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Changes

TGCA PRESIDENT – LEE GRISHAM

Every season coaches face changes. We watch our teams change as our players grow older and move on to new stages in their lives. Many times this is bitter sweet. We watch with pride as athletes that have become important members of our teams and important part of our lives leave to reach for new goals. Though they will be missed, we are truly happy for our athletes and the directions their lives are about to take. In this same vain, TGCA will miss important members of the UIL staff. As many of you may have heard, Dr. Farney is retiring and the UIL will be naming a new Executive Director to replace him. It was also recently announced that long time Assistant Athletic Director,

Rachel Seewald, will be leaving the UIL at the end of January.

Dr. Bill Farney, will be dearly missed for the leadership he has provided the UIL during his tenure. Dr. Farney has brought the UIL to new levels of professionalism in Texas. He has crafted the UIL into a very approachable entity for all coaches, players and parents.

Rachel Seewald is a traditional optimist that believes in every coach, player and administrator in Texas. She helped design and implement programs for women's sport in Texas high schools. The state tournaments she coordinated have continued to grow and prosper.

We are going to miss her abilities, intelligence, and willingness to work long hours with the TGCA.

TGCA will lose two important associates that have greatly influenced high school athletics and provided professional support and friendship for our organization. For me this is bitter-sweet. I will miss two very dedicated professionals that have contributed to our athletes' lives, but I am extremely excited that these two people will have opportunities to reach for other goals. It is inconceivable to me how we could thank you both enough for your efforts. Good luck in the future in the endeavors that you choose. Now you can lay-off the 80 hour work weeks!

Photos of the Month

MacKenzie Ruta, left, dribbles around the defender.

Photo courtesy Angela Beck

Christie Mooney, a junior from Pflugerville High School, drives on her opponent during a game.

Photo by Jeff Coward

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TGCA Summer Clinic

2009 TGCA Summer Clinic

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TGCA is proud to announce the following changes for our summer clinic:

- 1) TGCA All-Star's will be housed at St. Edwards University, 3001 South Congress Avenue.
- 2) All Star Games will be played at the following venues:
 - Volleyball and Basketball** - Tony Burger Center, 3200 Jones Road. (Track & Cross Country All-Star Introductions will also take place at the Tony Burger Center)
 - Softball** - McCombs Field, University of Texas at Austin, 2001 Comal Street.
- 3) Beginning March 12th you will have access to the online hotel reservations for the 2009 clinic. Be sure to register for your hotel rooms early!!!

Don't forget to nominate for the following awards:

Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year

Give your Sub-Varsity Coach the recognition he/she deserves and nominate them for the Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year. The deadline for Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year nominations will be the 1st of May. Please help the committee with their selections by providing them information about your assistant coach; in what regard and length of time you have known the nominee, professional activities or organizations they have been involved in, their relationships with students, parents etc., and any other comments or qualifications you feel would be beneficial.

Hall of Fame

The Texas Girls Coaches Association honors coaches who have been active members, past or present, of the TGCA, the Texas Volleyball Coaches Association or the Texas High School Girls Track Association. The nominee should have made major contributions to TGCA and the coaching profession. Nomination forms can be found on the TGCA Website under forms. The deadline for the submission of Hall of Fame nominees will be Monday, March 2nd at 12:00 noon.

Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award

Any TGCA member in good standing is eligible to nominate a person outside of the coaching profession, for the Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award. This candidate needs to have made outstanding contributions to Girls' Athletics. Nomination forms can be found on the TGCA Website under forms. The deadline for the nominees for the Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award will be Monday, March 2nd at 12:00 noon.

Admin. Assistant

Administrative Assistant Duties

In April of 2006 I was fortunate enough to be hired by TGCA as Sam Tipton's Administrative Assistant. During these two years I have had the opportunity to work with and meet several of you; for those of you, who are new to TGCA that I haven't had the privilege to meet, let me tell you a little about myself and my responsibilities as administrative assistant.

On the personal level God has blessed my husband Jim and I with four wonderful children (Shane, Jeremy, Jennifer & Josh), two daughter-in-laws (Shanna, and Laura. If I would have been allowed to select them I couldn't have found better wife's for my son's or better mothers for my grandchildren), and speaking of grandchildren we have three perfect ones, Payton, Wade, and Addison.

First and foremost as administrative assistant my job is to try and make Sam Tipton's job a little less stressful. As Sam told me when I interviewed with him, he travels a lot and it would be up to me to run the office, so I guess that is where I'll begin...

My first summer at TGCA, I learned that as office manager it is possible to oversee remodeling a building while at the same time keeping tenants happy and offices open even though there are saws buzzing, hammers pounding and wet paint everywhere you turn. As with any household, I've discovered that the air conditioning unit will die on the hottest day of summer and that rats are crafty and can find their way into buildings in Austin when it gets cold. Believe me; my contact list now contains more than just coaches and exhibitors.

Newsletter: it is my responsibility to get articles to our editor as well as photo's, and general information that we would like to share with you. We publish 9 newsletters each year. Our newsletters are emailed to all TGCA members, Athletic Directors, TGCA Exhibitors, and the UIL. I am in the process of archiving all TGCA newsletters from the past and hope to have them on our website in the near future.

Website: It is the administrative assistant's job to update and maintain the TGCA website.

Accounting: As administrative assistant I am responsible for processing monthly bills, doing payroll for the three TGCA employees, filing tax returns,

balancing our monthly money market and checking accounts and processing all income from memberships, clinics, exhibitors and sponsors.

Board of Directors Meetings: It is my responsibility to notify our Board of Directors of their meeting dates, send them the minutes that were taken by the 2nd vice president from the previous board meeting along with the agenda, financial statement, the executive directors travel report, his itinerary, financial report, budget, and any committee proposals.

Committee & All-State Committee: For each sport committee meeting and All-State committee meetings it is my responsibility to compile lists of each All-Star, All-State, Academic All-State, Athlete-of-the-Year, Coach-of-the-Year, Sub-Varsity Coach-of-the-Year, & All-Star Coaches who were nominated by current TGCA members and make copies of these for each member of the committee. These lists are broken down by classification and also by the TGCA region so our committees can select the athletes and coaches to be honored. Once the committees have made the selections I post the All-State and Academic All-State teams to our webpage and then mail letters to our coaches who were selected for awards as well as letters and contracts to our All-Stars. Once coaches and All-Star's accept this honor I then follow up with additional information on their responsibilities at our clinic and request additional information such as physicals, photos, travel releases, and medical releases etc., which we must have on file.

Clinics: Without doubt the clinics are the most important and daunting undertaking of the executive director and administrative assistant. Preparation for the TGCA Summer Coaches Clinic, El Paso Satellite Clinic, and the Houston Sports Clinic begin years in advance of each clinic.

As administrative assistant I am responsible for the following categories leading up to and during the annual coach's clinic:

- **Clinicians:** Contacting each collegiate and high school coach that is asked to speak at clinic, getting contracts signed by them as well as their lecture titles and finding out what kind of technical equipment they will need for their presentations. I also notify each collegiate speaker of their travel arrangements and hotel accommodations.

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Admin. Assistant

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- **Hotels:** Work with the executive director getting contracts from each of the hotels that are contracted for our clinic and making sure the housing bureau has copies of said contracts. Working with the housing bureau in installing the link on the website so our coaches, exhibitors and families of All-Star's can get hotel rooms at the TGCA discounted rate.

- **Programs for Clinic:** Compiling information from the All-Stars, the events for the Summer Coaches Clinic, and the coaches and recipients of awards for our Honor Awards luncheon which will be included in the All-Star programs, the TGCA Summer Clinic program, and the Honor Award Luncheon program. Proofing these programs and having them printed falls under my responsibilities. As administrative assistant I also am responsible for ordering all plaques, clocks, watches, rings and certificates that are awarded our coaches and all-star athletes during the summer clinic as well as the distribution of the Honor Award luncheon tickets. On a much smaller scale programs for the El Paso and Houston clinics must also be created.

- **All-Star's:** As I mentioned briefly above I must collect and process the contracts, photos, & ads for each All-Star. Itinerary's and general information must be sent to All-Star's as well as obtaining their sizes for uniforms, shoes, batting helmet's, catcher's equipment and any additional equipment that needs to be ordered and received before the All-Star games. I also order coaching

shirts and shoes for each All-Star Coach and chaperone. When needed I assist the executive director with information concerning workout facilities, housing, bus transportation etc.

- **Exhibit Hall:** Work closely with Austin Convention Center and Arlington Convention Center creating the layouts for Registration, the Exhibit Hall and lecture halls making sure we have all power, wireless connections, high speed internet, & telecommunications that TGCA as well as our speakers and exhibitors will need.

- **Exhibitors:** Send out mailings to prospective exhibitors, followed by contracts. Collect booth payments and then assign booth/booths for each exhibitor, while keeping in constant contact with Freeman Decorating concerning exhibitors, their booth assignments and the exhibit hall banners that need to be created for each exhibitor.

- **Registration:** Organizing registration for the summer clinics, making sure we have ample staff to accommodate the hundreds of coaches who will be registering there as well as the hundreds of coaches who pre-registered that will need to pick up their coaches packets. Handle any problems that may arise and do my best to get coaches processed as quickly as possible. Thus allowing our coaches the chance to get into the lecture halls where they will be counseled, encouraged and presented with new ideas to aid them in becoming better coaches and mentor's for the female athlete's of the Great State of Texas.

TGCA's Website: www.austingca.com

Honors nominations and Game Board Posting reminder:

As of Sunday, January 19th the TGCA website is operational but with limited functions. We will strive to get everything created and installed as quickly as possible. We certainly appreciate the patience you have shown TGCA in the time it took to rebuild our site and for your patience while the site is being completed.

Honors nomination reminder:

If you are logging into the membership site for the first time please use the following information:

User name: this will always be your TGCA membership number.

Password: the first time you login you will also use your TGCA membership number as your password; once your in the site you will be required to create a new password of your choosing.

Photos of the Month



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Important Dates

LaQuinta - Official Hotel of TGCA

Coaches, teams and fans can receive preferred rates through the LaQuinta toll-free central reservations number 1-800-531-5900. This rate will also apply to reservations made directly with



LaQuinta Hotels, as well as, via the internet at www.lq.com using the corporate/promotional code of TGCA. These rates are good for both business and leisure travel, seven days a week, for standard and king bedded room types coast to coast.

Other Hotel Information

Crowne Plaza Austin North Central
6121 North IH - 35
Austin, TX. 78752

For reservations:

1-877-2CROWNE (1-877-227-6963)

Please refer to TGCA to get your discounted rate of \$109.00 for single or double occupancy. Or you may reserve your rooms online by going to the home page of our website. Crowne Plaza will offer this rate year around for business or pleasure.

January

26	Softball	First day for practice.
28	Softball	First day for interschool scrimmages.

February

2	Softball	First day for interschool scrimmages.
7	Swimming	District certification deadline
7	Wrestling	District certification deadline
13-14	Swimming	Regional meets
13-14	Wrestling	Regional meets
14	Basketball	District certification deadline
16	Softball	First day for interschool games
16-17	Basketball	Bi-district, all conferences
19-21	Basketball	Girls Basketball: Area
23-24	Basketball	Regional quarterfinals
27-28	Basketball	Girls Basketball: Regional.
27-28	Swimming	Swimming & Diving: State Meet
27-28	Wrestling	State meet

March

2	TGCA	Basketball Deadline; 12:00 noon deadline for All-State, All-Star, & Acad. All-State nominations
5-7	Basketball	State Tournament
17	Soccer	District certification deadline, 4A
19-21	Soccer	Bi-district, 4A
21	Soccer	District certification deadline, 5A
23-24	Soccer	Area, 4A; Bi-district 5A
26-28	Soccer	Sectional, 4A; Area 5A
30-31	Soccer	Regional quarterfinals, 4A; Area 5A

April

3-4	Soccer	Regional, 4A & 5A
6	TGCA	Soccer Deadline; 12:00 noon Deadline for Academic All-State nominations

TGCA News

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TGCA on the Web

Polls, as well as other current information, can be found on the TGCA Web site at: www.austintgca.com.

Did you move?

Please notify the TGCA office if your school, home address, telephone number or coaching assignment changes.

UIL eligibility / Sport rule questions

If you have any questions on eligibility or sport rule interpretations, contact the UIL at (512) 471-5883.

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