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FROM THE REFEREE STAND – DARIN CLARK

I'd like to congratulate our newest additions to our growing family of Certified Junior Regional Referees. These young ladies have displayed exemplary dedication, focus, and professionalism in the performance of their duties as an R2 (Second Referee). My adult referees all know that when they see that their junior R2 is wearing one of these patches, they can breathe a little easier because they have proven themselves very knowledgeable of the rules, protocols, and techniques involved with the performance of their duties as a second referee. They were awarded a referee kit that included their Certified Junior Official Patch, Certified Junior Referee Pins, a Fox 40 Whistle & Lanyard, a set of Red & Yellow Cards, a Commemorative 30 Year Anniversary Flipping Coin, and last, (but not least) a "Volleyball Star" bracelet...because they truly are stars in the field of junior officiating. Thank you ladies!

- Congratulations are in order for:**
Alexis Gandhi - Palm Beach Juniors 12 National S
Dana Skelly - Sham-Roxz 16's
Sara Watkins - Inland Volleyball Club 17-Elite
McKenzie Wilcox - Palm Beach Juniors 12 National S
Emily Grace Woodbury - Club Storm 17 Black
-- Fantastic job ladies!

A note to club directors and coaches:
 I am going to be presenting a suggestion to the board that starting in the 2013 season, any team that has both a **Certified Jr. Referee** and **Certified Jr. Scorekeeper** working on a match, will NOT be required to have a rostered adult performing one of the duties (they will, however, still have to remain courtside at all times during the match). More news on this to come...

Darin Clark
 Officials Chair
 Florida Region of USA Volleyball



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we head “full steam” into the month of July, I want to take a few moments and highlight some of the exciting things that are happening here in Florida.

- We currently have 13 clubs/33 teams from the Florida Region competing in the **2012 USAV Girls’ Jr. National Championships** in Columbus, OH.
- In the coming days we will have 9 clubs/22 teams from the Florida Region competing in the 2012 **USAV Boys’ Jr. National Championships** in Dallas, TX.
- Last month we held our first ever **Boy’s Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships** in a convention center venue (6 courts) and we also had the largest number of boy’s teams competing in that event (39 teams). Thank you to the Broward County Convention Center and the Ft. Lauderdale Convention & Visitor’s Bureau for their help in making this possible.
- Later this month our **Team Florida Beach HP All-Star** delegation will travel to Hermosa Beach, CA to compete in the **2012 USA Beach HP Championships**. We will send 8 teams (16 athletes) along with 4 coaches/staff to represent the Florida Region.
- Also, later this month our **Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star** delegation will travel to Des Moines, IA to compete in the **2012 USA HP Championships**. We will send 5 teams (60 athletes) along with 18 coaches/staff to represent the Florida Region. This will be our 12th straight year of fielding a Team Florida Indoor HP program.
- Our **USAV Dig the Beach Tour** and our **ROX Jr. Series** is going well. Despite the two rain events that have hit us so far this season, we have still averaged 250 teams at each of our beach tour stops. Beach volleyball is gaining popularity and we are very appreciative to the athletes/families that have traveled to our various events across Florida. See the tour information page if you would like to join us at any of our remaining beach tour events.

Finally, on July 27th the eyes of the world will focus on the **2012 London Olympics** and the opening ceremonies. Our USA Volleyball teams (beach, indoor, & sitting) will compete against some of the best teams in the world to represent the USA and once again “Go for the Gold”. With many of our teams being ranked in the top 5 in the world, we could very easily repeat the medal count that was achieved in Beijing. All of the game times are located on the HOME PAGE of the Florida Region website. As we confirm television airtimes, we will post that for our members to help you stay in touch with our USA Volleyball teams.

On behalf of our Florida Region Staff and Board of Directors, we all hope that you will join us as we celebrate the USA during the month of July!

Steve Bishop
Executive Director/President

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CLUB HIGHLIGHT – VISION VOLLEYBALL CLUB

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 **Stephanie Wyatt** and **Vision Volleyball Club** will be highlighted.

Q: Tell us how you got started in volleyball?

A: I played volleyball in High school and College. I absolutely loved the game! I then was out of the volleyball world for about 15 years. In 2005 I was hired as the Athletic Director of Cornerstone Academy and at that time the volleyball program at our school was in its infancy. The school was also looking for a volleyball coach. I attended a clinic that our principal had set up and was intrigued by the changes to the game. After that I took on the position of Varsity volleyball coach and began to grow our program it became a passion for me. I started investigating and looking into the clubs in Gainesville and began meeting with the club Directors and High school coaches in our area. I wanted to learn everything I could about coaching. I became a student of the game.



Q: How long have you been coaching volleyball?

A: I have been coaching volleyball for 7 years

Q: What are all the job titles you currently hold? How do you manage all of those responsibilities?

A: First and foremost I am a mother of seven amazing children, 5 boys and 2 girls ranging in age from 9-20 years old. I am also the athletic Director and Head Volleyball Coach at Cornerstone Academy, finally I am the Director and Founder of Vision Volleyball Club and I coach the 14 National Team and the 11U team. The reason I can manage all of these responsibilities is because I have a team of driven, motivated, passionate and caring people that work along side of me. My husband and kids are supportive and helpful and are also passionate about my VISION!

Q: What do you like to do in your “spare time”?

A: Actually, I do not have much spare time....my passion is Kids, my own and all the others that I have the privilege of having in my life. I am either attending a baseball, basketball or football game cheering on my kids or coaching volleyball. I also love to celebrate birthdays, events, special times in my children’s and our friends and families life. Whenever possible we will SERVE others through, missions, meals or just finding away to help others.

Q: What made you decide to start a club in Gainesville?

A: After researching the different club options in Gainesville, I saw that so many girls were not playing volleyball because either their families could not afford the cost of travel volleyball, or could not commit to the amount of travel time required due to other commitments. Also they may not be an " Elite" volleyball player YET but they still would like the opportunity to be coached and want to be a part of a team. Hence, VISION Volleyball club was born. It is an affordable option in which every girl has the opportunity to play!



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Q: What sets your club apart from other clubs in Florida?

A: Vision volleyball club promotes an atmosphere where athletes and coaches learn to SERVE. Each team is required to do a Service project together. As a club we also do Food Drives and collection of items for our Troops. WE believe that if the girls understand the importance of servant leadership, serving others both on and off the court, they will become excellent teammates and citizens.

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

A: We offer specific camps and clinics for girls ages 7-11. We also participated in Mini Club in order to offer more affordable options for the younger beginner athletes.

Q: What would you attribute your club success in the past years?

A: When I started the club 3 years ago I had no idea that we would grow so rapidly. We had hoped to have 5 teams and in our first season we trained 15 teams and over 75% of the girls had never played club volleyball before. I believe that we have been successful due to staying true to our Mission. This mission promotes Christian values. We believe in leading by example and coaching by encouragement and motivation not by Fear. We believe that every athlete has a gift and talent and it is our job as coaches to find out what that is in every athlete and then promote and build that in each athlete and ultimately in each team.

Q: If you could brag about your club, what would you say?

A: We are a TEAM! As Coaches and parents we work together to develop EVERY girl no matter their level of play. Every team is important from the State level, Regional level to the National level. Every team and every girl deserves our time! We believe this is a privilege to coach these young athletes and every coach is committed to train and grow these athletes to develop in skill and character.

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

A: I am excited about the growth of volleyball in the Florida Region! The current leadership understands the value of youth volleyball and is committed to excellence. The level of play continues to grow and I believe is some of the toughest competition in the country. I look forward to continued growth in the future!

*Thanks Stephanie for participating in the Club Highlight. The Florida Region wishes you and your club success in the 2012/2013 season! Stay tuned for next month's Club Highlight to learn about **Jason Morris** and **Ocala Power Volleyball Academy**.*

2012 BJRVC RESULTS

The **2012 Boys' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships** took place on June 9-10 in Ft. Lauderdale at the Broward County Convention Center. This year's team participation was the highest in Florida Region history with a total of 39 teams!

Congratulations to the following teams!

14U Gold Division

- 1st – OBV 14 Quiksilver
- 2nd – Longwood VBC 14
- 3rd – JJVA 14
- 3rd – Toreros 14



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14U Silver Division

- 1st – Miami Select 14
- 2nd – Orlando Gold 14 Black

15U Gold Division

- 1st – Orlando Gold 15 Black
- 2nd – OBV 15 Quiksilver
- 3rd – Orlando Gold 15 Gold
- 3rd – VPA 15

16U Gold Division

- 1st – Orlando Gold 16 Black
- 2nd – OBV 16 Quiksilver
- 3rd – Florida Suns VBC 16
- 3rd – VPA 16

17U Gold Division

- 1st – Orlando Gold 17 Black
- 2nd – OBV 17 Quiksilver
- 3rd – Longwood VBC 16
- 3rd – Longwood VBC 17

17U Silver Division

- 1st – Orlando Gold 17 Gold
- 2nd – All-Star VBC 17

18U Gold Division

- 1st – OBV 18 Quiksilver
- 2nd – Southern Storm 18
- 3rd – IMUA 18
- 3rd – Miami Select 18 Red



For a complete list of results, please visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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The next Dig the Beach Tour Stop is July 14-15 in Siesta Key Beach! Register online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

Jul 14-15 Siesta Key Open & ROX Jr. Series Tour Stop, Siesta Key Beach

Jul 28-29 Ft. Lauderdale Open & ROX Jr. Series Championships, Ft. Laud Beach

Aug 4-5 Clearwater Open & DTB Tour Championships, Clearwater Beach

Register online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org. The deadline to register online is 5pm on the Wednesday prior to the respective event!



2012 TEAM FLORIDA BEACH HP ALL-STAR PROGRAM

We are proud to announce that **ROX VOLLEYBALL** has agreed to continue as the Official Outfitter of the **Team Florida Beach HP All-Star Program!** Thank you to **ROX VOLLEYBALL** for their support of the Florida Region! Visit www.RoxVolleyball.com to check out the *hottest* volleyball apparel on the beach!

Congratulations to the 2012 Beach HP All-Stars who will represent Florida at the 2012 Beach HP Championships this summer in Hermosa Beach, CA!

G17U - **Tanner Gauthier/Hannah Richards**
G19U - **Victoria Penrod/Sophia Servideo**
G19U - **Savannah Davis/Sydney Shinn**
G19U - **Brittany Pellitteri/Macie Tendrich**
G19U - **Danielle Dodge/Meghan Conway**
G21U - **Kristina Pellitteri/Stephanie Pellitteri**
B19U - **Hector DeCastro/John Sparkman**
B19U - **Wade Jarvin/Joey Aubrey**



Delegation Coaches & Staff:

Program Director - **Steve Bishop**
Program Assistant - **Heather Cormier**
Beach Coach 1 - **Rita Crockett, FIU**
Beach Coach 2 - **Danalee Corso, FSU**
Beach Coach 3 - **Cindy Phillips, Pro Athlete**

Here is the proposed timeline for our 2012 program:

Jul 14 - Team Florida Beach HP Training Camp in Siesta Key, FL
Jul 16 - Team Florida Delegation meets in Orlando
Jul 17 - Travel Day from Orlando, FL to Los Angeles, CA
Jul 18-22 - USAV Beach HP Championships in Hermosa Beach, CA
Jul 23 - Travel Day from Los Angeles, CA to Orlando, FL

For more information on the Beach HP Program, please visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org!

USAV INDOOR HIGH PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's USAV Indoor High Performance Championships will take place July 24-28 in Des Moines, IA.

Congratulations to the 2012 Florida Region athletes who were selected to represent Florida this month in Iowa! Here is what one parent had to say about their daughter's Team Florida experience last year:

"We are very blessed to be a part of a phenomenal club in the Florida Region but if you ask our daughter what her favorite volleyball experience is she will tell you "HP Team Florida". She also indicated that there was no need to attend camps next summer as she already gets the best coaching from her HP coaches. She has been fortunate to participate in the past three HP competitions and each year the experience gets better. The friends and experiences she gains each year continue to shape who she is as an individual. The high expectations from Steve Bishop and the staff and coaches are crucial in developing athletes who not only participate at the highest level but lead by example off the court as well. We consider it a privilege to participate!" B.L.



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TEAM FLORIDA INDOOR HP ALL-STAR STAFF:

Program Director - [Steve Bishop](#)
Asst. Director/Technical Coordinator - [Steve Benson](#)
Program Assistant - [Krissy McKane](#)



TEAM FLORIDA INDOOR HP ALL-STAR COACHES: WOMENS INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR (WIJ)

Head Coach - [Isaac Raphael](#), Bethune Cookman Univ.
1st Asst - [CJ Sherman](#), JJVA
2nd Asst - [Robby Baker](#), Naples VBA

GIRLS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (GIY)

Head Coach - [Lynze Roos](#), Lynn University
1st Asst - [Tony Cothron](#), Hillsborough CC
2nd Asst - [Lakisya Killingsworth](#), Bethune Cookman Univ.

GIRLS NATIONAL SELECT (GNS)

Head Coach - [Brian Imperiale](#), Florida Southern
1st Asst - [Katie Sanders](#), USA South
2nd Asst - [Anthony Dacanay](#), Vision VBC

BOYS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (BIY)

Head Coach - [Rob Holley](#), JJVA
1st Asst - [Greg Villareal](#), Miami Matadors
2nd Asst - [Roger Peluso](#), Ransom Everglades

BOYS NATIONAL YOUTH (BNY)

Head Coach - [Tom Snodgrass](#), Orlando Gold VBC
1st Asst - [Linda Gomez](#), OVA
2nd Asst - [Orlando Catalan](#), Embry Riddle

Once again, we would like to THANK ASICS for their amazing support of the Team Florida HP Program since 2006! For more information on the Team Florida HP All-Star Program, please visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org!

2012 USAV GIRLS' & BOYS' JNC

Best wishes to our Florida Region clubs heading to the 2012 USAV Girls' Jr. National Championships in Columbus, OH! (33 Total Teams)

- Gainesville Juniors
- Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association
- Miami Elite Volleyball Club
- Ocala Power Volleyball Academy
- Orlando Volleyball Academy
- Pinellas Heat Elite
- Prostyle Tallahassee Volleyball Club
- Tampa Bay Juniors
- Tampa United Volleyball Academy
- Top Select Volleyball Academy
- Tribe Volleyball Club
- USA South Volleyball Club
- Wildfire Volleyball Club



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Best wishes to our Florida Region clubs heading to the 2012 USAV Boys' Jr. National Championships in Dallas, TX! (22 Total Teams)

- Florida Sons
- IMUA
- Longwood Volleyball Club
- Miami Select Volleyball Club
- Ocean Bay Volleyball Club
- Orlando Gold
- Pinellas Heat Elite
- Tampa Bay Invaders
- VPA

2012 BOD ELECTION RESULTS

Election results for the 2012 Board of Director Election are now posted:

COMMISSIONER

- Mary Andrew, 435 Votes (72.5%)
- James Phillips, 124 Votes (20.7%)
- David Crowder, 36 Votes (6.0%)
- Bob Nichols, 3 Votes (0.5%)
- Write-In, 2 Votes (0.3%)

INDOOR CHAIR

- Sam Skelton, 458 Votes (77.4%)
- Nancy Cothron, 75 Votes (12.7%)
- Shanon Lewis, 56 Votes (9.5%)
- Write-In, 3 Votes (0.5%)

Congratulations to **Mary Andrew** and **Sam Skelton**. They will assume their new positions on July 15, 2012!

DISTRICT JR. FORUM MEETINGS

Save the date! The dates for the **District Junior Forum Meetings** are as follows:

- o August 11 – DISTRICT 4
- o August 12 – DISTRICT 3
- o August 18 – DISTRICT 1
- o August 19 – DISTRICT 2

Please check the website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, for updates on meeting locations and times.

USAV MEMBERS IN THE NEWS – TORI PENROD

Congratulations are in order for Florida Region Member, Tori Penrod, who will be attending Mercer University in the fall on both indoor and sand volleyball scholarships! Tori was gracious enough to let us in on what it takes to be both an indoor and outdoor volleyball athlete.

Q: How did you get involved with volleyball?

A: I had never heard of volleyball until two of my friends played a season of rec volleyball. I went and watched them a few times and instantly loved the game. I tried out in 6th grade with them but did not make the middle school team. This pushed me to learn the game and I made the team the following year. I have played ever since and I am extremely happy that I found volleyball.



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Q: Did you play any other sports in High School? If so, what made you decide to stick with volleyball?

A: Besides playing Varsity Volleyball I was also a Varsity Cheerleader. I cheered me freshmen and sophomore year, but decided to only play volleyball for the remanding school years. I choose volleyball because I liked the competitive nature of the game and knew I wanted to play in college. In beach volleyball I love that you and your partner are in control of the game and that you make the outcome.



Q: Does your workout regiment differ in regards to training for indoor and training for outdoor volleyball? (take us through a typical workout routine for each)

A: I train 4 nights a week: 2 nights of indoor and 2 nights of sand. My workouts differ every night depending on my coaches.

Q: How do you juggle academics, sports, and a social life?

A: Playing both indoor and outdoor volleyball leaves very little time for other activities. Time management and organization is the key to being able to juggle academics, sports and social life. School and volleyball are going to take up most of your time and focus if you are serious about playing later on. Whenever I get free time during the week between school and practices I try to get as much homework done as possible. If I don't have any school work or volleyball practices that is when I hang out with friends. All athletes know that there is not a lot of room for social life; however you make many friends while playing the sport. For instance my beach partner and teammate Sophia Servideo is also my best friend.

Q: What advice would you give to younger athletes who aspire to play in college?

A: For all girls that want to play in college, you are at a time with great opportunities. With sand volleyball emerging as a NCAA sport your opportunity of playing volleyball has increased. I had just recently heard someone say that many players make excuses like I'm to short or I'm to slow but there is no specific way to play volleyball, you just have to find the way that you play. So my advice is become your own player and play the game that fits you best with passion and heart. Another tip is to always touch a ball whenever you can. I have a ball in every room in my house and I don't go a day without playing against a wall.

Q: What future goals do you have for your volleyball career?

A: I cannot wait to play both indoor and sand volleyball at Mercer University for Coach Elder. As far as the distant future, I look forward to becoming a professional beach volleyball player with dreams of going to the Summer Olympics and representing the USA.

If you or someone you know is making headlines, please let us know by contacting Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org. You could see your name in the next Issue of Vol-eNews!



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SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

The USAV Summer Membership option is now available! For \$20, you will have access to play in any USAV Dig the Beach tour stop or any affiliate tour stop this summer. Please contact Michele@floridavolleyball.org with any questions.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

As of July 1, 2012, the Florida Region has **11,962** members. We are on our way to meeting our goal of 12,000 members! Please let others in your area know about the playing, coaching, and officiating opportunities offered by USA Volleyball in the Florida Region.

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