carry the team on a different occasion, but there was always someone there to step up and lead us to victory.



The Vikings from Fremd

On the Left: David W. Miller, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois.

Coach Kevin Palmer, Dean Straub, Andy Wilson, Nish Shah, Chris Chronopoulos, Michael Byun, Alex Inman, Charlie Fleming, Alex Beata, Charles Feng, Lawrence Chan, Coach JoAnn Johansen, Dan Slavicek.

On the Right: Dale F. Thayer, Chairman of the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Committee and Masonic Tournament Director.

We were also a very tight-knit group. One of the most remarkable things about our team was how well we got along. Each member of the starting five was friends with the others, and this held true for the rest of the team. Though there were times when tempers flared, we were always understanding of each other, and understanding of any mistakes (which were few and far between) that may have occurred. There was never any intra-squad bickering or anything like that; each member knew his role and respected his teammates.

As mentioned, we won a number of tournaments this year, which brings us a great deal of pride. Perhaps the most impressive thing in our minds, and relating back to the teamwork issue,

was the fact that for a number of them, we were not at full strength. Mike Byun was absent for the Lincoln-Way and Richards tournaments, and both Alex Beata and Charles Feng were unable to attend the Fenwick Octangular. However, we were able to fill in the holes they left behind and emerge victorious. The first time we did field a full team, we won the MSL preseason tournament.

Masonic State was perhaps our shining moment. We had lost in the sectionals to an extremely good New Trier team, but managed to qualify based on total points scored. We knew that we had the potential to do well; we just needed the opportunity to prove it. The tournament seemed to take no time at all, and we managed to overcome some very strong teams to win. The fact that we won the Masonic State tournament is still a little difficult for us to believe; months afterwards, the feeling still has not sunk in for some of us. However, it was a great achievement for us, and we are grateful for the opportunity. Also, though the IHSA state series may not have turned out the way we wanted, Masonic State gives us solace in knowing what we were capable of.

As for the future, we are saddened that our Scholastic Bowl careers have come to a close, but we are thankful for the experiences and memories it has given us. One of our All-State players, Alex Beata, is a junior and will return next year, hopefully living up to the standards set by this year's team. Mike Byun will be attending the University of Illinois, where he will major in history. Charles Feng will be joining Mike at U of I, but will have enough credit hours to enter as a second-semester sophomore. He currently plans to triple major in material science and engineering, bioengineering, and computer science. Chris Chronopoulos will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will be majoring in physics. And our captain, Alex Inman, will be attending Stanford University, where he will be majoring in International Relations, with intentions of subsequently acquiring his MBA.

Scholastic Bowl Record Book

compiled by Tom Egan, IHSSBCA Ombudsman

State Titles:

- 8 Aurora IMSA (89-90, 94, 96-99, 01)
- 5 Chicago Latin (94, 98, 02, 04-05)
- 3 Quincy Senior (87-88, 93)
- 3 Wheaton North (02-04)
- 2 Winnebago (93, 95)
- 2 Lincolnshire Stevenson (00, 05)

Sectional Titles / State Tournament Appearances:

- 14 Chicago Latin (92-05)
- 12 Aurora IMSA (89-94, 96-01)
- 11 Wheaton North (91, 93-95, 99-05)
- 10 Quincy Senior (87-89, 91, 93-97, 00)
- 9 Normal University (87, 89, 92, 94-95, 99-00, 02-03)
- 9 Decatur MacArthur (91-96, 98-99, 04)
- 8 Decatur St. Teresa (88, 90, 94, 97-00, 05)
- 8 Lincolnshire Stevenson (92, 96, 98, 00-01, 03-05)
- 7 Winnebago (89, 92-96, 01)
- 7 Homewood-Flossmoor (90-93, 95, 97, 02)
- 7 Winnetka New Trier (90, 95, 97-99, 02-03)
- 7 Fairfield (92-93, 95-97, 02, 04)

IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee Minutes

This article has been assembled from meeting notes taken by Rob Grierson and David Reinstein; the information is unofficial. The only official documents are those issued by the IHSA.

The Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office on April 6, 2005. The meeting was hosted by Ron McGraw (IHSA) and attended by Julie Cochran (IESA) and the members of the Committee as listed on the IHSA website. Guests included David Reinstein, John Rathbun, Tom Egan, and Rob Grierson.

Terms & Conditions Recommendations

*The recommendations that appear in **bold** were approved by the IHSA Board of Directors on June 13, 2005.*

- (V, B, 3) Add an example of how to calculate the weighted winning percentage comparing a 6-2 record to a 25-15 record.
- (V, D) Ensure that the Regional containing the #1 seed faces the Regional containing the #2 seed in the final Sectional match.
- (V, G) Lengthen lunch break at Sectionals/State by 15 minutes.
- **(VII, O) Add an "Interdisciplinary" sub-category to the Miscellaneous category.**
- **(VII, P, 8) Increase the maximum number of calculation toss-ups and calculation bonus questions per round from 6 to 8.**

Rule Book Recommendations

- (3-C-2g) Verify who is the Head Coach for each team.
- (4-B-2) The three seconds of "cumulative hesitation" applies to toss-up questions, and each bonus part separately.
- (4-H-1k) Rule the first team's answer correct and adjust the score to award points to the first team and deduct from the second team if they were awarded points in error.
- (4-H-11) Rule the second team's answer correct, award points as appropriate, and proceed with the match.
- And the following Rule changes which were approved in 2004: (3-G-2b and 3-G-2e) on question selection in the event of a tie; (4-A-4d, 4-B-1b, 4-D-1c, and 4-D-9) regarding the "blurt" rule; (4-I-1e) appeal time increased from two minutes to three; (4-I-1f) permitting the moderator to leave the team to do research; (4-I-11) ensuring that an appeal is not charged as a time out; and (4-K-4) allowing the moderator to accept variations of answers.

Other Matters Discussed by the Advisory Committee

- As per IHSA rules, each Sectional will be split into two sub-Sectionals with their own Seeding Meeting and two Regionals. Travel time to Seeding Meetings and Regionals may be reduced.
- Voted in favor of posting the revised and updated Rule Book and Case Manual on the IHSA website by November 1.
- Voted against advancing two teams out of each Regional, and voted against moving Regionals from Monday to Tuesday.
- The IHSA will do their best to get the questions to Regional and Sectional hosts sooner so proofreading can be done state-wide.
- No change in matching tops or mandatory Seeding Meetings.
- The Sectional groupings will be posted earlier if the IHSA can override the software that requires every Sectional to have a host.

- The IHSSBCA will help recruit host schools for Sectionals and sub-Sectionals via a survey on our Membership Form; the IHSSBCA will also help market the IHSA question sets.
- The IHSSBCA will proceed with Moderator Certification.
- The IHSA will consider cosponsoring a workshop for coaches and moderators that the IESA already runs each October.

Team Illinois 2006

by David Riley, Team Illinois Coach

The ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) each year designates the IHSSBCA as the organization responsible for selecting six outstanding academic competitors to represent Illinois in Florida at the Panasonic Academic Challenge in June.

If you have an outstanding player who you believe is one of the best six academic competitors in the state, you should nominate her or him for Team Illinois. We seek players who are strong in all subjects across the board ("generalists") although we also consider subject area "experts" to fill out the team if the group of top players chosen appear to be lacking in one or more areas.

Nominations must be made by January 10, 2006. The form can be downloaded from our website, <<http://www.ihssbca.org>>. This nomination is a **required first step** in the selection process; scores, recommendations, and an essay are submitted later.

The selection process requires that the student attend a Selection Event on Sunday, February 5, 2006, in Bloomington. The IHSSBCA will contribute roughly \$2,000 towards the team's expenses; team members' families or schools must pay for airfare, and \$300 to defray the cost of sending the team to Florida.

Team members are required to attend several practice sessions in April, May, and June. Team Illinois will leave for Florida on Friday June 9, 2006 and return on Wednesday June 14, 2006. ***Illinois has finished in the top six for five of the nine years the IHSSBCA has sent an All-Star team to Florida.***

On a Personal Note ...

- **Mike Laudermith**, former Scholastic Bowl player at West Leyden HS and member of Team Illinois 1997, is now teaching physical science and chemistry, and serving as the new assistant Scholastic Bowl coach, at Fenton HS.
- **Steven DeVience**, Scholastic Bowl player, captain of the Varsity team, and "science guy" for the team at Niles Notre Dame, was one of 40 students nationwide recognized in the 2005 Intel Science Talent Search. Stephen created a new type of spectrophotometer that uses electricity instead of a prism to measure the amount of light absorbed by an object.
- Coaching Changes: **Diana Bolin** replaces **Debbie Wilhite** (Carthage); **Cynthia Carlson** replaces **Susan Kerr** (Amboy); **Jeremy Gibson** replaces **Kelly McBride** (Mattoon); **Debbie Wilson** replaces **Shawn Whitaker** (Hamilton); **Laurel Dieckow** replaces **Cheryl Lindbloom** (Oak Forest); **Rachel McKown** replaces **Terra McGinnis** (Abingdon); **Jill Prest** replaces **Alicia Hiller** (Marissa); **Kim Wiggers** replaces **Nancy Wrage** (Hartsburg-Emden); **Teresa Woodard** replaces **Jennifer Brewer** (New Berlin); **Jason Carr** replaces **Gavin Graham** (Illini Bluffs); **Michael Cullinane** replaces **Joan Considine** (Lombard Montini); and **Angela Laughlin** replaces **Santiago Cortes** (Chicago St. Patrick).

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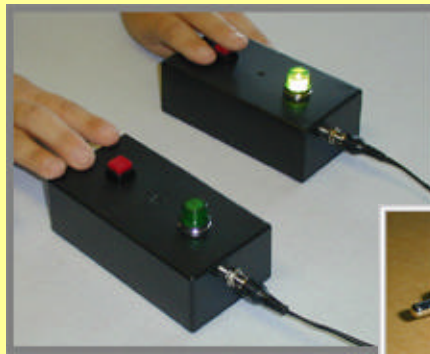
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2004-05 Tournament Results

2/5 Illinois Masonic Bowl State Tourny (16 teams)

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2/5 EIU Honors Program Tournament (24 teams)

1. Charleston; 2. Fairfield; 3. Decatur St. Teresa; 4. Sullivan

2/12 17th Galesburg Rotary (16 teams)

1. Moline; 2. Streator; 3. Knoxville; 4. Rockridge

2/22 West Suburban Conference (13 teams)

Season: 1. Hinsdale Central; 2. Oak Park River Forest;
3. Downers Grove North; 4. Hinsdale South

Tournament: 1. Downers Grove North; 2. Hinsdale Central;
3. Oak Park River Forest; 4. Hinsdale South

2/23 NIC-9 Varsity Conference Tournament (7 teams)

1. Rockford Auburn; 2. Rockton Hononegah

2/24 West Central Conference (10 teams)

1. Pittsfield; 2. Beardstown

2/24 DuPage Valley Conference (8 teams)

1. Wheaton North; 2. Naperville North;
3. Naperville Central; 4. Glenbard East

2/26 Loyola Rambler NAQT State Qualifier (9 teams)

1. Lincolnshire Stevenson; 2. Wheaton North;
3. New Trier; 4. Loyola Academy

3/3 Metro North League (12 teams)

Varsity: 1. Chicago Latin 21-1; Chicago Von Steuben 18-4;
3. Evanston Roycemore 17-5; Mundelein Carmel 16-6
JV: 1. Chicago Latin 16-2; 2. Chicago St. Ignatius 15-3;
3. Mundelein Carmel 14-4; 4. Arlington Heights St. Viator 12-6

3/5 Masonic State Finals @ Springfield Southeast

1. Palatine Fremd; 2. Rockford Auburn; 3. Morton;
4. Pittsfield. Consolation: 5. IMSA; 6. Bloomington HS

3/19 IHSA State Series Finals in Peoria

Class AA: 1. Lincolnshire Stevenson; 2. Wheaton North;
3. Rockford Auburn; 4. Deerfield.

Other Sectional Winners advancing to Peoria:

Bradley-Bourbonnais, Carbondale, Morton, Oak Park Fenwick

Class A: 1. Chicago Latin; 2. Eureka;

3. Decatur St. Teresa; 4. Alton Marquette

Other Sectional Winners advancing to Peoria:

Nashville, Port Byron Riverdale, Toledo Cumberland,
Woodstock Marian Central Catholic

4/16 Wheaton North Mind Games (14 adult teams)

1. Batteries Not Included; 2. Diogenes Club;
3. Reckless Abandon; 4. Class of '89

4/20 Knowledge Master Open HS (35 Illinois teams)

1. Rockford Auburn (1677); 2. Palatine Fremd (1562);
3. Moline (1552); 4. Rock Island (1487);
5. Carbondale (1467); 6. Niles Notre Dame (1424);
7. Springfield (1418); 8. Naperville Central (1409);
9. Libertyville (1397); 10. Winnebago (1379)
Rockford Auburn finished 12th out of 845 teams world-wide

4/20 Knowledge Master Open JHS (4 Illinois teams)

1. Rock Island (1432); 2. Crete-Monee (1319);
3. Seneca Township (1183); 4. St. Elmo JHS (1119)
Rock Island finished 41st out of 142 teams world-wide

4/23 Maine South Adult Trivia Contest (8 adult teams)

1. Reckless Abandon; 2. Flying Wedge;
3. Class of '89; 4. Hawks in Flight

IHSA Continues Team Academic Achievement Award

from information on the IHSA website

The IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award is designed to reward teamwork not only in competition, but in the classroom as well. This award will recognize all competitive teams at your school (sports as well as **Scholastic Bowl**) that maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher throughout their season, computed on a non-weighted 4.0 system (A= 4, B =3, C=2, D=1).

When one of the school's qualifying teams achieves a 3.0 grade point average for their entire season, a representative at the school has the sport and year engraved on a plate and attached to the school's plaque. If you have not seen your school's plaque, ask your Principal if your school is participating in the program.

This is a varsity Team Award; the team/group grade averages must include *every* member of the official varsity team, excluding Team Managers. For Scholastic Bowl there must be **at least 10 members on the team** to qualify for this award.

Complete details of the program can be found on the IHSA website at <<http://www.ihsa.org/academic/index.htm>>. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Anthony Holman at 309-663-6377 or <aholman@ihsa.org>.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the 2004-2005 **Scholastic Bowl** Teams
who were honored with Academic Achievement Awards

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Chicago (Von Steuben)
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Peoria Heights
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IHSA All-State Academic Team

At least four Scholastic Bowl participants are among the 26 Seniors named to the 2005 All-State Academic Team by the IHSA Board of Directors. Those we are aware of are:

Matt Czapar, Rochester HS
Michael Notton, Bradley-Bourbonnais HS
Maureen A. Sullivan, East Dubuque HS

The IHSA chose one boy and one girl from each of the seven IHSA regions, plus twelve at-large selections, from among 475 nominations. Those chosen were honored at a Recognition Banquet in Bloomington on April 25, 2005. Another 50 students earned Honorable Mention. Each IHSA member school may nominate one male and one female. Nomination forms are mailed to the Principals in November each year. A 3.5 out of 4.0 GPA, participation in two or more IHSA activities, and outstanding citizenship are among the criteria. For a complete list of winners see <<http://www.ihsa.org/allstate/2005.htm>>.

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All-Sectional, All-State Process

By David Reinstein and Tom Egan, IHSSBCA

As we prepare for the upcoming Scholastic Bowl season, here is an update on the procedures for All-Sectional/All-State selection for 2004-2005. This is a program that recognizes the best players in the state for their play. Although the process requires a little extra work on the part of the coach, the benefits are many. Player recognition (just as in other IHSA activities/sports) leads to good P.R. and reflects well on the school, the team and the coach.

The IHSA has implemented a major change that will affect the All-Sectional selection process. This year, each Section is being split in two for seeding, and each half will have its own Seeding Meeting. This means that there will be about half as many coaches at your meeting, and it may mean that you will have a shorter distance to travel to get to your Seeding Meeting.

Another major change is that a coach can nominate a player not on their team. You can only nominate a player on another team if that player's team is below the maximum number of two nominees. Also, players nominated by the coach of another team will not be eligible to advance for All-State consideration.

At the Seeding Meetings on February 8, coaches who attend may nominate up to two of their own players for All-Sectional honors. The coaches present then vote to choose five or six (to be determined) players to receive this honor. (Because each Section has two Seeding Meetings, there will be a total of ten or twelve All-Sectional honorees for each Section.) The top players in each Section will move on to compete for All-State honors.

We are now in our fifth year, and this has become a big deal for the students. This year, the All-State honorees will have the added bonus of receiving their awards at our first annual IHSSBCA Awards Banquet. So, if you even suspect that you might have an eligible player, visit our website <www.ihssbca.org> after December 1 and get a nomination form. Read the directions! You can email Tom Egan <eganphysics@aol.com> if you have questions that are not answered in the directions.

Each Sectional will also choose one coach from the Section to serve as an All-State selector. Selectors do not need to travel or attend a meeting. The forms for the top All-Sectional players are mailed to your home, and you have a week to rank 20 players (it only takes about two hours). You email your lists, and you are done. Your votes are not shared. With eight geographically-distributed selectors, there is a better chance that the decisions being made will be the best possible. Please consider volunteering to be a selector. The voting is arranged so that being a selector does not affect the chances of somebody from your team making All-State.

Keeping Accurate Statistics is a Key

Every year, problems arise when coaches fail to track their players' statistics. It is vital for coaches to maintain at least minimal statistics for their players. Each year there are deserving players who miss out because coaches do not maintain statistics.

At the minimum, coaches should track the total number of toss-ups, as well as the number of toss-ups answered in matches against "top" teams. If there is a dispute, the selectors may request copies of relevant scoresheets. Coaches can improve a player's chance of being selected by tracking the number of toss-ups in each category (easily done on a spreadsheet), and the percent of toss-ups answered correctly (total correct / total attempted).

Some coaches have begun to include an average correct toss-ups per 20 questions, rather than average per match, since average per match can be skewed depending on the number of questions in each match (16, 18, 20, 22, 24, or 30 are all popular lengths.) The more information that you can provide, the more likely it will be that your player will receive strong attention from the selectors. So before the season gets going: Set up a spreadsheet to track your statistics! Your players will appreciate it later!

Turnabout Tournaments Return

by David Reinstein, New Trier HS, Winnetka

In early 2006, the IHSSBCA will host the Seventh Annual Series of Turnabout Tournaments. Turnabout Tournaments are open to everybody except the top teams in Illinois. They are a great opportunity for teams that are newer to Scholastic Bowl or are tired of getting beaten by the top teams. This series has consistently attracted over fifty schools each year from every part of Illinois.

We are still working on sites and dates for the tournaments. Evergreen Park, which is near Chicago, will host a tournament on January 14. If you want to host a tournament in Central or Southern Illinois, please contact me at reinsted@newtrier.k12.il.us. We will have Turnabouts at one or two other sites in January or February.

Each year, about fifty teams are not invited to these tournaments because of their success the year before or early in the season. The list of blacklisted teams will be posted on our website once it is finalized and in the invitations that are mailed out to everybody else. Keep in mind that most IHSSBCA members are invited to these tournaments.

Invitations will be sent to eligible IHSSBCA members in November.

Spring 2005 KMO Top Twenty

1. Jefferson Science & Tech, Alexandria, **Virginia** (1824)
2. Montgomery Blair, Silver Spring, **Maryland** (1798)
3. Lakeside, Seattle, **Washington** (1753)
4. State College Area, **Pennsylvania** (1752)
5. Clear Lake, Houston, **Texas** (1751)
6. St. Thomas Academy, Mendota Hts, **Minnesota** (1747)
7. Emmaus, **Pennsylvania** (1715)
8. Walton, Marietta, **Georgia** (1714)
9. Raleigh Charter, **North Carolina** (1692)
10. Hanover, **New Hampshire** (1686)
11. Champlain Valley Union, Hinesburg, **Vermont** (1685)
12. Auburn, Rockford, **Illinois** (1677)
13. Richard Montgomery, Rockville, **Maryland** (1673)
14. Charlottesville, **Virginia** (1671)
15. Danville, **Kentucky** (1668)
16. Booker T Washington, Tulsa, **Oklahoma** (1657)
17. LaDue Horton Watkins, Ladue, **Missouri** (1655)
19. Okemos, **Michigan** (1638)
20. Dunbar, Lexington, **Kentucky** (1631)

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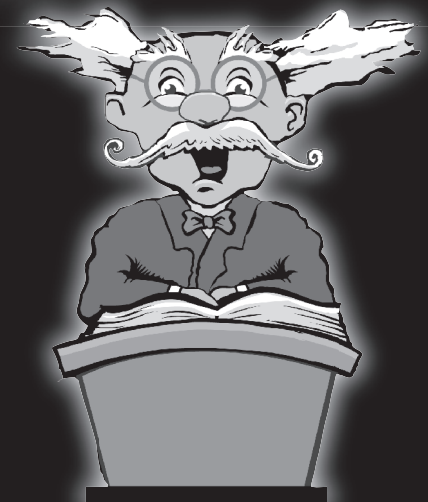


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Intangibles in the Scholar Bowl Program

By Jim Fenton, Carlinville

First of all, for any educational or athletic activity to succeed you need the support and understanding of the administration from the superintendent on down; you need coaches who are interested not just filling a vacant slot; you need the students' active participation; and an adequate coach's rate of pay.

The above we all know about and don't have much control over except for a role in the students' participation. This is where some of the intangibles come in. When scholar bowl was started at Carlinville in 1987, I was the athletic director. Scholar bowl was also going to be added as a South Central Conference activity. I reveled at the work activity. I approached our administration with the concept that scholar bowl be a sport, same color letters, same bars, same numerals same MVP awards and so on as all other athletic activities. Our principal supported the idea and with his support the six conference schools (now 12) added the concept. Each year the South Central Conference awards an overall trophy based on each school's finish. Finishing the football season in first place

gives a school one point. Finishing in scholar bowl is also one point. *Equality*. The school with the lowest overall point total wins the yearly trophy. An all-conference scholar bowl team (first and second team) is chosen with the same publicity and awards as other sports.

Recognition is another intangible. At Carlinville a state placing team gets a flag on the gym wall (see picture) Every time a student goes to PE or the public attends an event they see these flags and are proud of all our school's accomplishments.

For the past three years, all athletes at Carlinville have a \$50 per sport participation fee. This includes scholar bowl participants. Again *equality*. Don't treat our sport differently.

Winning a match or country tourney or regional means a lot to the student/athletes who play scholar bowl. But being part of the total athletic program makes our player as important as Mr. or Miss Jock. We have everyone pulling for each other (school spirit?). Of our two first team all-conference scholar bowl players this year, one was also first team football as a linebacker.

We believe that for Carlinville's kids belonging to the whole is just as important as participating.

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IHSSBCA Meeting Minutes

May Meeting

The IHSSBCA Steering Committee held its spring cybermeeting Saturday, May 7, 2005.

Members participating: David Reinstein, David Riley, Thomas Egan, Debbie Voorhees, Linda Greene, Cathy Groesch, Cheryl Christianson, Susan Martin, Suellyn Rieckelman.

David Reinstein, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Reports: David Reinstein - Membership remains at 293, with no new members since February. David Riley - The 2005-06 calendar for the May newsletter is fairly complete, although so far none of the colleges hosting tourneys have responded to our request for information.. From Rob Grierson – He has enough articles for the May newsletter. Treasurer Debbie Voorhees is in the midst of moving, so did not have a complete treasurer's report today. David reported that mailing labels have been sent to the IHSA.

Survey on the membership form: There will be a set of questions on the back of the membership form for coaches to answer when they renew or join for the first time. The questions will help identify potential moderators and hosts for the IHSA series.

Octangulars: The group voted to not allow conferences to use the Octangular questions for league meets or tournaments, because it keeps teams from competing with outside teams. The purpose of the Octangulars is to get more teams involved in tournaments.

Moderator Certification: The IHSSBCA will begin a moderator certification process in 2005-06 by offering the test to anyone who has indicated an interest in taking it. The following policies were voted on and approved: (1) The test will consist of 50 multiple-choice items covering the rules. (2) It may be taken as an open-book test. (3) The passing score will be 90% (45 out of 50). (4) A person will be allowed one retake during the year. (5) The retake test will have the same questions, but in different order. (6) As the tests are taken and graded, the participants will receive their scores and a list of the questions they missed. (7) The IHSSBCA will keep a list of certified moderators (those who pass the test) on its web page. (8) Moderators will need to take the test, which will be updated, every year. (9) During the first year, coaches will not be asked to rate moderators, but this may be added in the future.

Tom volunteered to do final editing of the test and to create a second version. Linda offered to handle requests from prospective moderators, check the tests, and send them the results.

Remaining Agenda Items: Due to the time, the other agenda items were postponed to August. These include All Sectional/All State Teams selection process, the first IHSSBCA Awards Dinner, Kickoff and Turnabout Questions source, recruiting of volunteers, call for Hall of Fame essays, and SchoBowlFest.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda J. Greene, IHSSBCA Secretary

August Meeting

The IHSSBCA Steering Committee held its summer meeting Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005 at the home of Cheryl Christianson.

Members present: Nick Pitz, Karen Niemeier, Susan Martin, Phyllis Kidd, Cheryl Christianson, Linda Greene, Tom Egan, David Riley, David Reinstein, Suellyn Rieckelman, Debbie Voorhees.

David Reinstein, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. The May 7 minutes were read and approved.

Reports: David Reinstein, for Rob Grierson – Since there was no newsletter distributed in May, the September issue will be a double one. Treasurer Deb Voorhees reported a balance of \$7085.05 in the checking account. She reported that there are 113 regular members and 6 patron members recorded so far for '05-'06. She said that she does not wish to continue as treasurer after this school year. David Riley reported that the tournament calendar was set (it's on the website and will be in the September newsletter), and that Fremd will host the Regional Science Bowl on Feb. 4.

Team Illinois: Tom Egan reported that the team did very well, finishing third in a very close final match. At Tom's suggestion, the following changes were discussed and approved: (1) Have two coaches/chaperones accompany the team. (2) Increase the amount each student/school pays to \$300 plus airfare. (3) All team members, barring extraordinary circumstances, will travel together to Florida on Friday. (4) Students and parents will sign a contract regarding attendance at practices, following the coaches' directives, and so on, and submit it as part of the application process.

All-Sectional/ All-State Teams: There was lengthy discussion of several questions relating to the process of choosing All-Sectional and All-State teams. The committee approved the following items: (1) No qualification is required to vote – just be a current coach or designated representative in attendance at the sectional seeding meeting. (2) Coaches may continue to vote for their own players for All-Sectional, but not for All-State. (3) All seven votes for All-State will count [there was a proposal to throw out the highest and lowest votes for each player]. (4) Coaches will be required to produce score sheets to verify information if requested for All-State. (5) At the seeding meeting, a coach may nominate one player from another school for All-Sectional honors. [This was not allowed before.] However, said player is not eligible for All-State consideration, since data to support the nomination will not have been provided. (6) No minimum number of matches played will be required for candidates for All-State consideration. (7) Coaches are not allowed to nominate players via fax; the coach or designated representative must be present at the seeding meeting. (8) There is still a limit of two nominees per school. (9) An article explaining the process will be printed in the November newsletter, and the guidelines will be read at the seeding meetings.

Sponsorships: Nick Pitz offered to help with a letter and mailing to potential sponsors. We appreciate the support of the two sponsors last year, and would like to increase the number of sponsors for '05-'06. Offering the option of partial or co-sponsorship of our big events, such as the awards banquet, may increase support.

Awards Dinner: Our first awards banquet will be held at ISU in Bloomington on April 22, 2006. Dinner will be buffet style.

Moderator Certification: Tom is putting the finishing touches on the final version of the 50-question test and will email it to the committee members soon for proofreading. Linda will handle the requests to take the test, the scoring, and sending of results. We are aiming for people to start taking the test in November.

Hall of Fame: There will be just four new inductees this year, and they will be honored at the Awards Dinner in April. Coaches are requested to send nomination essays to David Reinstein.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting, a cybermeeting, will be in mid-November.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda J. Greene, IHSSBCA Secretary

(Quiz) Bowling for Dollars

by David Reinstein, New Trier HS, Winnetka

Most of us coach Scholastic Bowl because we enjoy it and we value the education it provides our students. Unlike other educational endeavors, however, it is possible to make it rich off of Scholastic Bowl.

Several years ago, Brad Rutter played Scholastic Bowl for Manheim Township High School in Pennsylvania. After dropping out of college, he got a job selling music at a Coconuts store. A few months ago, however, Brad beat Ken Jennings in the Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions, bringing his total winnings on the show to \$3,205,102. He also works for Questions Unlimited, moderating at their national tournament in Chicago in June.



Ken Jennings

Ken Jennings himself used to play College Bowl at Brigham Young University. He now works part-time for NAQT (National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC) and moderated at their national tournament this past June in Chicago. His total winnings on Jeopardy! were \$2,520,700.

Kevin Olmstead got his start in Scholastic Bowl on a Toledo, Ohio television show when he was in high school. He has also played College Bowl at Case Western, MIT, and Michigan, and he also moderated at the NAQT National Championship. A few years ago, he won over two million dollars on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Super Millionaire Edition.

Closer to home, Whitney Barnes, who played Scholastic Bowl for The Latin School in Chicago in the mid-1990s, won Ben Stein's Money. She earned \$5000 on the show, which used to air on Comedy Central. Erin Weller, who used to coach with me at New Trier, had been a Jeopardy! winner, raking in over \$10,000 and a Caribbean Cruise.

And, speaking of Scholastic Bowl coaches, their ex-players sometimes call on them (literally!) to help before or during quiz shows. Chip Beall, who runs the National Academic Championship, offers coaching sessions for NAC "graduates" prior to TV appearances. Eric Hillermann, the quiz team advisor at Carleton College, has served as a "Millionaire" lifeline five times for quiz bowlers, including Olmstead. Coaches, are you ready for that?

If a student wants to earn some big dollars without going on television, he or she can try for the Michigan State University Alumni Distinguished Scholarship. To earn the full scholarship, which is worth \$96,000 over four years, students must (in addition to writing three essays and completing an interview) take a test that includes questions on art history and literature. It should be no surprise that several quiz bowl players, among them Audrey Butcher, daughter of Bloomington HS Coach Debbie Voorhees, have won this free ride.

If you know of any other Illinois Scholastic Bowlers who have played on game shows, we would love to find out about them. And if you happen to win millions of dollars, please remember your good friends at IHSSBCA.

Scholastic Team Websites

by David Reinstein, New Trier HS, Winnetka

Each year, more and more teams are making a presence on the internet by creating and maintaining team web pages. Team pages can be a good way to build team pride, recruit prospective players, and keep your team informed. Many team websites can be linked to from the Links Page at www.ihssbca.org.

Building a team page is becoming easier to do every year. Coaches who do not want to do the hard work may be able to find team members willing to put things together. (My team's site was redesigned this year by a sophomore.) Also, many schools are willing to host team pages on their server, which means that there is no cost involved and that the page can be updated while you are at school. There may be somebody at your school willing to show you how to design and build a web page.

Several teams use their page to show off their accomplishments and show how much fun they have with Scholastic Bowl. Good examples of this include Bloomington, Carbondale, Chatham Glenwood, Rockford Auburn, and Wheaton North. Other teams put some sample questions on their page so that people can see what Scholastic Bowl questions are like. These schools include Clemente, Geneva, and Peoria Heights. There are also some conferences, such as DuPage Valley and Sangamon Valley, that keep up a web page with past and present results.

Perhaps the most useful web page belongs to Williamsville High School. Their links page has all sorts of resources, including practice questions, online reference books, news sources, and information on fine arts, history, and literature.

At New Trier, I also keep a team web page with links and team results. There are also a few thousand free practice questions from my past tournaments. I have found that the internet is a good way to get some students more excited about Scholastic Bowl and to promote my tournaments.

I hope to see more of you in the future in cyberspace!

Buzzer System Grants

If you coach a Scholastic Bowl team at a public school and you need a buzzer system, you can apply for a \$200 grant.



Matt Cvijanovich

Mike and Sheryl Cvijanovich are honoring the memory of their son Matt, by inviting quiz bowl teams to apply for grants, made possible by memorial funds. Matt was very active in college-level quiz bowl throughout his undergraduate career at Iowa State University. He graduated in May 2004 and was attending grad school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign when he died suddenly of complications caused by acute pancreatitis on January 2, 2005.

The Cvijanovich family has developed a web page in Matt's memory that includes an explanation of how teams can apply for buzzer system grants, as well as a web-based form for doing so. The URL for the website is myweb.cableone.net/MickCv/.

The deadline for grant applications is October 31, 2005.

2005 National Tourny Recap

19th Annual Quiz Bowl Tournament of Champions May 27-31, 2005 in Lake Forest, IL *from information on the ASCN website*

<www.amschol.org>

Dorman (Roebuck SC) met James Island Charter (Charleston SC) in the finals and won 365-270. Semifinalists were Walton (Marietta GA) and Spotswood (Penn Laird VA). Quarterfinalists included Savannah (MO), Benton (AR), Copley (OH), and Santa Fe (Edmond, OK). Copley (OH) was the "B" team champion. 22 Varsity teams, and 6 "B" teams, competed, none from Illinois.

23rd Annual National Academic Championship Phase 1, May 28-31, 2005 in New Orleans, LA *from information on the NAC website*

<<http://www.qunlimited.com/national.htm>>

Holland Hall (OK), seeded #5 of the teams that made the playoff rounds, had decisive wins over Kincaid 340-190, Kamiakin (WA) 300-200, Plano (TX) 450-165, and 3rd-seeded Clear Lake (TX) 460-285 to win the New Orleans phase and earn a trip to Chicago to compete in the NAC Semifinals. Holland Hall had gone 5-1 in the preliminaries, losing to Pingry A (NJ) 185-355.

39 of the 114 teams that entered the National Academic Championship competed in New Orleans. Each team was guaranteed 6 preliminary matches. The top 18 teams made the playoffs.

Fairfield, Illinois defeated Jesuit (LA) 250-195, Syosset B (NY) 240-100, and Vanderbilt Catholilc (LA) 255-225; lost to Kamiakin (WA) 240-270; defeated St. Croix (VI) 280-155; and lost to Pingry A (NJ) 185-255 in the preliminaries, entering the playoffs as the #7 seed. In a rematch, they lost to the 10th-seeded Pingry A. Fairfield finished 40th out of 114 teams nationally.

7th Annual HS National Championship Tournament June 3-5, 2005 in Chicago, IL *from information on the NAQT website*

<<http://www.naqt.com/hsnct/2005/2005-hsnct-results.html>>

Two-time defending champion Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (Alexandria, VA) became the first school to claim three NAQT High School National Championships by defeating Lakeside (Seattle, WA) in a wildly entertaining final by the score of 415-325. Thomas Jefferson was clearly the class of the field of 96 teams (including 3 from Illinois), averaging over 630 points per game and, until they were truly challenged in the final match, scoring at least 545 points and winning by at least 280 points in every game; they now boast a 38-game winning streak at the HS NCT. Lakeside, in their first year of NAQT competition, went 15-3, with all three losses to Thomas Jefferson to claim runner-up honors. 2000 national champion State College (PA) rebounded from an early playoff loss to finish in third place while Solon (OH) wound up fourth. In the small school division, Danville (KY) finished 20th overall and used a strong surge early in the second half to defeat White Cloud (MI) in the final 290-190.

Wheaton North made the playoffs on a 6-4 record, but was sent to the loser's bracket after a 155-370 loss to Solon (OH). They went 6-6 overall and finished tied for 29th out of 96 teams entered.

New Trier made the playoffs on a 7-3 record, soundly defeated Grosse Pointe North (MI) 340-95, then was sent to the loser's bracket with a 220-315 loss to Maggie Walker Governor's School (VA). They were eliminated by Princess Anne (VA) in overtime; they went 8-5 overall and finished tied for 20th out of 96 teams.

Lincolnsire Stevenson went 5-5 overall and finished 46th.

23rd Annual National Academic Championship Phase 2, June 3-6, 2005 in Washington, DC *from information on the NAC website*

Russell High (KY), with not one senior, went undefeated among the 39 teams at the Washington DC phase of the NAC. Their wins came over Owosso (MI) 285-255, Rye Neck 320-100, Alief Taylor (TX) 440-60, Hempfield (PA) 290-195, Algona 330-200, and Edgemont A 405-190 in the preliminaries; their playoff wins came over Cambridge-South Dorchester (MD) 390-205, Manheim Township (PA) 250-240, Smoky Mountain (TN) 310-280, and perennial favorite Horace Greeley (Chappaqua NY) 415-190.

23rd Annual National Academic Championship Phase 3, June 10-13, 2005 in Chicago, IL *from information on the NAC website*

Bryam Hills (NY) and El Paso (TX) earned berths in the NAC Final Four in this 36-team phase.

Going into the 16-team playoff rounds seeded 1st with a 6-0 record, Byram Hills defeated White Plains (NY) 390-270, St. Joseph's (IN) 460-195, and Booker T. Washington (OK) 290-260. El Paso came in as the #11 seed with a 5-1 record. They edged Waramaug A (CT) 325-320, then defeated Scripps Ranch (CA) 310-250 and Chaska 355-230. This set the stage for the semifinal matches.

Holland Hall flew in from Tulsa to face Byram Hills and Russell drove up from Kentucky to meet El Paso. The New Orleans champ defeated Byram Hills 365-235, while El Paso edged the DC winner 285-280. In the finals, Holland Hall took the lead after the fourth question and never looked back, eventually winning 365-285.

Brad Rutter, the former Manheim Township player who became a multimillionaire on May 25 when he defeated Ken Jennings to win the *Jeopardy!* Ultimate Tournament of Champions, was a personable and accomodating member of the NAC moderating staff

The Latin School of Chicago defeated Hamilton (IN) 335-210; lost to Waramaug B (CT) 305-245; then ripped through Wicheta (KS) 280-215, White Plains (NY) 305-265, Northridge (OH) 340-105, and Booker T Washington (OK) 275-215 to enter the playoffs as the #7 seed. There they defeated Fisher Catholic (OH) 320-260, but lost to Chaska (MN) 245-345 to finish a respectable 18th out of 114 teams nationally.

Rockford Auburn had solid wins over Waramaug B (CT) 345-225, Skyview (MT) 430-225, Wicheta (KS) 435-215, and Blue Valley North (KS) 385-185 before losing 265-315 to the eventual Chicago champ Byram Hills A (NY). Their win over Byram Hills B 355-165 sent them into the playoffs seeded #3, where they were edged out in their first match by Scripps Ranch (CA) 365-335. Auburn finished 25th out of 114 teams nationally, but has the distinction of finishing #1 in the nation based on average points: 364 per game. With 700 points total, Auburn's match against Scripps Ranch had the highest combined score of any match at both Washington DC and Chicago; only the final in New Orleans had a higher total.

8th Annual National Scholastics Championship**June 11-12, 2005 in Orlando, FL***from information on the PACE website*<<http://www.pace-nsc.org>>

Congratulations to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (Alexandria, VA) for winning the 2005 NSC. They defeated State College (PA) in the championship by a score of 530-145. The semifinalists were Thomas Jefferson's "B" team and Mission San Jose (Fremont, CA). The consolation bracket was won by Centennial High School's "A" team (Elliot City, MD) who defeated Walter Johnson (Bethesda, MD) 305-265. A total of 30 teams, none of them from Illinois, participated in the NSC.

The 2005 Benjamin Cooper Academic Ambassador Award was presented to Sue Korosa, who has built a championship academic competition program at Copley High School in Ohio. She has also been instrumental in spearheading the creation of Ohio Academic Competitions, a statewide coaches association, as well as organizing one of the largest high school invitational in the state.

The 2005 Benjamin Cooper Young Ambassador Award was presented to Tom Egan, a former member of the University of Illinois Academic Buzzer Team and currently Scholastic Bowl Coach at Maine South High School in Park Ridge. He has been an advocate for Scholastic Bowl in Illinois since 1999 and has been spearheading improvements in the quality of the activity throughout Illinois.

**18th Annual Panasonic Academic Challenge****June 18-21, 2005 in Orlando, Florida***from information on the PAC website*<<http://www.academic-challenge.org/>>

For the ninth consecutive year, the IHSSBCA sponsored an all-star team from Illinois to attend the Panasonic Academic Challenge (PAC) in Orlando, Florida. Nominations were taken from coaches around the state and a committee of coaches and moderators selected the six-member team after nearly 20 hopefuls met in Bloomington for a Florida-style Selection Event.

The PAC is unique among "Nationals" in that only one team from each state may compete, and all-star teams are encouraged. Other differences include up to six teams playing in a match; one buzzer per team; points off for wrong answers; no rebounds; and sixty-second time limits for every toss-up.

This year, 31 states and Washington DC competed. Coach Tom Egan wrote the following about Team Illinois' experience:

"What seemed like a doomed venture in the beginning turned out to have a happy ending in the end as Team Illinois repeated its third place finish from the 2004 contest. The 2005 team consisted of Mike Bilow (Deerfield), Cliff Chang (New Trier), Tyler Kerr (Rockford Auburn), John Smillie (Morton), Jordan Silver (Stevenson), and Donald Taylor (MacArthur).

"Coach David Riley had to withdraw as coach for personal reasons at the last minute. The IHSSBCA requested that I fill in for this year. While I had been present at all of the practices, I only conducted one formal practice before our departure.

"The team was geographically diverse and because of that, several of the team members arrived at different times (and due to the weather, on different days). This ended up cutting into our preparation time. Nevertheless, I was thoroughly impressed with the serious and businesslike approach that the team took.

"The opening round saw Illinois face off with Alabama, Georgia, and two-time defending champion Virginia. The final scores spoke volumes: Virginia 373, Illinois 156, Georgia 92, Alabama 86. Any thoughts of an easy tournament quickly evaporated.

"The consolation round on Monday went better, though there were still too many incorrect answers which cut into the scores. In the end: Illinois 242, Vermont 214, North Carolina 149, and DC 160; but we were assured a spot in the semifinals on Tuesday.

"After facing some very tough teams in the early rounds, we finally caught a break in the only four-team semifinal. This match went by the book as Illinois pulled far ahead in the second period, earning 70 points without a penalty. Final: Illinois 277, Colorado 205, California 176, West Virginia 117. On to the finals!

"With the huge ballroom equipped with jumbotron television screens and scoreboards, the setting was daunting; having to face Virginia again made it even more so. After the five-point round, Illinois was in second place, and looking good. The ten-point round was a disaster. Illinois lost ten points after a correct answer on a music question was thrown out when the person handling the recorder failed to turn it off in time. The replacement cost us ten points when a player accidentally hit the team's buzzer with his elbow. We finished the round in fifth place with one period to go.

The 15-point round was brilliant as Illinois outscored the field to catch Team Florida with two questions remaining. Maryland blew their chance at the championship with a 15-point penalty on the last question. Final scores: Virginia 225, Maryland 215, Illinois 206, Florida 198, Colorado 122, and Wisconsin 93.

"Each member of Team Illinois received a ring from Herff Jones, a \$500 scholarship, and a framable certificate in a leather binder. In addition, they will be guests of honor at the first annual IHSSBCA banquet so we may properly celebrate their accomplishment."

Schedule of National Tournaments 2006**20th Annual Quiz Bowl Tournament of Champions**

May 25-30, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois

24th Annual National Academic Championship

May 27-30, Sam Antonio, Texas

June 2-5, Marymount University, Washington DC

June 9-12, Crowne Plaza O'Hare, Chicago, Illinois

8th Annual HS National Championship Tournament

June 5-6, Crowne Plaza O'Hare, Chicago, Illinois

9th Annual National Scholastics Championship

June 17-18, NC School for Science & Math, Durham, North Carolina

19th Annual Panasonic Academic Challenge

June 10-13, Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida

Coaches Poll

by Kevin Palmer, Fremd HS, Palatine

Here are the results of the **post-season** coaches poll for 2004-05. Ten points were awarded for a #1 ranking, 9 for #2, and so on down to 1 point for #10. A total of 10 polls were sent in.

Class A (small schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Latin School (Chicago)	20	2	2
2. Marquette (Alton)	12	2	0
2. St. Teresa (Decatur)	13	2	0
2. Eureka	13	2	0
5. IVC (Chillicothe)	9	2	0
5. Marian Central (Woodstock)	9	2	0
5. Roycemore (Evanston)	9	1	0
8. Timothy Christian (Elmhurst)	8	1	0
9. Fairfield	5	1	0
10. Pittsfield	4	1	0

Others receiving at least one vote: Winnebago, Port Byron Riverdale, Riverton, and Roanoke-Benson.

Class AA (large schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Fremd (Palatine)	77	8	5
2. Stevenson (Lincolnshire)	74	8	2
3. Auburn (Rockford)	62	8	0
4. Wheaton North	56	8	0
5. New Trier (Winnetka)	38	7	0
6. Fenwick (Oak Park)	32	7	0
7. Morton	25	6	0
8. Deerfield	21	4	0
9. MacArthur (Decatur)	17	6	0
10. Hoffman Estates	16	5	0
11. Loyola Academy (Wilmette)	5	2	0

Others receiving at least one vote: Von Steuben (Chicago), Lincoln-Way East (Frankfort), Buffalo Grove, Maine South (Park Ridge), Notre Dame (Niles), Libertyville, Marist (Chicago), IMSA (Aurora), Carbondale, Bloomington, Bradley-Bourbonnais.

Give us your pre-season picks! Once again, the poll will be conducted via email. The results will be tabulated and will be published in the November issue. All coaches and moderators may participate. For this pre-season poll, base your ranking on last year's results, school and coach's reputation, number of seniors lost or starters returning, or any other gut feelings.

Your list should be in rank order with your top pick as #1. You may rank Class A, Class AA, or both, but you **must** rank exactly **ten** (10) schools in a Class for your poll to be counted.

Note: Be sure you are listing Class A schools for the Class A poll, and Class AA schools for the Class AA poll. If you are not sure of a school's designation, look them up in the IHSA Member School Directory – your Principal or A.D. has it.

Email your list(s) by November 1 to <kcp1963@yahoo.com>. If you email me **now** asking to join the Coaches Poll Panel, I'll email you in late October reminding you to send in your list. If you don't have email, you can still snail mail your poll to: Kevin Palmer, Fremd HS, 1000 S Quentin, Palatine IL, 60067.

Kevin teaches American Studies and AP European History. Now in his 19th year of teaching and his 16th year of coaching, he will run his tenth annual varsity tournament for and his thirteenth annual frosh/soph tournament this year. Fremd won Sectionals in 94, and Regionals every year from 1997 to 2003 except 2002. Last March, the Patriots won the Masonic state championship.

Anthony Holman Named 2005 Friend of Scholastic Bowl



Susan Martin and Anthony Holman

Anthony Holman, Associate Executive Director of the IHSA was presented with the 2005 Rob Grierson Friend of Scholastic Bowl Award during a brief ceremony prior to the IHSA State Finals in Peoria on March 19, 2005. Presenting the award was Susan Martin, IHSSBCA Board Member and Scholastic Bowl Coach at Wheaton North. Susan spoke eloquently of Anthony's support for Scholastic Bowl as the IHSA administrator in charge for five seasons, 1999 through 2004. The inscription on the plaque reads, "Rob Grierson Friend of Scholastic Bowl Awarded to Anthony Holman – For improving the relationship between IHSA and IHSSBCA, overseeing the creation of a Rule Book and Case Manual, and successfully running the IHSA tournament."

The Rob Grierson Friend of Scholastic Bowl Award is presented to individuals or organizations that help further the mission of the IHSSBCA by working to improve Scholastic Bowl in Illinois. The previous winners, Illinois Masons (1996), Streator Rotary Club (1997), Chuck Fabish (2001), Barron Robinson (2002), and Dave Shultz and Alex Gary of the Rockford Register Star (2004), are pictured on the IHSSBCA website <www.ihssbca.org>.

If you know of a deserving candidate for this award, please forward appropriate information to David Reinstein, IHSSBCA Chair, at <reinsted@newtrier.k12.il.us>.

Puzzle Corner

What's the only letter not needed to spell all of the 50 US states?
The letter Q.

For what is this sentence a mnemonic device?
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Spotlight On ... Nick Pitz

by *Suellyn Rieckelman, Macomb HS*

In the Scholastic Bowl circuit, Nick Pitz and his Moline High School team stand out as top competitors. In fact, Nick is a charter member of the IHSSBCA, and he served as the membership chair from 1996-99. During that time, membership nearly doubled. Nick is currently the IHSSBCA rep for Region 4 – northwest Illinois.

However, who is the real Nick Pitz? He's an Indiana native, and as a member of the Cathedral High School squad, he won the "Exercise in Knowledge" city championship in 1964. He attended Wabash College in Crawfordsville, majoring in German and English, and he studied in Germany his junior year. From 1968-70, Nick served his country as an Army translator/protocol specialist in Germany. When he returned to the states, Nick attended Northwestern University in Evanston as a graduate student once again focusing on German studies.

He took a break from school to marry his wife, Barbara, in 1974, and they moved to Toronto. Nick and Barbara have two children who are also high achievers! Nick then earned his education degree from the University of Toronto, and he began his teaching career in 1976 where he taught subjects like geography and English, along with many others. He even became a certified downhill ski instructor in 1980. If you ski at Sundance Mountain in Dubuque, maybe you'll run into Nick!

He and his family moved to the Quad Cities in 1987 where he taught English, writing and speech at what is now Kaplan College. He later taught in Durant and Davenport and in 1991, he moved to his current job at Moline HS where he is now teaching German. In 2000, Nick received the Duden award for teaching German, and in 2003, he got the John Deere Special Recognition Award.

In 1992, he began his Scholastic Bowl career as an assistant coach, and in 1994, he became the head coach. In that year, his team went to their first Masonic State Tournament; Moline went on to make the trip every year from 1998 to 2003. They were state champions in 1999 and they took third place in 2001. Nick's teams were the IHSA Regional champs in 2001, 2003 and 2004.

In 1995, Nick initiated the Moline High Fresh-Soph tournament. I encourage you to bring your teams to that meet because it's really fun and challenging. If you've ever played against Nick and his team, you know what great competitors they are! Nick Pitz definitely embraces the spirit of Scholastic Bowl, and we should all be thankful that we know him.

Mind Games

by *Susan Martin, Wheaton North HS*

If you are looking for a terrific way to raise money and have fun at the same time – do we have a deal for you. You should give serious thought to sponsoring an adult trivia contest. We have done it for nine years to raise money for a scholarship in memory of one of our players who was killed. We are thus able to honor him and help our students at the same time.

We originally modeled our meet after Busters' Brain Bowl at Streator, but we change it nearly every year. Each round is comprised of 23 toss-ups, one super bonus and 4 bonus questions. Players may consult after the moderator has finished reading the question and before they buzz in, but not after. The 4 bonuses are used after the half and are awarded to the team who supplies the first 4 correct answers to the tossups. The questions are less

"academic" than in Scholastic Bowl. For example, you might need to know what the dots on a domino are called. Math is not difficult – I can actually do it!

Over the years we have developed a core of diehard competitors who start calling months ahead so they can get "Mind Games" on their calendar. It has been fun to see this develop into a much-anticipated event. Each year we have people who try it and feel they are not good enough, and don't come back. But most turn into devoted fans who continue to embarrass themselves year after year.

We have a simple traveling trophy in which we have invested almost nothing, but which is as sought after as the lost Ark. The winners get the trophy for a year and have their names' engraved at their own expense. One man had it on the center of his mantle for a year. We also sometimes have prizes for the top four teams or so. The number of prizes depends on how much time I have to beg and coerce people into helping us. Usually, these include the universal motivator: food. (Chili's appetizers, and so on.)

This event is tailor-made for Scholastic Bowl coaches. After all, who has more useless information floating around in their heads? It's also a good experience to be on "the other side of the buzzer." What seems easy and obvious to us as coaches becomes less so when you are in the "hot seat." Ask me about the Pilgrim's Progress answer next time you see me. I would love to see more teams sponsor this type of event so my own "adult team" could compete more often. (As if we have time!)

Another format which is gaining popularity in our school district and has been used in central and southern Illinois for years is the Trivia Night. I have not run one, but I have quizzed the hosts and participants and can give you a general idea. Normally these are held at a place that has a bar or allows drinking [a key component according to one participant] and can seat 20 or more tables of 10. The night will have a general overall theme [e.g. movies] and each table will have a table theme [westerns, star wars, etc.] Everyone dresses to match their theme and the tables are decorated to enhance the effect. Also people bring their own food-usually munchies. Awards are given for the best table theme and could be given for many other things limited only by your imagination. There are 8-10 rounds of questions comprised of 10 questions each. During each round the question sheets are passed out and the tables work on their answers for 2 minutes and then turn in their answer sheet. The correct answers are tallied and announced-a running score is kept on public view. At the end of the evening a winner is declared.

This night is so popular at one of our grade schools that all of the tables were sold out in 20 minutes. They make tons of money-\$30/person, 10/table, 20 tables-do the math. We don't begin to make this much on ours. As I understand it you can buy the questions and directions for a night like this. I would love to go to one, but haven't yet. It is a much anticipated event and in my home town [Olney] the winners make the front page of the paper every year. We like our format as we can have the kids read and it keeps them involved.

Just to get the "little gray cells" working: In what city is the University of Virginia located? What is the official programming language of the Internet? How many edges does a cube have? What did Robert Gallo and Rue Montagnier co-discover in 1984?

If you want information, I'd be happy to send you a set of rules and sample questions. "Mind Games" is in April each year. If you would like to play, the fee is \$70 for a team of four. Call (630-784-7443) or fax me (630-682-2158). Bribes happily accepted!

Octangulares Coming Back

by Tom Egan, Maine South HS, Park Ridge

The Octangular Tournaments will again be sponsored by the IHSSBCA. Now in their third year, they are as popular as ever!

Octangulares are small tournaments in which only 8 to 12 teams participate. Each team typically gets more guaranteed matches than at a larger tournament because play is by pools or in round-robin format. The IHSSBCA provides seven rounds of questions at no charge to the host. The host schools send out their own invites, set their own entry fee (if desired), and purchase their own trophies (if desired). Questions are provided at both the Varsity and Frosh/Soph levels, allowing the host to run a tournament at both levels, or just one level, as they see fit.

Questions will be delivered to the host schools over the December Holiday Break, so hosts are asked to plan for hosting dates no earlier than the first weekend after that time.

This year, hosts will have the option to expand rounds to 20 questions. IHSA distribution of categories is respected.

Teams whose conferences have used Octangular questions in the past are now free to enter any Octangular, since those questions are no longer going to be available for conference tournaments.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact Tom Egan at <eganphysics@aol.com> as soon as possible. The only hosts currently registered are Maine South, Fenwick, and Carterville. As in previous years, teams may attend only *one* Octangular Tournament each year.

Clip and tape to your computer, phone, or Scholastic Bowl refrigerator!

Who's In Charge? A guide for whom to contact for questions related to Scholastic Bowl

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Ron McGraw	IHSA Assistant Executive	Bloomington, IL	309-663-6377	<rmcgraw@ihsa.org>
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Kickoff Tournaments, scheduling a tournament, Panasonic Academic Challenge - Team Illinois				
David Riley	IHSSBCA Board Member	Loyola Academy	847-920-2546	<driley@loy.org>
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Case Manual, Octangular Tournaments, All-Sectional - All-State				
Tom Egan	IHSSBCA Ombudsman	Maine East HS	847-692-8100	<eganphysics@aol.com>
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Skip Lee	Scholastic Bowl Coach	Rock Falls HS	815-625-3886 x332	<skipfam@essex1.com>
Sources for Questions, Sources for Lockout Systems, Tournament Schedule & Results, nomination forms				
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Our Mission

The purpose of the IHSSBCA is to increase awareness and support of the public, school leaders, and parents for high school Scholastic Bowl competition in Illinois; to provide opportunities for Scholastic Bowl coaches to meet and cooperate in the development and communication of coaching techniques, tournament formats, and other ways of improving the quality of competition with integrity and the highest possible standards; and to promote recognition of participants, coaches, and programs.

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