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This is the first newsletter of the USTA – Georgia Tennis Officials Committee. Initiated by the USTA – Georgia Chairman of Officials, Michaela Moon, we hope to provide information to the officials of the USTA – Georgia district in a timely and accurate, Internet accessible location. Please send comments and suggestions to Michaela Moon at [gaofficials@gmail.com](mailto:gaofficials@gmail.com).

The annual meeting of the USTA – Georgia Officials Committee was held on December 8, 2007 at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center in Macon, Georgia. The committee was privileged with the presence of USTA – Georgia President Donna Bailey, USTA – Georgia State Liaison Rick Davison, USTA – Georgia Ranking Committee Chairperson Barbara Berman, and USTA – Georgia Jr. Grievance Committee Chairperson Bonnie Smith. Most of the USTA – Georgia District Representatives were present. They are listed at the end of the newsletter with other points of contact.

Topics discussed included:

1. Concerns of the USTA – Georgia regarding conduct at our district tennis tournaments.
2. Annuals submission of Officials Data Cards.
3. 2008 Clinic schedule
4. Roles of the Officials Committee and appointment of coordinators for various committee programs.

Service pins were presented and issued to officials for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of service. District Reps are to review their District membership for anyone that may have been missed.

The current number of USTA certified Officials in Georgia is about 157. Data cards were again an issue, and the decision has been made to have all Georgia Officials submit their 2009 Data Cards directly to the USTA – Georgia offices.

The 2008 USTA – Georgia Officials Clinic Schedule as been finalized and is included at the end of this newsletter.

The Mentoring Program is being expanded to cover the entire state. APTUA has had a functioning program for some time and portions of its program will be adopted.

A lengthy discussion with the State Liaison, Rick Davison, delved into the issues regarding control of conduct at junior tournaments, retention and recruitment of officials and the role that the tournaments have in both of these areas. Mr. Davison thanked the committee for their suggestions and comments and said that he would take these back up to USTA – Georgia to be worked on.

Chairperson Michaela Moon set the goal of increasing the number of officials in USTA – Georgia to 200 for next year.

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