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## Message From The Editor

This issue of our newsletter is being distributed to 301 IHSSBCA members; 28 vendors; and 33 tournament directors and heads of academic associations in other states.

63 of the above recipients will be printing their own copy of the newsletter after downloading it from our website.

*Scholastic Visions* is being mailed "Bulk Mail" from the Skokie post office. We save money by not mailing first class, but delivery can sometimes take up to two weeks.

If you did not receive the November issue, contact the Editor at the above address and we will send you a replacement.

## Call For Workers at State Tourny

The IHSSBCA is helping the IHSA by recruiting adult and student workers for the State Final Tournament in Peoria. We need scorekeepers, timekeeper/lockout box operators, program salespersons, and door security guards. If you are interested in helping, e-mail Debbie Van Gilder <debbie@ihsa.org>.

## Team Illinois Selected

Congratulations to the following six students, who have been selected to represent Illinois at the 15th Annual Panasonic Academic Challenge in Florida in June:

- Parag Bhayani, Senior, Homewood-Flossmoor
- Jim Davis, Senior, The Latin School of Chicago
- Mariusz Galczynski, Senior, Downers Grove North
- Shao-Yun Guo, Senior, New Trier (Winnetka)
- Mathew Eapen, Senior, Sterling
- Lori Sommers, Senior, Wheaton North

Jim was a member of last year's Illinois team, which finished in the top 18 out of 40 states competing.

## Regionals on Pulaski Day

IHSA Regionals are scheduled for Monday, March 4th, which is Pulaski Day – a school holiday for many schools. Be sure to plan ahead for transportation and/or building access.

## 5th Annual Scholastic Bowl Week February 25th - March 4th, 2002

Help promote Scholastic Bowl and the State Series!  
See the article on Page 11 for more information.

## Play in Peoria March 16th

Bring your team to Peoria to watch the State Finals, and each member of your group will receive free tickets to the March Madness Basketball Experience! See the article on Page 9 for more information.

## Tournabout Winners

Photographs on Page 3 ... Results on Page 4

## Wheaton North, Latin Ranked #1

See the Coaches Poll on Page 11

## 2002-2003 Tournament Schedule

As in the past, a tentative schedule of tournaments for next year (2002-2003) will be published in the May issue. Send your info to David Riley at Loyola <driley@loy.org>.

## IHSA 2001 State Series For Sale

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## All-Sectional Teams Chosen

Congratulations to the following All-Sectional players, chosen by a vote of the coaches in each Section at the Sectional Seed Meetings on Wednesday, February 6. The top six in each list are eligible for All-State honors, and are listed alphabetically separately.

### Class A

#### **Sectional #1 – Albion (Edwards County)**

No report by press time.

#### **Sectional #2 – Byron**

No report by press time.

#### **Sectional #3 – Carlinville**

1. Jeff Armstrong, Carlinville; 2. Braxton Boren, Pittsfield; 3. Jeff Daugherty, Girard; 4. Ruthi Houseright, Carlinville; 5. Jon Myers, Springfield (Lutheran); 6. Patrick Walker, Griggsville (Griggsville.-Perry); 7. Matt Haynes, Springfield (Lutheran).

#### **Sectional #4 – Dupo**

No report by press time.

#### **Sectional #5 – Eureka**

1. Katharine Hardy, Cuba; 2. Adam Janzen, Glasford (Illini Bluffs); 3. Nick Johnson, Dunlap; 4. Ben Pierce, Orion; 5. Megan Rooth, Joy (Westmer); 6. Allen Wirfs, Port Byron (Riverdale); 7. Zach Messersmith, Princeville; 8. Jamie Neville, London Mills (Spoon River Valley); 9. Chris Perardi, Farmington; 10. Adam Walenfang, Peoria Heights.

#### **Sectional #6 - Fithian (Oakwood)**

1. Scott Gercken, Farmer City (Blue Ridge); 2. Jacob Hustedt, Donovan; 3. Dustin Schwenk, Tolono (Unity).

#### **Sectional #7 – Niantic (Harristown)**

No report by press time.

#### **Sectional #8 – Streator (Woodland)**

1. Austin Buscher, Streator (Woodland); 2. Jim Davis, Chicago (The Latin School); 3. Anthony Gullo, Flana-

gan; 4. Nick Tonozzi, Peru (St. Bede); 5. Adam Trebs, Peru (St. Bede); 6. Derek Zabransky, Princeton; 7. Matt Cassady, Streator (Woodland); 8. Kory Kebert, Grant Park; 9. Tim Pantaleone, Coal City; 10. Dan Tamez, Elmhurst (Timothy Christian).

### Class AA

#### **Sectional #1 – Cary (Cary-Grove)**

1. Andrew Cuda, McHenry; 2. Tim Harrington-Taber, Aurora (Waubonsie Valley); 3. Peter Laguna, Streamwood; 4. Lori Sommars, Wheaton (North); 5. Jared Suttles, Cary (Caru-Grove); 6. David Vock, Wheaton (North); 7. Christopher Hiebert, McHenry; 8. Mark Tibbitt, Wheaton (Wheaton.-Warrenville South).

#### **Sectional #2 – Downers Grove (North)**

No report by press time.

#### **Sectional #3 – Frankfort (Lincoln-Way East)**

No report by press time.

#### **Sectional #4 – Lincolnshire (Stevenson)**

1. Robert Brown, Lake Forest (HS); 2. Tim Chumley, Lake Zurich; 3. Aaron Mertz, Palatine (Fremd); 4. Ravi Palakodety, Libertyville; 5. Jacob Straub, Palatine (Fremd); 6. Sean Sullivan, Mt. Prospect (Prospect); 7. James Centella, Grayslake; 8. Dan Harlow, Lake Forest (HS); 9. Joshua Trein, Mundelein (HS); 10. Will Zeiger, Lake Zurich.

#### **Sectional #5 – Park Ridge (Maine East)**

1. Perry Abbasi, Oak Park (Fenwick); 2. George Astaves, Park Ridge (Maine East); 3. Griffith Chung, Chicago (St. Ignatius); 4. Matt Keenan, Winnetka (New Trier); 5. Dann McKeegan, Chicago (Von Steuben); 6. Alex Slack, Winnetka (New Trier); 7. Alexis Dionissopoulos, Niles (Notre Dame); 8. Megan Hixson, Wilmette (Loyola); 9. Jim Puls, Park Ridge (Maine South); 10. Seth Reagan, Skokie (Niles West).

#### **Sectional #6 – Rockford (Auburn)**

No report by press time.

#### **Sectional #7 – Springfield (Southeast)**

1. Brian Draper, Springfield (Southeast); 2. Thomas Gramley, Lincoln; 3. Patrick Greene, Mahomet (Mahomet.-Seymour); 4. Alex Leach, Springfield (Southeast); 5. Chris Temple, Bloomington (HS); 6. Paul Epstei, Chatham (Glenwood); 7. Adam Kennedy, Chatham (Glenwood); 8. Ryan O'Shea, Bloomington (HS); 9. Robert Pennington, Mahomet (Mahomet-Seymour).

#### **Sectional #8 – Troy (Triad)**

No report by press time.

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# 66 Teams Attend Turnabout Tournaments Across The State

## @ Evergreen Park



**Champions – Glenbard North**

Row 1: Eric Anders; Row 2: Paras Baxi, Nassar Khan; Row 3: Adam Koehler, Neel Naik; Row 4: Tony Nelson, Tom Ridgeway, Ankit Khan

## @ Effingham

Photo Not Available

**Champions – Flora**

## @ Bloomington



**Scholastic Division Champions  
Mahomet-Seymour**



**Academic Division Champions – Athens**  
Front: KC Fritzsche, Heather Wilson, Robert Bone, Stefanie Lewis, Erin Fleck, Paul Becker. Back: Coach Jon McCoy, Joe Yackle, Michael Mester.

## Science Talent Search Finalists

Justin Pelzer of Evanston Township HS and Emily Riehl of University HS (Normal), Scholastic Bowl players, are among the 40 finalists in the Intel (formerly Westinghouse) Science Talent Search contest. They will travel to Washington DC in March to compete for college scholarships totaling \$530,000.

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## 2001-02 Tournament Results

### 12/1 12th Annual Richards Invitational (36 & 36 teams)

Academic Division: 1. Libertyville; 2. Bradley-Bourbonnais;  
3. Park Ridge Maine East; 4. Hinsdale South

Scholastic Division: 1. Chicago Latin; 2. Chicago St. Ignatius;  
3. Oak Lawn Richards; 4. Chicago Von Steuben

### 12/1 3rd Annual River City VJV Classic (32 & 32 teams)

Varsity: 1. Normal U High; 2. Moline; 3. Streator;  
4. Bloomington Central Catholic. Cons: Springfield Southeast

JV: 1. Wilmette Loyola; 2. Normal U High; 3. Streator; 4. Knoxville.  
Consolation: Springfield Southeast

### 12/1 South Central Scholastic Conference (8 teams)

Varsity: 1. Litchfield; 2. Breese Mater Dei; 3. Gillespie

JV: 1. Litchfield; 2. Breese Mater Dei; 3. Staunton

### 12/5 Fall Knowledge Master Open (44 Illinois Schools)

1. Rockford Auburn (1678); 2. Libertyville (1654);  
3. Palatine Fremd (1620); 4. Wheaton North (1577);  
5. Schaumburg (1564); 6. Naperville Central (1550);  
7. Moline (1541); 8. Mundelein (1535); 9. Stillman Valley (1512)

### 12/5 Fall Knowledge Master Open (1007 Schools Worldwide)

1. Jefferson, Alexandria VA (1832)  
2. Richard Montgomery, Rockville MD (1816)  
3. Montgomery Blair, Silver Spring MD (1800)  
4. Dunbar, Lexington KY (1791)  
5. Apollo, Owensboro KY (1785)  
6. State College Area HS, PA (1765)

*Rockford Auburn was ranked 21st*

### 12/8 9th Annual Fremd Frosh/Soph Tournament (42 teams)

1. Wheaton North; 2. Winnetka New Trier;  
3. Lincolnshire Stevenson; 4. Oak Park Fenwick

### 12/8 Rockford Boylan Frosh/Soph Tournament (29 teams)

1. Sterling; 2. Rockford Boylan; 3. Rockford Auburn;  
4. Shabbona Indian Creek

### 12/8 U High Normal Frosh/Soph Pioneer Classic (25 teams)

1. Decatur MacArthur; 2. Normal U High; 3. Bunker Hill; 4. Lincoln

### 12/8 Charleston HS Invitational (18 teams)

1. Tolono Unity; 2. Flora; 3. Danville; 4. Mahomet-Seymour

### 12/8 Central State Eight Conference Standings (8 teams)

1. Springfield Southeast (14-0); 2. Springfield HS (11-3);  
3. Chatham Glenwood (10-4)

### 12/15 Von Steuben Varsity Tournament (40 teams)

1. Wheaton North; 2. Homewood-Flossmoor;  
3. Chicago St. Ignatius; 4. Bradley-Bourbonnais

### 1/5 Rockford Auburn Fr/So Knight's Challenge (20 teams)

1. Wilmette Loyola; 2. Rockford Auburn A; 3. Decatur MacArthur;  
4. Rockford Auburn B. Consolation: 1. Sterling (5th overall);  
2. Shabbona Indian Creek (6th overall).

### 1/5 3rd Annual Kaneland Academic Challenge (28 teams)

1. Wheaton North; 2. Stillman Valley;  
3. Sterling; 4. Oak Park Fenwick

### 1/12 IHSSBCA Tournabout @ Evergreen Park (24 teams)

1. Glenbard North; 2. Oak Lawn Richards;  
3. Chicago Von Steuben; 4. Grayslake

### 1/12 2nd Annual Lake Zurich Fr/So Tournament (8 teams)

1. Lake Zurich Blue; 2. Sterling;  
3. Wilmette Loyola Gold; 4. Stevenson

### 1/12 Sterling Varsity Tournament (20 teams)

1. Rockford Auburn A; 2. Sterling; 3. Stillman Valley;  
4. Moline. Consolation: 1. Rockford Guilford; 2. Wilmette  
Loyola; 3. Rockford Auburn B; 4. Rockford Boylan

### 1/12 St. Bede Fr/So Tournament (23 teams)

1. Normal U High; 2. Taylor Ridge Rockridge;  
3. Peru St. Bede; 4. Princeville

### 1/19 7th Annual Fremd Varsity Tournament (48 teams)

1. Chicago Latin; 2. Wheaton North; 3. New Trier; 4. Fremd

### 1/19 Winnebago Tournament *No results reported.*

### 1/19 Macomb HS Rotary Tournament (16 teams)

1. Macomb B; 2. Macomb A; 3. Quincy A; 4. Aledo  
Cons: 1. Quincy B; 2. Knoxville; 3. Monmouth; 4. Orion

### 1/19 Washington U PACE Qualifier (32 teams from 6 states)

1. Detroit Catholic Central, Redford MI; 2. Walton, Marietta GA;  
3. Apollo, Owensboro KY; 4. Liberty, Liberty MO

### 1/19 John A Logan Tournament (20 teams)

1. Carterville; 2. Benton; 3. Wayne City; 4. Nashville

### 1/26 Wheaton N Fr/So Falcon Classic (44 teams)

1. Chicago St. Ignatius; 2. Palatine Fremd;  
3. Wheaton North; 4. Lincolnshire Stevenson

### 1/26 Rockford Boylan Varsity Tournament (40 teams)

1. Downers Grove North; 2. Sterling;  
3. Stillman Valley; 4. Cary-Grove

### 1/26 Galesburg Rotary Invitational (6 teams)

1. Quincy (5-0); 2. Galesburg (4-1); 3. Macomb (3-2)

### 1/26 IHSSBCA Turnabout @ Bloomington (15 & 15 teams)

Scholastic Division: 1. Mahomet-Seymour; 2. Coal City;  
3. Decatur St. Teresa; 4. Tolono Unity

Academic Division: 1. Athens; 2. Williamsville;  
3. Colfax Ridgeview; 4. Gibson City GCMS

### 1/26 IHSSBCA Turnabout @ Effingham (12 teams)

1. Flora; 2. Fairfield; 3. Mattoon; 4. Breese Central

### 2/2 7th Annual Loyola Rambler Fr/So Classic (40 teams)

1. Loyola; 2. Evanston; 3. New Trier; 4. Stevenson

2/2 Rotary Classic at Streator HS (30 teams)

1. Maine East; 2. U High Normal; 3. Springfield Southeast;  
4. Moline. Consolation: 1. Streator; 2. Petersburg PORTA

2/2 EIU Honors Program Tournament (24 teams)

1. Sullivan; 2. Casey Westfield; 3. Fairfield; 4. Edwards County;  
5. Salem; 6. Cumberland. Consolation: Decatur St. Teresa

2/9 Sterling Frosh/Soph Tournament (25 teams)

1. Loyola A; 2. Rock Island; 3. Rufus King (Milwaukee); 4. Lake Zurich.  
Consolation: 1. Rockford Boylan A; 2. Rockford Auburn A.

Send results to the Editor at <robgrrierson@attbi.com>.

## 2001-02 Schedule of Academic Competitions and Other Events

IHSA WEEK NUMBERS ARE GIVEN IN PARENTHESES

- (33) Feb 16 \* Speech Individual Events State Final
- (33) Feb 16 Lake Zurich Varsity/JV Tournament  
Robert Brown (847-438-5155)  
<rbrown@lz95.lake.k12.il.us>  
Lake Zurich HS, 300 N Church, Lake Zurich IL 60047
- (33) Feb 16 Orion Frosh/Soph Tournament  
Jens Rehder (309-526-3361) <rehder@geneseo.net>  
Orion HS, 1100 13th St, Orion IL 61273
- (33) Feb 16 NAQT Illinois HS Championship @ UIUC  
Hosted by the UIUC Academic Buzzer Team  
Adam Newman <anewman@uiuc.edu>
- (33) Feb 16 Lincoln Trail Tournament (?) Unconfirmed  
*Contact information unavailable.*
- (33) Feb 16 Williamsville Small Schools Tourny (full)  
Libby Letterly (217-566-3361 x235)  
<www.wcusd15.org/whs/activities/sbowl/tourname.htm>
- (34) Feb 23 Masonic Regional Tournaments
- (34) Feb 23 ICTM Regional Math Contests
- (35) Mar 2 19th Annual Masonic State Tournament in Decatur
- (35) Mar 2 \* Music Solo & Ensemble State Contest
- (36) Mar 4 IHSA Regional Tournaments  
(Monday) *Plan ahead! Some schools are closed for Pulaski Day.*
- (36) Mar 9 \* Speech Debate State Final
- (36) Mar 9 IHSA Sectional Tournaments
- (37) Mar 16 \* Speech Drama Group Interp Sectionals
- (37) Mar 16 IHSA State Final Tournaments in Peoria
- (38) Mar 23 \* Speech Drama Group Interp State Final
- (38) Mar 23 \* Chess Team State Final
- (40) Apr 6 \* Science Olympiad State Meet
- (42) Apr 14 \* Mind Games (Adult Teams)  
(Sunday) Phyllis Kidd and Susan Martin, Wheaton North  
<pkiddup@lightfirst.com, sluzmartin@aol.com>
- (42) Apr 17 \* Spring Knowledge Master Open  
(Wednesday) <http://www.greatauk.com/KMO.html>

- (43) Apr 27 \* ICTM State Math Contest

### National Academic Competitions

- May 24-28 \* Quiz Bowl Tournament of Champions  
Lake Forest IL <http://www.morningside.edu/ascn/>
- May 30-Jun 2 \* National Academic Championship, Phase I  
New Orleans <http://www.qunlimited.com/na296.htm>
- Jun 6-9 \* National Academic Championship, Phase II  
Wash DC <http://www.qunlimited.com/na296.htm>
- Jun 8-9 \* High School National Championship  
Austin TX <http://www.naqt.com/>
- Jun 13-16 \* National Academic Championship, Phase III  
Los Angeles <http://www.qunlimited.com/na296.htm>
- Jun 15-16 \* National Scholastics Championship  
Wash DC <http://www.cwru.edu/orgs/trivia/pace/>
- Jun 22-25 \* Panasonic Academic Challenge  
Orlando FL <http://www.academic-challenge.org/>

Send tournament results (# of teams, final four) to Rob Grierson at <robgrrierson@attbi.com>, Fax: 847-864-0251. Send complete afternoon results (including scores and All-Tournament team) to Robert Brown, Webmaster, <rbrown3@att.net>, Fax: 847-438-5989.

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.

During the defined season, you and your Scholastic Bowl team may participate in non-Scholastic Bowl academic events. Results from those events do not become part of your record for seeding purposes, and such events do not count towards your 18 Scholastic Bowl dates.

Outside the defined season, your Scholastic Bowl team can't organize, practice, or compete, but students who were/are on your Scholastic Bowl team may join club teams, or teams unaffiliated with the school, that can participate in non-Scholastic Bowl academic events.

*This is an unofficial interpretation of IHSA rules. For an official ruling on whether an event qualifies as Scholastic Bowl, or what you or your team can do, contact Anthony Holman at the IHSA Office.*

### Puzzle Corner

For what is this sentence a mnemonic device?  
*Pregnant Camels Often Sit Down Carefully (Most Peculiarly); Perhaps Their Joints Creak, Perhaps Early Oiling Might Prevent Permanent Hobbling or Rheumatism.*

**The major geologic periods of the Earth's history: Precambrian, Cambrian, Ordovician, Silurian, Devonian, Carboniferous (Mississippian, Pennsylvanian), Permian, Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous, Paleocene, Eocene, Oligocene, Miocene, Pliocene, Pleistocene, Holocene or Recent.** Norma Anderson, coach at Oakwood HS in Fithian, IL had the correct answer!

What happened on July 8, 1835?

## Turkeys, Telepaths, and Yzermans: An Abridged Glossary of Lake Zurich High School Scholastic Bowl Terms

by Robert Brown, Head Coach – Lake Zurich HS

My team holds a five-point lead with only one toss-up question to go. Winning or losing the match will determine whether we will go on to the afternoon rounds. Either I'll grab that question packet and "saddle up" for the bus ride home, or we'll lunch at the best local fast food with the anticipation of some serious tournament hardware.

The toss-up topic is announced. Math. Great. And the opposing team has a stellar math kid. This doesn't look good. Sounds like a complicated trig computation that might require a few steps. We'll see what happens and hope for the best.

The question is read – something with a bunch of sines and co-sines and squares (all Greek to an English teacher) - and the thirty-second clock begins as pencils scratch furiously. Ten seconds pass . . . fifteen . . . twenty . . . only two of my players are even *trying* the problem . . . BUZZ (it's the stellar math kid). The moderator recognizes the stellar math kid as my two players who had been working the problem look up as they give up the ghost. "Seven fifths pi" answers the calculator incarnate. The moderator is about to speak and then looks again at the answer as the time clock runs out . . . "Sorry, that is *incorrect*. Three seconds Lake Zurich."

My captain Will Zeiger, who wasn't even working the problem, gives a quick look to his left, then to his right. BUZZ (Will rings in). The moderator recognizes him and awaits an answer. The stellar math kid groans on the other side of the room as Will answers, "Negative seven fifths pi?"

"Correct! Ten points Lake Zurich"

"Nice job, Yzerman!" I say. We finish the match by getting the bonus part we needed and it's off to lunch.

Yzerman? Who or what is Yzerman? Well, I guess that does deserve some explanation.

Steve Yzerman is not now nor ever was a Scholastic Bowler. He is a professional hockey player who has spent his entire 18 season career with the Detroit Red Wings.

"Stevie Y" has 658 goals and 1002 assists in 1359 career games played since 1983 (as of 1/31/02). He is the longest-serving captain (in games) in the NHL, serving as Detroit captain since 1986 at the age of 21. He is a gifted skater who uses his talent to excel in all three zones of play. He led Detroit to both its recent Stanley Cups. A member of the 1984 NHL All-Rookie team, Yzerman has also won the Lester B. Pearson Award (1989) and the Conn Smythe Trophy (1998). Has played in ten NHL All-Star Games ([www.nhl.com](http://www.nhl.com)).

So what in the world does this have to do with Scholastic Bowl? I'm getting to that – stay with me!

Steve Yzerman is the undisputed all-time leader in a statistic that isn't kept in any hockey archive, but is certainly indelible in any knowledgeable hockey fan's memory. Steve Yzerman is the king

of the "garbage goal" – a goal scored at very close range, usually after a shot and a save. The scorer of the goal waits on the side or behind the net and then skates in to "pick up the garbage" after the initial shot. Usually the goalie is sprawled out swimming on the opposite side of the net without any defense while the garbage goal is buried deep in the mesh. It's an easy goal – a *garbage* goal.

See the connection?

So while Will gets the Yzerman, here are a few other terms that are unique to our team's lexicon:

**"telepath"** – An extremely fast player whose powers of anticipation border on extra-sensory perception. Usage: *Given the topic and three words of the toss-up question, the telepath* answered correctly while my players were left picking their jaws up off the table.

**"buzzer hog"** – A player, one who usually complains that he knows all the answers to questions his faster teammates get correct, who selfishly rings in to answer an easy bounce-back toss-up before the moderator has finished re-reading the entire question. In the worst cases, the buzzer hog will answer incorrectly while the rest of the team browbeats him/her mercilessly. Can also be used as a verb. Usage: *Earl was a notorious buzzer hog* - Coach Brown benched him and put in a substitute player three times in the morning rounds for his lack of team play.

**"turkey"** – Term that has its etymological roots in bowling, given to a run of three consecutive toss-up questions answered correctly by the same player. Variations on this include the "Texas Turkey" (four in a row) and the rare "Double Turkey" (six in a row). Alternately known as a "hat trick." Usage: *Tim's timely turkey* totally turned the tide as we triumphantly tied the tough team 200-200 on toss-up twenty.

**"Gillooly"** – Verb for the act of sabotaging a star opposing player by breaking his/her fingers, thus rendering them impotent on toss-up questions. Term is *always* used in jest as a nod of admiration for the star opposing player's talent and as an ice breaker for the single-handed slaughter that's to come or even already in progress. Source – Jeff Gillooly is the former boyfriend of figure skater Tonya Harding who planned and carried out the beating on Nancy Kerrigan that was meant to improve Tonya's chances of making the U.S. Olympic Team in 1994. Usage: *Next time we face Yogesh we'll have to Gillooly* him – he's killing us on the toss-ups!

Now if I were to use all these terms in rapid succession, it would almost sound like a Foster's Lager radio spot – see if you can translate this time-out transcript:

**"Nice Yzerman, Will – makes up for buzzer hogging that art question. Who was supposed to Gillooly that telepath? He just got a Texas turkey!"**

It has a ring to it – don't you think?

*Robert Brown has taught English and coached Scholastic Bowl at Lake Zurich High School since 1993. His teams have won two conference titles and three IHSA regional titles. Robert also serves on the IHSSBCA Executive Board designing and maintaining the IHSSBCA website.*

## The “Unwritten Rules” of Scholastic Bowl

By Thomas Egan, IHSSBCA Ombudsman

This past baseball season brought up a few instances when players and managers broke the unwritten rules of baseball. For those not familiar, these are guidelines for running an ethical competition that are true to the spirit of the game and good sportsmanship. An example from baseball is not stealing bases when your team has an insurmountable lead. While completely legal, to do so shows up an opponent and is considered poor sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship goes beyond smiling and welcoming your opponent, and shaking hands after the game. Inspired by a colleague, I decided to write down the unwritten rules of Scholastic Bowl.

Rule #1: When you have an insurmountable lead, pull your starters. If you only have five players, tell them to stop interrupting and wait until questions are completely read.

Scholastic Bowl is a competition, and as such, the goal is to win the game (within the rules, of course.) Teams that face tough opponents need to work harder. But if you have established an insurmountable lead, there is no need to continue punishing an opponent by running up the score. The polite thing to do is to pull your starters and put in your subs. An added benefit to giving your subs playing time is that they will be happier, and improve; an especially appealing idea if you should need them later in the season.

Many teams only bring five players to a match, and cannot pull their starters. This is the time to call a time out, and politely order your team to play loose, meaning that they should no longer interrupt the question. Wait until the question has been read completely, then ring in if you know the answer. This gives the players on the weaker team a chance to ring in and score some points.

But ... what if points scored is the criterion for seeding or deciding between teams with identical records in a tournament? Good point! Tournament hosts should consider using “points scored against” for these situations. This new system will be an even stronger incentive for teams to not run up the score, because it will hurt your chances if you prevent the opposing team from scoring. In any event, be mindful of running up the score.

But ... what if a player needs to score toss-ups to make the All-Tournament team? Tournament hosts should consider allowing coaches to vote for the All-Tournament team instead of relying solely on toss-ups. This would allow coaches to pull players when they have a comfortable lead without jeopardizing a player’s chance at the All-Tournament team. This way, sportsmanship and leadership can be considered in addition to number of toss-ups.

Rule #2: When your team has an insurmountable lead, do not challenge the moderator.

In close matches, you should definitely be prepared to question a moderator if you feel something is amiss; but if your team is up by a lot, sit tight. Make note of the problem. Bring it up to the moderator after the match. If the moderator was wrong, s/he should be thankful that you educated her/him, and didn’t do so publicly. If you are wrong, then you just became a better coach for it. It’s a good idea to keep the matches moving and avoid unnecessary delays, especially at tournaments where schedules may be tight.

Rule #3: Do not address an opposing player during a match.

In basketball and football, it is considered an exceptionally bad taste when a coach yells at a player on another team. Think about it ... this is bad taste in two sports where there is very little considered in bad taste by the fans! In Scholastic Bowl it is unacceptable. A good moderator should immediately call illegal talking, as this can be considered an attempt to intimidate or distract the opponent. Even during a time out, when such communication would be considered legal, it is unacceptable. If you have a problem with a player, talk to the moderator or the opposing coach. The only time you should talk to an opposing player is when you shake his or her hand after a match, and at that time your words should be positive.

Rule #4: When addressing the moderator, watch your tone.

The moderator is a judge; he or she decides what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. If you are tired or grumpy, take a deep breath before you speak. You may think that you aren’t doing anything wrong, when in fact your tone could be considered threatening. Be cautious because you can cost your team if you aren’t careful.

Rule #5: There’s a fine line between “cute” and “rude.”

This is especially a problem during introductions. Some teams like to be creative when they introduce themselves, coming up with themes and top ten lists. Is it cute? Perhaps. Is it in poor taste? Possibly. Is it unsportsmanlike? That’s up to the moderator. The best thing to do is to consult the moderator or the other coach before your team does this. One team’s attempt at cuteness can be considered by another to be demeaning. One of the goals of Scholastic Bowl is to teach non-athletes how to compete, and part of that is how to compete with dignity, and to have respect for your opponent. If two old rivals want to do this, fine; otherwise, get on with the game, and may the better team win!

Rule #6: Remember, you are guests in the host team’s building.

I am always amazed when I see this: I’m waiting for two teams. One team enters (not the home team). One player invariably heads to a chalkboard and starts drawing or scribbling. More amazing is that the coach does nothing to stop it. Aside from keeping score, or helping to show a math problem, stay off the boards! Also, coaches should make sure that any mess their team makes is cleaned up before leaving for the next room. Not doing this is a quick way to earn a poor reputation with your colleagues from other schools.

Rule #7: Don’t pout if you lose because the other team was better.

I hear this far too often: A coach complains that the questions were too hard, because no school covers *that* material. First, schools do cover a variety of material. Second, if your school doesn’t cover that material, it becomes your responsibility to make sure that your players are aware that they should be studying this material and learning it. A great many questions aren’t covered in any curriculum, but that doesn’t make them unfair questions. Don’t complain if the other team works harder than you and your kids; that’s often the reason why they are a better team. Above all, don’t pout in public, and especially not in front of your team.

*Tom Egan is the Ombudsman of the IHSSBCA and a physics teacher at Maine South. He moderates at local tournaments, as well as IHSA Regionals, Sectionals, and the State Tournament.*

## National Tournaments

by Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Newsletter Editor

After the Scholastic Bowl season comes to an end in late March, Illinois Scholastic Bowl teams must disband until September. Often, the students who have played on your Scholastic Bowl team will join other clubs or community groups that enter academic competitions that do not fit the definition of Scholastic Bowl. Examples include chess teams, science olympiads, math meets, speech events, spelling bees, and the Knowledge Master Open.

The following national academic tournaments, in which teams of four players compete, do not fit the IHSA definition of Scholastic Bowl. However, they may be attractive to school or community clubs that your Scholastic Bowl players join after your season is over, so we therefore provide the relevant information here.

### 16th Annual Quiz Bowl Tournament of Champions

May 24-28, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois

Sponsor: American Scholastic Competition Network  
Sioux City, Iowa  
Telephone: 800-252-4289 (Gary Lipshutz)  
E-mail: <galco@gateway.net>  
Website: <<http://www.morningside.edu/ascn/>>  
Entry Fee: \$1125 per team (2001), includes room and board  
Field: 39 teams last year  
Team Size: 4 players; substitutions allowed  
Qualify: win a tournament  
Guaranteed: 3 matches head-to-head (triple elimination)  
Advance to: single elimination (32 teams)  
Format: toss-up, bonus, lightning round  
Prizes: random drawings for Gateway computers (2001)

### 20th Annual National Academic Championship

May 30-June 2, Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana

June 6-9, Marymount University, Washington DC

June 13-16, Pepperdine University, Los Angeles CA

Sponsor: Questions Unlimited, Columbus, Ohio  
Telephone: 614-848-5113 (Chip Beall)  
E-mail: <[qunlimited@iwaynet.net](mailto:qunlimited@iwaynet.net)>  
Website: <<http://www.qunlimited.com/na296.htm>>  
Entry Fee: \$150 per person (no room or board);  
\$225 room only (not available in LA)  
\$295 room and board  
*entry fees go up after May 1, 2002*  
Field: 48 teams in New Orleans last year  
57 teams in Washington last year  
30 teams in Los Angeles last year  
Team Size: 4 players and at least 1 required alternate  
Qualify: win a tournament of at least 8 teams, or win a preliminary QuizNet, or win "20 Questions"  
Guaranteed: 4 matches head-to-head  
Advance to: single elimination (20 teams)  
*winners of N.O. and D.C. will be flown to L.A.*  
Format: 4 quarters (toss-up, toss-up/bonus, lightning round, harder toss-up)  
Grand Prize: rings, cash, or a trip anywhere in the USA

### 5th Annual National Scholastics Championship

June 15-16, George Washington University, Washington DC

Sponsor: The Partnership for Academic  
Competition Excellence (PACE)  
E-mail: <[etchuck@yahoo.com](mailto:etchuck@yahoo.com)> (Emil Thomas Chuck)  
Website: <<http://www.pace-nsc.org/>>  
Entry Fee: \$225 per team; discounts for buzzers, etc.  
Field: 22 teams last year; maximum is 32  
Team Size: 4 players (3 minimum) and up to 2 substitutes  
Qualify: top two in any affiliated tournament  
Guaranteed: 5 matches head-to-head, plus consolation rounds  
Advance to: 5 matches (12 teams); single elim (4 teams)  
Format: toss-up, bonus ... complete rules on web site

### 4th Annual HS National Championship Tournament

June 8-9, University of Texas, Austin Texas

Sponsor: National Academic Quiz Tournaments, LLC  
Telephone: 888-411-6278  
E-mail: <[hsnct@naqt.com](mailto:hsnct@naqt.com)>  
Website: <<http://www.naqt.com>>  
Entry Fee: \$225 per team; discounts for early registration  
Field: 40 teams last year; maximum is 96  
Team Size: 4 players; substitutions allowed  
Qualify: finish highly at an NAQT qualifying tourney;  
do well at your state championship; wild cards  
Guaranteed: 10 matches head-to-head, plus scrimmage rooms  
Advance to: round-robin playoffs among top teams  
Format: toss-up, bonus ... complete rules on website

### 15th Annual Panasonic Academic Challenge

June 22-25, Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida

Sponsors: Panasonic, Florida Dept of Ed, Herff Jones,  
Pepsi, Publix, Brevard/Polk/Pinellas Ctys  
Telephone: 863-534-0213 (Peggy Harrod)  
E-mail: <[pharrod@pcsb.k12.fl.us](mailto:pharrod@pcsb.k12.fl.us)>  
Website: <<http://www.academic-challenge.org/>>  
Entry Fee: \$1820 per team, includes 2 rooms, meals for 7  
Field: 40 teams last year  
Team Size: 4 players and 2 alternates  
Qualify: one team per state or territory  
*The IHSSBCA selects the Illinois team*  
Guaranteed: 2 matches, 6 teams in each; one winner each  
Advance to: 18 teams to semifinals, 6 teams to finals  
Format: 3 periods (all toss-up) + team events  
Grand Prize: ring and \$2,500 for each team member

### On a Personal Note ...

• **David Reinstein's** second child, Arielle Morgan (7 lbs, 15 oz, 19 inches) was born December 31 at 4:30 pm.

• **Yogesh Raut**, IMSA graduate and two-time member of Team Illinois, is on the Stanford University Academic Team. Also on that team is **Vinita Kailasanath**, former member of Team Maryland, Panasonic All-American Team member in 2000, and a 2001 winner of \$50,000 on *College Jeopardy*.

## Bloopers, Blunders & Goof-ups

by Bruce Fitzgerald, Adlai Stevenson HS, Lincolnshire

In the ongoing effort to report the humorous and fallible side of our best and brightest students, I have collected another set of good reasons why all of us need to keep our teams practicing as much as possible. Enjoy!!!

### Category: “I wonder what these players have on their minds for weekend fun?”

• Cynthia Ann Pulley, reports this *faux pas* made by the University high school JV team:

Q: “What’s the name of the muscle group covering the stomach?”

A: “Six pack”

### Category: “Will somebody wake this team up for the next question?”

• Jim Stankevitz at Wheaton-Warrenville South reports the results of the last bonus question in a match with his team winning by a one-point margin:

Bonus: “Geography: Name the five states with the coldest recorded temperatures.”

Answer: (after a few seconds with no consultation) “Solids – for all five.” (*OUCH!!! There goes that match.*)

Rebound: “Texas – for all five!” (*Is there any law against public flogging of Scholastic Bowl players?*)

### Category: “What did Thomas ever do to that moderator?”

• Mary Jo Osborn from Carterville high reports on some difficulties one of her players, Thomas, had with moderators.

Tossup: “What is the third largest object in the solar system?”

Thomas’ answer: “Uranus”

Moderator: “Are you insulting me?”

Tossup: “What did Romeo say to Juliet in the final scene ... ?”

Another Thomas answer: “I love you.”

Moderator: “Thank you, and now your answer?”

(*Those Carterville moderators sure get emotional sometimes!*)

### Category: “Good answer to a bad question.”

• From Martha Muir at Woodward Academy comes an example of amazing team focus:

Q: “What is the capital of Magnolia?”

A: “Ulan Bator” (*Now how did they know this was the capitol of Magnolia and Mongolia?*)

### Category: “Oh no! Riley’s been teaching astronomy again.”

• Loyola’s David Riley sends this one in:

Q: “Who was the first American woman in space?”

A: “Sally Field” (*Who’d have thought the Flying Nun could make it so far?*)

### Category: “If it quacks like a duct ... !”

• Norma Anderson at Oakwood high school sent in this example of revisionist biology:

Q: “What is the proper name for the human oviduct?”

A: “Tear duct” (*instead of fallopian tube*)

• And in the same spirit, Tracy Willhoit from Gillespie high got a laugh out of this blooper:

Q: “Name the duct that that connects the kidney to the bladder.”

A: “Mallard” (*Don’t despair, coach – my team would have answered “duct tape”!*)

### Category: “For a dead guy he looked pretty good at the Super Bowl.”

• In a match against my team, David Reinstein from New Trier recalls this gem from his team:

Bonus: “Name the five U.S. presidents buried west of the Mississippi.”

One of the answers: “Gerald Ford”

Well, this is the crop of bloopers we managed to cultivate this year. As this article looks like it will be an annual event please keep sending them to me <bfitzger@district125.k12.il.us> as they happen. They make fun reading for all of us.

*Bruce is in his 22nd year of teaching and 13th year of coaching Scholastic Bowl. Two years ago his team won the IHSA Class AA state championship in Peoria. His yearly stress-buster is a fly-in fishing trip to remote areas of northern Manitoba.*

## Play in Peoria on March 16<sup>th</sup>

Scholastic Bowl Coaches are urged to arrange to travel to Peoria with their team to watch the State Scholastic Bowl Finals, which are held at the Civic Center on Saturday, March 16th.

A trip to Peoria is a wonderful way to get your players excited about your team’s possible future participation in the State Tournament. Each attendee receives a free ticket to the March Madness Basketball Experience, a fantastic display of games and basketball activities in which students can participate.

Because the State Finals are so exciting, die-hard teams and fans make their plans a year in advance, so by now most area hotels are already filled. Thus, we recommend that you drive to Peoria on Saturday morning. We hope you can join in the fun! Questions? Contact Chuck Fabish (309-672-6906 or cfabish@roe48.k12.il.us)

### Schedule for Class A and Class AA State Finals

11:00 am	Opening Ceremony
11:30 - 12:30	Round 1 of Pool Play
12:45 - 1:45	Round 2 of Pool Play
1:45 - 2:15	Break
2:15 - 3:15	Round 3 of Pool Play
3:30 - 4:30	Championship/Consolation Rounds
4:45 - 5:15	Awards Ceremony

All-State players, including those from non-participating teams, will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony, and are therefore encouraged to make the trip to Peoria with their family or team.

## Spotlight On ... Dennis Wyatt

by Tom Egan, IHSSBCA Ombudsman

### Stat Sheet:

Head Coach, Park Ridge (Maine East)  
 3 time Central Suburban League Champions  
 Regional Championships: 1996-97, 97-98, 2000-01  
 Sectional Championships: 1992-93, 93-94, 94-95  
 IHSA State 4th place: 94-95 Masonic Championships: 92-93  
 Career Record: 341-112 (0.753 winning pct)

### The Interview:

Scholastic Bowl is many things to many people, but no matter who you are, Dennis Wyatt is a coach with whom you can sit down and agree.”

Some people see a goal in beating the elite teams like New Trier and IMSA. Dennis Wyatt’s team narrowly defeated IMSA for the Masonic State Title in 1993 (on a science question no less!), and three times has beaten New Trier for the conference championship in one of the most competitive conferences in the state. The IMSA victory is among his favorite memories.

When asked what one of his favorite parts of Scholastic Bowl is, he notes that he likes showing suburban kids the rest of the state, and defeating stereotypes that those kids might have about people downstate. This makes Dennis one of perhaps a handful of people in the state who understands the dichotomy that exists in the state of Illinois; and understands it enough to present this as a lesson to his students. This shows that he lives by his favorite quote: “Small minds discuss people. Average minds discuss events. Great minds discuss ideas.”

It probably isn’t a surprise to learn that as a student, Dennis was a member of the National Honor Society and of his class council, as well as a performer in numerous plays and musicals. It is with that background that Dennis eventually became an English teacher, serving 12 years at Maine South, and 17 to date at Maine East.

It was the principal at Maine East who remembered that Dennis was a smart man with a “wealth of useless information.” This principal asked Dennis to join Dr. Jane Simmons in establishing Maine East’s Scholastic Bowl team. Together, they built a successful program. Looking back on those years, Dennis would like to thank Art Reisman, the coach at Leyden High School, for offering Maine East many words of advice and encouragement.

Along the way, Dennis’ teams have won tournaments at Northwestern University, Richards, Streator, and at Decatur MacArthur. He especially liked playing against Beth Young’s Quincy teams, and playing in numerous national tournaments. It really didn’t matter where his team played; Maine East just won. This was, of course, more than just good coaching. Dennis had many great players over the years. Steve Gelber, Matt Guerrieri, Don Barron, and Veronica Davidova are among those he named; he said that Mrunil Champaneri was the best player he ever coached.

Three years from now, Maine East will be posting an opening for a new Scholastic Bowl coach, as Dennis Wyatt packs up and heads into retirement in North Carolina. Until then, the Central Subur-

ban League and the rest of the state will need to deal with the talent that Dennis unleashes annually with his Maine East teams.

For those who have never seen Maine East, they should know that Dennis works at a school where over 75 languages are spoken as a primary language in the home. There are many students who are immigrants who barely comprehend English, let alone a background in American history or English literature. Dennis has understood what very few people outside of his school have firmly grasped: that diversity can be frightening to an outsider, but is ultimately a tremendous strength if harnessed correctly.

*Tom Egan is the Ombudsman of the IHSSBCA and a physics teacher at Maine South. If there is a coach you would like to see profiled, send him an e-mail at <Eganphysics@aol.com>.*

## What’s New for the 2001-2002 IHSA State Series

by Tom Egan, IHSSBCA Ombudsman

As with any state series, there are a few changes to take note of for the coming state series. Don’t say you weren’t warned!

- **Limit on calculations:** In previous years, there have been complaints that teams with math studs or studettes had a noted advantage if there were a lot of computation questions in a round. A new rule limits each round to 6 total computation toss-up and 6 total computation bonuses in each round (5 each in the state finals). This means that if a physics computation is included, there needs to be one fewer math computations in the round.
- **Language Arts is merged:** There is one fewer category this year. Language Arts is merged with Literature to make a single category. There are six toss-ups and six bonuses in this category per round (5 each in the state finals)
- **More Arts ... More Miscellaneous:** Math, Science, Social Studies, and Literature/Language Arts will each have six toss-ups and six bonuses per round (5 each in the state finals). To make up the total of 30, there will be one extra Arts question and one extra Miscellaneous question per round (3 toss-ups and 3 bonuses per round). In the state finals, there will be five toss-ups and five bonuses per round for the major categories, and two toss-ups and two bonuses per round in the Arts and Miscellaneous categories.
- **Time Out!:** In the past, each team was entitled to a one-minute time out, and a thirty-second time out which could be used for substitutions only, each half. Teams still have those time outs, but the thirty-second time out can now be used to coach instead of just to make silent substitutions.
- **Tie Breaker:** A tie breaker will include both a toss-up *and* a bonus question. A team can win the toss-up but lose the match.
- **Repeating Bonus Parts:** Only the Captain of the team in control of the bonus may ask to have a bonus part repeated. Even if another player will be designated to answer, it is the Captain who the moderator will be attending to during the bonus work time.
- **Halftime:** Did you know that the old rules required that teams change sides at the half? Now, the rule states that this will occur only if one of the two coaches requests that it happen.

## Good Sportsmanship: Polite, Gracious, Good Humor

by Lee Weinbrenner, Waukegan HS

An interesting assignment: How to help team members be good sports in a society where trash-talking and posing to celebrate success while taunting the opposing team is the acceptable way of behaving. We have a big job. I think we all realize the advantage of a certain amount of intimidation in all contests, including this "sport" that we know and love. There should be a level of acceptable competitiveness which does not include the show-boating and viciousness apparent in some athletic contests; although, I suspect, our team members would do damage with words and attitudes rather than physical assaults.

I think that if sportsmanship is an important characteristic in team and personal behavior, coaches need to decide what behaviors are acceptable and which need correcting. Then we need to carefully and perhaps even lovingly, support the positive and correct the unacceptable. My advice is to choose small behaviors to work on. Build from common politeness, graciousness in winning and in losing, towards bigger behaviors. We all know the techniques. Positively reinforce and compliment each and every polite and supportive act and word. Gently chide, privately if at all possible, for each and every bit of cutting behavior and words, especially the subtle ones. Hopefully, whole sets of attitudes may change.

Of course, the students look to us, as the coaches, to lead. Be very careful because they watch everything. We need to remember that we are models. Perhaps teaching our team members how to find a differential, conjugate a verb, or recognize an artist is the easy part of coaching. A radical thought: We could even be helpful and corrective of each other.

*Lee is in his 36th year of teaching science and his 9th year of coaching Scholastic Bowl. He taught at Chicago Latin for 25 years and while there took teams to the Class A Final Four six times, winning two state championships. He is now in his third year of teaching and his first year of coaching at Waukegan High School. Lee enjoys reading mystery novels, knowing stuff, bicycling, doing things with the family, and attending school events.*

## Illinois Scholastic Bowl Week February 25<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002

In a mailing to every Scholastic Bowl Coach in Illinois in early February, the IHSSBCA urged all coaches and teams to celebrate the fifth annual Scholastic Bowl Week in Illinois.

During the week prior to the March 4th Regionals, you and your team should consider implementing some of these ideas:

Write daily announcements. Have a team dress-up day. Hold a team vs. faculty match. Make posters with catchy slogans. Ask team members to bring two friends to Regionals. Put trophies on display. Decorate a bulletin board. Send home a letter to parents. Mail out a press release. Talk to the Principal, Academic Dean, Board of Education, and/or Parent Association.

The purpose of Scholastic Bowl Week is to increase awareness and support of the public, school leaders, students, and parents for the IHSA state series in Scholastic Bowl. Your efforts count!

## Coaches Poll

by Kevin Palmer, Fremd HS, Palatine

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

Class A (small schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Latin (Chicago)	50	5	5
2. Stillman Valley	44	5	0
3. U High (Normal)	30	4	0
4. C Catholic (Bloomington)	29	4	0
5. Dunlap	19	3	0
6. St. Teresa (Decatur)	17	4	0
7. Carterville	13	3	0
7. St. Bede (Peru)	13	3	0
9. Flora	10	3	0
9. Macomb	10	3	0
11. Rock Falls	7	1	0
12. Unity (Tolono)	6	2	0
12. Litchfield	6	2	0
14. Mater Dei (Breese)	5	3	0
15. Highland	4	1	0
15. PORTA (Petersburg)	4	1	0

Class AA (large schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Wheaton North	85	9	6
2. New Trier (Winnetka)	55	7	1
3. Downers Grove North	51	7	0
4. Auburn (Rockford)	46	8	0
5. St. Ignatius (Chicago)	44	6	2
6. Fremd (Palatine)	37	6	0
7. Stevenson (Lincolnshire)	32	6	0
8. Sterling	28	6	0
9. Moline	19	5	0
10. Streator	14	4	0
11. Southeast (Springfield)	13	2	0
12. Fenwick (Oak Park)	11	2	0
13. Loyola (Wilmette)	8	3	0

To join the panel, e-mail me <kcp1963@yahoo.com>; I'll contact you in late April and ask for your picks. Panel members are expected to attend tournaments and to follow results on our website.

*Kevin teaches AP European History and American Studies. Now in his 12th year of coaching, he has run a varsity tournament for five years and a frosh/soph tournament for eight. Fremd won Sectionals in 94, and Regionals in 97, 98, 99, 00, and 01.*

## Handbook Roster Changes

**Berwyn**, Morton HS: Add fax number (708-222-3020), home phone (630-378-5290), and e-mail <pjstowers@hotmail.com>.

**Orion**: Add home phone (309-521-8403) for Jens Rehder.

**Dakota**: Michelle Fraley replaces Marcia Smith. Drop home phone. Add e-mail <mfraley@dakota201.com>.

**Edinburg**: Coach Hefner's first name is Jami.

**Nauvoo**, Nauvoo-Colusa: Change work phone to 217-453-2231 and e-mail to <jcastle@roe26.k12.il.us>.

## Do Your Job!

by Tom Egan, Maine South HS, Park Ridge IL

I'll tell you two stories, very different. The stories are true. No names will be mentioned.

**Story #1:** I was in Bloomington for the Ultimate Scholar and ran into an old coaching friend of mine. He was there with some of his players, and two of those were also signed up for the Team Illinois tryout on Sunday. He told me that as soon as Ultimate Scholar was done, he had to get back to Chicago for a Daddy-Daughter dance, and then drive back to Bloomington the next day. His salary for coaching Scholastic Bowl: zero. Those two days alone he logged over 600 miles driving. They were not the first or last hundred-mile days of the year. He did it because it was part of the job; he felt he had an obligation to fulfill; and he enjoyed working with kids (though he did not enjoy the lengthy travel).

**Story #2:** I remember meeting a coach from near the same area at a Regional a few years ago. I told her that we had missed her at the Seeding Meeting. She replied that she didn't get paid enough to travel to the Seeding Meeting, which was about 15 miles away. I asked how much she made. She makes over \$3,000 for the season, in which her team plays in nothing more than the conference and regionals (and in an odd year, sectionals).

You might ask why this happens. Why do some coaches just simply seem not to care while others do? Let's run down the list:

**1. Administrative problems.** Particularly in downstate Illinois, there seem to be some schools with administrations that go out of their way to squelch academic competition. They impose restrictions and limit funds while allowing sports teams to exist without similar restrictions. The end result is a lack of interest from the kids in academic competition, a lack of interest from the coach, and a reputation as a poor academic school. The coach really can't be blamed for these problems. The best I can say is that you might try working with other coaches and your administration to make arrangements to play at least part of a season. I always feel bad for the players and coaches at these schools.

**2. Really too far from a tournament/meeting.** Tournaments and leagues tend to be more sparsely located in downstate Illinois. As a result, a coach could find regular tournaments for their teams only if they drove in excess of 300 miles one way every weekend. Especially on shoestring budgets, this can be a problem, and I don't think that anyone can be blamed for that. The IHSSBCA has started expanding tournaments into Southern and Central Illinois, but you don't need to wait – consider starting your own, or starting one with the help of another coach. Why not hold a mini-tournament with fewer than eight teams on a Saturday?

Understand, however, coaches of athletic teams routinely drive long distances to Seeding Meetings. To not show up at a Seeding Meeting because "it is too far" is simply unprofessional. When I was a wrestling coach, I had to travel once a year over 50 miles one way to a conference Seeding meeting. I didn't like doing that on a Tuesday night, but it was a part of the *job* that I promised to do. Make arrangements. At the very least, fax your record. Not showing up because "I don't want to host" or "it's too far" is unprofessional conduct.

**3. I don't get paid enough.** I have noticed (with some exceptions) that the more money a Scholastic Bowl coach makes, the lazier he or she tends to be. Many coaches who make nothing or next to nothing (less than \$1000 per season) tend to be involved with tournaments at least once every third weekend. They do this because they enjoy it. They get their players to love it. This is called being a good teacher/coach. I have met students who start out enjoying this event, and learn quickly to hate it because they have a coach who looks at the job as easy money, stubbornly refuses to inspire the players to work, refuses to work with their school, never advocates for the players, or never takes them anywhere. If this is you, consider arranging for an enthusiastic assistant; pay this assistant out of your pocket, and you will still be able to keep the pension percentage increase based on your stipend.

**4. Too many other activities.** Especially in bigger schools, students are sometimes members of two, three, or more clubs, and never seem to have time. The way around this is three-pronged. First, establish minimum requirements for attendance with your players, and try to advise them on how overextending themselves is not good. (Time Magazine had a 2001 article on how colleges are rejecting students who are in too many activities.) Second, if you make the activity more fun than other activities, kids will come, and you will need to fight them off! Finally, try to negotiate with the sponsors/coaches of other activities. See if you can work out schedules that allow kids a little leeway.

Each year I routinely log over 4,000 miles for Scholastic Bowl. I don't think I'm all that special. My stamina isn't any better, and my pay for Scholastic Bowl might amount to about \$300 per year. I do it because I enjoy it.

*Tom Egan is a long-time official, former coach, former League Commissioner, and is currently the Ombudsman for the IHSSBCA. He welcomes your comments <eganphysics@aol.com>.*

## Quizzing Around The USA

*How they do it in other states*



Coaches in states other than Illinois are encouraged to submit an article on academic competition in their state or region. Tell us how your state tournament works, describe your competition format, or report on a regional tournament.

## IHSSBCA Meeting Minutes

from Debbie Voorhees, IHSSBCA Secretary

The Executive Committee of the IHSSBCA met at the Bloomington Radisson Inn on Sunday, February 10, 2002 at 9:30 am.

Present: David Riley, Cheryl Christianson, Robert Brown, Debbie Voorhees, David Reinstein, Rob Grierson, Phyllis Kidd, Susan Martin, Cathy Groesch, and Mark Cohen.

Absent: Kevin Palmer, Tom Egan, John Rathbun, Bob Schrempf, Nick Pitz, Michael Hendricks, David Bibb, Linda Monge, Jane Snyder, Ken Dentino, Dotty Berry, and Shawn Trotter.

The November 18, 2001 minutes were approved as published.

### Committee Reports:

• Membership: Currently we have 301 members, which tops our membership for 2001-2002. Previous member coaches will be contacted to determine the reason for lapsed membership. Early Bird membership will be offered again for next year with more options, such as electronic access to the member directory.

• Treasurer's Report: The bank balance as of February 10 was \$4,241.40 after revenues and carry-over of \$10,411.65 and total expenses of \$6,170.25. About \$4,500 in anticipated expenses will not be paid fully until after July 1 and carry over into the next fiscal year. It was noted that the Handbooks and Updates broke even and The Scorebooks have a \$227.69 loss but we have inventory for next year. There is a pending payment for scorebooks to be paid to Rob Grierson by a conference representative from the September 12 IHSA meeting.

• Newsletter: The deadline for article submission is May 1 for the last newsletter this academic year. We are looking for supportive administrators to write an article. Look for Tournabout results in this newsletter. Please send your comments on the Rule Book to Tom Egan.

### New Business:

• Proxy voting for Tom Egan was Cathy Groesch and proxy voting for Kevin Palmer was David Riley for all new business items.

• Membership Fees for 2002-2003: It was moved by Rob Grierson that, "the membership dues remain the same for the next academic year and include an electronic directory access for members via the website. The motion was seconded by Susan Martin and passed by a majority of the members present.

• Scorebook Fees for 2002-2003: It was proposed to keep the scorebook price the same for the next academic year, \$7 for a 50-match book and \$10 for a 100-match book. It was also proposed to add a \$5 shipping and handling cost for anyone wishing to have the scorebook mailed. Both items passed.

• Handbook Fees for 2002-2003: It was proposed that the handbook cost be reduced to accommodate for the electronic distribution of the membership directory. It was proposed that a private URL be made available to the membership for the directory at no cost. If the handbook is mailed then a shipping and handling cost of \$5 will be added to the fee. All proposals passed.

• Constitution Amendments Proposed: Article III, #3 – quarterly meetings open to all; Article III, #4 – change in quorum necessary

to do business; Article IV, Section A, #1, part C – Ombudsman responsibilities; Article IV, Section C, #1 – definition of the Executive Board; all constitutional proposals passed. Those interested in complete wording please e-mail Debbie Voorhees.

• Election of Officers: Nominated for President was David Riley, nominated for recording secretary was Susan Martin, and nominated for corresponding secretary was Debbie Voorhees. The slate was approved.

• In the matter of All-Sectional and All-State certificates, each player will receive one computer generated All-sectional certificate, and one hand calligraphied All-State certificate. Each school will receive one hand-calligraphied copy of the All-State certificates. A duplicate / replacement cost was approved for certificates.

Open Forum: Somebody is needed to handle Handbook and Scorebook sales all year. This person needs to keep the inventory, collect the money, and handle shipping. If you can help, please contact Rob Grierson. The awards for students, for coaches, and for Friend of Scholastic Bowl were discussed. Discussion of the future of Team Illinois is still tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am. Next meeting will be in early April.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Voorhees, IHSSBCA Secretary

## IHSSBCA Financial Report

from Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Treasurer

### Statement of Income and Expenses July 1, 2001 through February 10, 2002 Submitted by Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Treasurer

#### Income

Membership Dues	\$6,675.00
Advertising	900.00
Handbooks & Updates	1,465.00
Scorebooks	834.31
Mailing List Sales	17.22
Donations	<u>190.00</u>

**Total Income** \$10,081.53

#### Expenses

PAC Team IL, 2001	\$829.49
PAC Team IL, 2002	200.00
Tournaments	1,281.66
Handbooks	1,192.71
Membership Mailings	356.39
Newsletter	1,096.47
Scorebooks	1,062.00
Web Site	95.70
Gift Membership	25.00
General	<u>30.83</u>

**Total Expenses** \$6,170.25

**Net Income** \$3,911.28

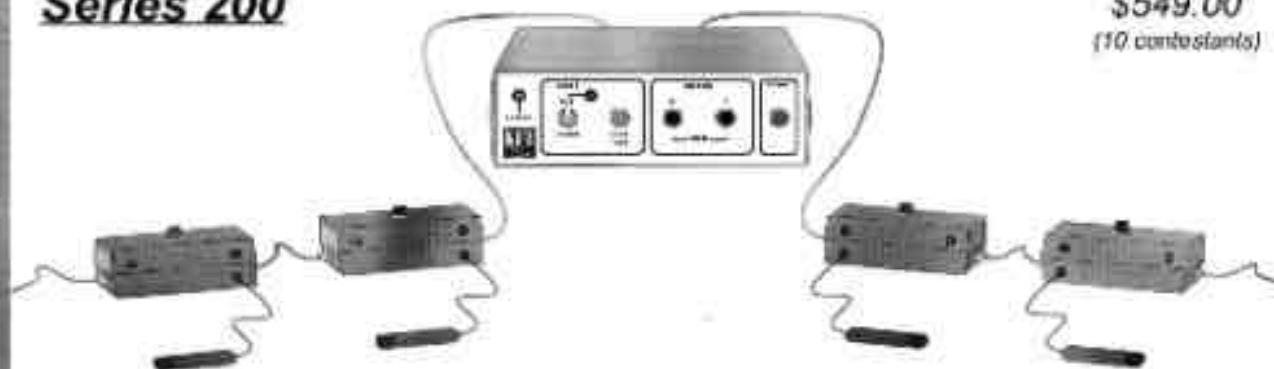
**From 00-01** \$ 330.12

**Bank Balance 2/10/02** \$4,241.40

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Debbie Voorhees, Bloomington – *Secretary*  
Rob Grierson – *Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership*  
Thomas Egan, Maine South – *Ombudsman, Special Projects*

### Appointed Positions

Dotty Berry, Streator – *Member-at-Large*  
Robert Brown, Lake Zurich – *Webmaster*  
Cheryl Christianson, Sterling – *Member-at-Large*  
Ken Dentino, Kaneland HS, Maple Park – *Member-at-Large*  
Cathy Groesch – *Member-at-Large*  
Phyllis Kidd, Wheaton North HS – *Member-at-Large*  
Susan Martin, Wheaton North HS – *Member-at-Large*  
Linda Monge, Fairfield Community HS – *Member-at-Large*  
John Rathbun – *Member-at-Large*  
David Reinstein, New Trier – *Liaison-Advocate, Class AA*  
Jane Snyder, Flora – *IHSA Advisory Committee Liaison*  
Shawn Trotter, Ottawa Marquette – *Member-at-Large*

### Regional Representatives

Robert Schrempf, Von Steuben, Chicago – *Region 1*  
Kevin Palmer, William Fremd, Palatine – *Region 2*  
Mark Cohen, Lincoln-Way HS, New Lenox – *Region 3*  
Nick Pitz, Moline – *Region 4*  
David Bibb, Hoopeston Area HS – *Region 5*

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01-02 Season Recap  
Tentative 02-03 Schedule  
Spotlight Series Continues  
College Quiz Bowl  
The IHSA Explained  
Start Your Engines  
Question Set Evolution  
And More!

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