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WELCOME NOTE FROM COMMISSIONER

Florida Region Members,

The season is well underway and I hope that all of your volleyball dreams are coming true. We are coming to our large Regional events, the Region BID Championships, where teams compete for BIDS to USA Volleyball Girl’s Junior Nationals; and, the Regional VB Championships, where teams compete to be crowned Champions of the Florida Region.

Our Wilson adult series has been a resounding success and will hopefully lead to more adult events in the region next season. We also look for the return of our junior boys once their High School season ends and they also have a chance to play in their Regional Championships.

Our outdoor volleyball has been kicked off with Coaching clinics, Official’s Clinics and player clinics. We had the great honor of having Tyra Turner, one of our own (from Florida) and an AVP pro, assist us with our first Junior Beach clinic for players. All involved had a great time and learned an incredible amount from Tyra. The Florida Region wishes to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Tyra for her participation. Please look at our website for more opportunities to learn and play the beach game.

James Phillips, Commissioner
 Florida Region of USA Volleyball

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THANK YOU! I want to extend a sincere “Thank You” to everyone in our Florida volleyball family for your selfless contributions to the sport. From the parent that skips a personal endeavor to make sure their child makes it to practice on time; to the club coach that volunteers their time occasionally to help the club cover their expenses; to the college coach that volunteers their time at a HP All-Star tryout; to the officials that volunteer to cover a ref team assignment so that a junior team can head back to the hotel and get some rest; to the clinic instructor that stays up late reviewing their notes so that they can give the best clinic possible; to the Board Member that regularly attends our Board of Director meetings on Sunday mornings at 9am; to the Club Director that helps an athlete with their club tuition so that they can pursue a dream; and to the many others that sacrifice behind the scenes so that others may benefit.

We have some of the most amazing people in the USA Volleyball family right here in the Florida Region and they often go unnoticed. With our busy schedules we often overlook kindness and generosity these days, so I challenge each of you to be on the lookout for someone to share a little appreciation with this month. Let’s declare April 2010 as the unofficial “Find Someone to Appreciate Month”. I suspect that you won’t have to look very far!

With that said, this is a good time to remind you about our 9th Annual Florida Region Awards Ceremony coming up on May 7th in Orlando. This year’s event should prove to be the best one yet. Our guest speaker, Don Yaeger, will entertain, captivate, and challenge you with his stories and words of wisdom. Don has rubbed elbows with some of the greatest athletes of all times. Space is limited, so get your tickets early so that you won’t miss out.

Take a moment and read over this month’s newsletter and let us know how we are doing.

See you on the court,

Steve

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BEACH VOLLEYBALL KICKOFF WEEKEND - RECAP

We couldn't have asked for a better day. It was very exciting in Orlando, 31 junior players participated in the boot camp. **Tyra Turner**, AVP Pro, was so knowledgeable; the girls left with drills they can do with their partners to continue to improve their game.

There were also 12 officials and 9 coaches that participated in the clinics. The coaches were outside running drills with the juniors while the referees were officiating the mini tournament for onsite practice. A special thanks goes to **Tyra Turner**, she was absolutely incredible, she even gave away 4 of her FIVB sports tops that she wore in China as keepsakes. We look forward for more beach camps in the future.



JR. BEACH CLUB RENEWAL/REGISTRATION – APRIL 15TH DEADLINE

Club directors, if you would like to offer outdoor volleyball for the 2010 season, sign-up your club online. If you have a current indoor club then there will be no fee to register. Please renew and/or register by no later than **April 15th, 2010**. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** All coaches wanting to coach an outdoor team **MUST** be Beach IMPACT certified (see below) prior to participating in any USAV sanctioned outdoor events.

Please contact the office at 352-742-0080 or info@FloridaVolleyball.org if you have any questions.

BEACH COACHING CLINICS

All beach coaches must attend a Regional Beach Coaching Clinic to participate in any USAV Jr. Beach event! Coaches that successfully complete a Regional or National Beach Coaching Clinic will be eligible to coach at any USAV junior beach event in Florida.

There are currently 2 Beach IMPACT courses scheduled:

Sun, Apr 11, 2010 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Regional)

Sun, May 23, 2010 - Siesta Key, FL (Regional)

There are also 2 BCAP clinics scheduled:

Sat, Apr 24, 2010 - Deerfield Beach, FL (National)

Sun, Apr 25, 2010 - Clearwater Beach, FL (National)

For more information on registration, time, and instructions visit our website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, and click on Outdoor VB.

CLUB HIGHLIGHT – SOUTH FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL

Each month a member club is featured in *Vol-eNews*. This is a great way to get to know the Club Director(s) and learn more about the clubs throughout Florida. This month **Ann Marie Indorf** and the **South Florida Volleyball Club** will be highlighted, enjoy!



Q: Ann Marie, how did you first get involved in volleyball?

A: I was 10 years younger than my sister who was a Hall of Fame volleyball player at FSU. I also had a family of coaches; my sister coached volleyball and my brother coached football. I travelled weekend after weekend to watch my sister play for Cecile Reynaud (FSU) as I sat on the bench as a little ball girl. When I graduated high school I was lucky enough to earn a scholarship to continue to play volleyball at Clemson University.

Q: How long have you been coaching volleyball?

A: I have been coaching for 17 years now. I began a collegiate coaching career at Clemson following my graduation (92-93), then an assistant at Colorado State (93-94) and then head coach at Jacksonville University (94-99).

Q: Are you involved in any other volleyball activities besides coaching?

A: Yes, I have combined my current recreation profession and past collegiate volleyball career to begin programs at the recreation level by introducing skills clinics to the kids in local communities through our Jumpin' Juniors program. We are also embarking on a new program to bring the sport into Dade County (Miami) through Urban Volleyball. This program is to be presented to the Director of Parks and Recreation of Dade County at the end of the month. This is a program to introduce the skills of volleyball to the underprivileged communities that can't afford the traditional club volleyball.

Q: When did you start your club? How many teams were in your first year? How many now?

A: It's a funny story actually. In 2002, Cookie Stevens, the former head coach at FIU and now the assistant at USC, handed me a box and the director's position in a parking lot. During my first year we had 4-6 teams and we now have 14.



Q: What would you consider to be your club's biggest accomplishment?

A: Our biggest accomplishment is the quality of coaches we have on staff, our dedication to grassroots and the retention of players year after year. I believe the collegiate players and high school coaches not only provide an amazing training ground for players but it allows collegiate players an opportunity to be better players as they give back to the sport that has given them so much. It's the passion of our staff that retains players year after year and has allowed our club to grow.

Q: Do you have a beach volleyball program? Explain.

A: We will be launching our beach piece this summer. **Olaya Pazo**, a former player at Rice University and current AVP player, will be a great asset to start our beach clinics in order to prepare for the Dig The Beach series coming in May. We will partner with Club Beach Dig and help promote beach volleyball in our area.

Q: What are your future plans with your club team?

A: Our future plans are to restructure next season to able to provide a better training ground. Now that we have built on the grassroots and have grown in participation we now want to make our club the most competitive in the Florida Region. A training facility is on our radar and could be a possibility for next season. "Build it and they will come" I have learned from my mentors Mary Andrew (JJVA) and Yvonne Devlin (OVA).

Q: Does your club do anything to promote youth volleyball (11 and under)?

A: Yes, we promote youth volleyball through Jumpin Jr's. We organize clinics at recreation facilities all over, to introduce skill development in young players for both boys and girls. Just recently we had an open clinic for a small community called Key Biscayne in which over 100 kids participated in. The kids had a great time learning the sport of volleyball. Look on our website for more clinics near your community. www.sfvc.net.

Q: What do you look forward to in the future for the Florida Region?

A: The Florida Region has grown tremendously and our leadership has been outstanding with people we have on staff in our Florida Region. It's not just a job, They CARE!!!! I am looking forward to more of our Florida teams making an impact at the National level and more of our players competing for the National Team in the future. We need to encourage our former players to coach not only at the club level but in the school systems.

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Q: Do you feel volleyball has grown over the years? Explain.

A: Volleyball has grown at all levels because it's an amazing sport of strength and charm and is appealing to anyone's eye. We need to support our local programs and universities and we need to support our USA Team and it's programs. Volleyball is a special sport, one offered to men and women. There is indoor, grass and sand volleyball. Do you know any other sport that can cross over so many diversities?! "One Ball, One Game, One Passion"

*Thanks Ann Marie for participating in the Club Highlight. The Florida Region wishes you and your club continued success in the 2009/2010 season! Stay tuned for next month's Club Highlight to learn about **Fred Howell** and the **Brevard County Starlings**.*

REGIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE (HP) ALL-STAR PROGRAM

There will be 2 Regional HP All-Star tryouts this month.

Girl's tryouts will be held:

Friday April 9th in Ft. Lauderdale at the Broward County Convention Center
Friday April 16th in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center

Boy's tryout will be held:

Friday April 9th in Ft. Lauderdale at the Broward County Convention Center
Friday April 9th in Orlando at Bishop Moore High School

If you would like more information on the Regional HP All-Star Program please visit our website at www.FloridaVolleyball.org and click on the HP Logo.

Special thanks go to the coaches for their hard work and dedication to the Regional HP All-Star program. The Florida Region would also like to thank the volunteer coaches for helping out in Jacksonville, Daytona, and Tampa. If you would like to volunteer for future tryouts please email Kelly@FloridaVolleyball.org.



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WILSON FRIDAY NIGHT ADULT TOURNAMENT SERIES

There are three Wilson Friday Night Adult Series remaining before the Adult Nationals take place on May 29 – June 5 in Phoenix, AZ.

The next Wilson Series will be:

- Friday, April 9th at the Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale
- Friday, April 16th at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando
- Friday, April 30th at the Palm Beach Convention Center in West Palm



Registration begins from 6 – 6:45pm. Playing times will take place at 7pm, 8pm, and 9pm. No uniforms are required. There will be a men's division, women's division, and a co-ed division. Single players are encouraged to come and the tournament staff will build co-ed teams on-site. Bring kneepads and shoes and get ready to play ball. Click here for more info, www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

VOLLEYBALL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Florida Region will be offering five scholarships for High School Seniors that are current USAV members and live in the Florida Region.

The scholarships are:

1. Edward "Ned" DeGroot Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00
2. Ben Jordan Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00
3. Mark Headrick Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00
4. Florida Region Scholarship - \$500.00
5. Commissioner's Scholarship - \$500.00

The application & checklist will be available on the Florida Region website: www.FloridaVolleyball.org, under 'Latest Region News'. The deadline to apply is **April 9th, 2010**. No packets will be accepted after this date!

ADULT REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2010 Adult Regional Volleyball Championships will be held at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach on May 1st, 2010. The **deadline** to apply is **4/27/10 at 12 noon**. Please visit our website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, and click on the event logo for additional information on registration instructions.



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GIRL'S JR. REGIONAL BID CHAMPIONSHIPS



The registration officially closed on March 16th at 5 o'clock pm. There will be 170+ teams participating in the 2010 Girl's Jr. Regional Bid Championships on April 17th – 18th. The tournament will be in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center in Hall NB. This event is for Girl's Junior teams ages 12U-18U trying to earn a bid to the 2010 Girl's JNC in Reno, NV. Only teams that have completed the required registration process (Regional & National) with our office for the 2010 JNC by **April 1st, 2010** are eligible to attend the Regional Bid Championships.

The host hotel is The Double Tree Resort on International Drive. They just completed a dramatic \$35 million dollar makeover to their facility. The hotel has been transformed to a warm and tranquil travel oasis. They have 3 outdoor pools, a putting course, an arcade, they are adjacent to SeaWorld & Aquatica, and it is a quick trip to the convention center. Please visit the Florida region website at www.FloridaVolleyball.org for hotel prices and event information.

Team check-in will be Friday, April 16th from 6 – 9pm in Hall NB. Just a reminder to all **Club Directors**, please make sure to bring **ALL** medical release forms to team check-in. Also, **ALL USAV** members must have their membership card to participate in the event!

ORLANDO CONVENTION AID INFORMATION

Orlando Convention Aid has partnered with the Florida Region of USA Volleyball to help you make the most of your time in fun filled Orlando. The Convention Aid has the best **discounts** for attractions, restaurants, golf, nightlife, transportation, shops and so much more!



Make your visit the best ever by using our website for discounts, dinner reservations, to book your customer event, or to purchase discount attraction tickets! If you would like discounts for the Girl's Jr. Regional Bid Championships and the Girl's Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships, please visit our website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, and click on the Girl's Jr. Regional Bid Championship Logo and scroll down to the bottom of the page or call 407-248-8629 for more information.

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REGIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY



The 2010 Florida Region Awards Ceremony will be Friday, May 7, 2010 at the Double Tree Resort in Orlando. We are excited to announce this year's guest speaker, **Don Yaeger**...what a treat! He is a Bestselling Author, Journalist, Former Sports Illustrated Editor, Media Coach, Motivational Speaker, & Cancer Survivor. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to hear **Don Yaeger's** experiences because it is very inspiring, motivating and captivating.

Awards will be presented in over 30 different categories for coaches, club directors, players, officials, parents and the coveted Hall of Fame induction. Visit our website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, and click on the Regional Awards Ceremony logo to purchase your tickets. Hurry seating is limited to 250, so get your tickets now!

GIRL'S JR. REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2010 Girl's Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships will be May 8th-9th, 2010 in Hall NA at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. This tournament is for Girl's Junior teams ages 10U-18U. All teams **MUST** register through AES (Advanced Events Systems.com) **No later than April 9th, 2010**. Teams may play up. **NO bids will be awarded at this event!**



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A reminder to all **Club Directors**, please make sure to bring **ALL** medical release forms to team check-in. Also, **ALL USAV** members must have their membership cards to participate in this event!

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REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Every two years we hold elections for the Regional Board of Directors in the Florida Region. This year the following three positions are up for election: **Secretary/Treasurer, Outdoor Chair, and Official's Chair**. Individuals should have experience in the respective position, be a member in good standing of USAV, and live in the Florida Region. They must also be willing to serve the entire 4-year term and attend 4 meetings per year. Nominations closed on March 31st. Voting will begin in April and will conclude on May 31st. The individuals selected will begin their term in office on July 15th. Good luck!

REGIONAL RANKING INFORMATION (JR. GIRLS)

The Florida Region Ranking Reports are available on our Region website on the Indoor VB page. The Ranking Report is normally updated within 3-5 days **AFTER** a Florida Region ranking tournament takes place.

The Regional Ranking Guidelines have been approved by the Regional Ranking Committee and are available on our website as well. The Ranking Committee meets monthly to review the standings. **IMPORTANT:** Clubs that wish to challenge the rankings prior to the Regional Bid Championships and the Regional Volleyball Championships may submit a formal challenge with the head-to-head results of the team(s) they are challenging. Challenges must be submitted 3 weeks prior to the tournament to be considered! Check out the rankings and guidelines at www.FloridaVolleyball.org (click on Indoor VB).

FACEBOOK REMINDER

Come join our group of friends and get daily updates on what is occurring in the world of Volleyball. It is an easy way to remain in touch the volleyball community. We make daily updates on volleyball tournaments and other events across the state of Florida. Please come find us on the web and become part of the Florida Region Volleyball Family.



MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

Our current membership count as of April 1, 2010 is 7,900 members. Our goal for this year is 10,000 members.

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