2023 APTA BOARD MEETING TEAM AND PTI NATIONALS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

To organize and promote PTI tournaments (particularly PTI Nationals and Team Nationals), driving tournament play for league players across the country and across the skill spectrum. To provide a platform for players to compete within their own ability level per their Platform Tennis Index (PTI). To provide leveled tournaments around the country that will inspire all players to participate in a competitive and collegial atmosphere.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Team Nationals

The 2023-24 season saw the Men's and Women's Team Nationals repeat as the biggest events of the year. On April 1-2, Women's Team Nationals was held in New Jersey with 7 Divisions, 60 Teams, and 400+ players. Men's Team Nationals was held in Chicago with 8 Divisions, 54 Teams, and 350+ players.

The feedback is that Team Nationals continues to be outstanding. The most common line I hear from players is "This is the best event of the year!!" Our Tournament Directors for both the Men's and Women's delivered incredible events. The host sites, parties, and court organization is no easy task. Everyone should be extremely proud of these tournaments, and they will continue to grow each year. The APTA's commitment to these events allows for it all to happen. From the time spent on scoring and organization to the financial help, the APTA has devoted a lot of resources, and without them these events would not be as successful.

PTI Nationals

There were 15 PTI National Championships this season. 356 men participated in 9 Championships (ranging from PTI 10+ to 50+) and 252 women participated in 6 Championships (ranging from PTI 35+ to 70+). These tournaments were spread around the country from November to April. These events continue to grow and are hugely popular. The area of improvement is to get more players to travel to the events. The majority of players in each tournament are local to that area. We need to better market these events to get more players to travel to play.

THANKS

Thank you to the Committee members, the APTA, and all the Tournament Directors that make these events happen.

Submitted by Chair Sam Byram