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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to August! This month I am swapping articles with our new Commissioner, **Mary Andrew** so that she can adequately share her thoughts and goals with you. With that said, I want to welcome all of our new Board Members to their respective positions with the Florida Region. Please take a look at the complete list of new board members on page 5 of this edition of *Vol-eNews*.

I want to extend a personal THANK YOU to our outgoing Commissioner, **James Phillips** for his 12 years of service to the Florida Region in various roles. James had one goal, to make a positive difference in the Florida Region and in the sport of volleyball. Anyone that has been involved with our Region would agree that James accomplished his goal and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his tireless service. You can send a personal note to James here: james@FloridaVolleyball.org

As we wind down our USAV Dig the Beach Tour this month, I reflect back on the many great memories that were made hosting the largest beach volleyball events in the United States. Our largest event was in Siesta Key with 400 teams on 44 courts! We had a few weather issues along the way, but our crew and staff did whatever was necessary to make sure that the show would go on. For that, I salute each of them and ask you to join me by posting a Facebook note if you enjoyed playing on the beach tour this year. (www.facebook.com/FloridaRegion)

The 2012/2013 indoor season is right around the corner and I look forward to seeing each of you at one of our upcoming indoor events next season!

Steve Bishop, Executive Director
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LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Dear Members of the Florida Region,

It is with great pride and humility that I accept the elected position of Commissioner of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. I wish to thank all of the members of the region who voted in the election as I feel the democratic process is the most important concept of our American culture. It is valued across the world and we stand as examples of the process for others to follow. I am also sincerely grateful to those who voted for me and I will sincerely attempt to meet your expectations as one of the leaders of the Florida Region.

James Phillips, Shanon Lewis, Steve Bishop, the board, the JAB and the region staff are to be congratulated for the tremendous accomplishments they have achieved in the past four years. The region has grown in numbers, strength, competitiveness, offerings of programs, and efficiency under this leadership. The region sponsored tournaments are growing every year, the HP program has established itself as one of the best programs in the country, the youth beach tour is the largest in the country, our officials are excelling at the national level, more and more teams are qualifying for the national tournament and more clubs start up and join the region each year.

These are all great accomplishments, but the real heroes in this story are the players, parents, directors, coaches, staff and officials of the Florida Region. So, congratulations to all the players, coaches, directors, officials, staff and parents of the Florida Region for your commitment to the sport of volleyball, for your hard work in the gym, for your hard work at fundraisers, for your hours on the road and in the air, and for your continued support of and membership in the Florida Region.

As your new commissioner my vision is to continue the excellence that we have achieved to this date as and to bring a renewed spirit of support and cooperation to the Board of Directors. In this process I will seek to foster an environment of positive but business like responsiveness at the board level and throughout all of the committees. I want the Florida Region staff and Board to become more aware of your concerns and desires and to find ways where possible to make appropriate and responsive changes. This means we will work to be efficient and responsive, but it also means that we will need your help. We will need your communication of concerns as well as your positive feedback. This region has not maxed out its potential – we can be even stronger and better in accomplishing our mission and being a value our members. Our mission is to promote the sport of volleyball and to provide competitive opportunities for our membership. I will stay true to that mission and I will seek your input and help in continuing to make the Florida Region the **best** region in USA Volleyball and hopefully the most fun!

Thank you,

Mary F. Andrew
Commissioner





CLUB HIGHLIGHT – OCALA POWER VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY

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 **Jason Morris** and **Ocala Power Volleyball Academy** will be highlighted.

Q: Tell us how you got started playing volleyball.

A: Began playing volleyball 10 years ago while in the police academy.

Q: How long have you been coaching volleyball?

A: I began coaching volleyball 6 years ago with the brick city volleyball club.

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

A: I am currently the director of the Ocala Power volleyball academy as well as the head coach of the Vanguard volleyball program. I can't begin to explain how much of my job relies on the help of others. At Ocala Power and Vanguard High School I have an amazing group of volunteers and an awesome board. The success of the club and school is not the result of ant one person but a group of people working towards a common goal.

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

A: In my spare time I love to workout, spend time with my family and hang out with my friends.

Q: Does Ocala Power have a beach volleyball program? Why or why not?

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

A: We have girls as young as 7 participating in camps and our club season. Two years ago we had a 12 year old two woman team qualify for nationals in beach volleyball. We as a club are working hard to provide the young ladies in this town the highest level of coaching and every avenue possible to play in college.

Q: How many of your club kids have gone to play college volleyball? What colleges?

A: In just 3 years of starting this club we have helped approximately 20 girls reach their goal of playing in college. We have girls playing at the University of Miami, Middlebury College in Vermont. Central Florida College, Rollins, Stetson, Florida gulf coast, university of Tampa, Florida Atlantic University and a former high school player of mine is playing at the University of Florida. I think this is what makes us the most successful club in Ocala hands down. It's a great family environment and we as an organization work hard to provide the girls in Ocala an opportunity to play at the next level.



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Q: What would you consider to be your club's biggest accomplishments in volleyball?

A: Well we have qualified 3 teams for USAV nationals in 3 years and are the only club in the history of Marion County to do so. This year our 17 s team had a 3rd place finish at AAU nationals and our 15s team won AAU nationals and finished 5th at USAV nationals. We also have already began having girls on our 17s team begin making verbal commitments to colleges.

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

A: We have a new facility which holds three courts and again I have to attribute this to the hard work of the coaches, parents, players, board members and volunteers.

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

A: I look forward to the continued growth of this sport in our region.

*Thanks Jason 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 **Dean Barboza** and **Tribe Volleyball**.*

USAV DIG THE BEACH TOUR

The last Dig the Beach Tour Stop of the year is August 4-5 in Clearwater Beach! Register online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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Photo Courtesy of: Dan Payette

Thank you to Dig the Beach, ROX Volleyball, the Staff, Crew, Officials, & Tour Partners for making this an unforgettable year in beach volleyball!



HIGH POINT AWARD WINNERS – USAV DTB TOUR

Congratulations to the following high point award winners for the 2012 USAV Dig the Beach Tour and the ROX Jr. Series:

- G18-Kaylee Anderson, Sydney Shinn
- G16-Shelby Babowicz, Amber Davis
- G14-Bailey Babowicz, Daisia Grafton
- G12-Paige Canevari, Mariah Walker
- G10-Marley Banton, Madelyn Anderson
- G8-Ashlyn Banton
- B18-Wade Jarvin, Jake Cibula, Nicholas Salvatore
- B16-Joey Aubrey, Tyler Crickenberger, Hector DeCastro
- B14-Andrew Jacobs, Anthony Servideo
- B12-Ethan Shinn, Roger Ceballos, Grant Strong

Note: High Point Awards will be given out at the conclusion of the Clearwater Open on Sunday, Aug 5, 2012!

DISTRICT JR. FORUM MEETINGS

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

DISTRICT 1 - Saturday, Aug 18, 2012

[Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites](#)
213 SW Commerce Drive
Lake City, FL 32025
Tel: 386-754-1411

DISTRICT 2 - Sunday, Aug 19, 2012

[Courtyard Orlando-Lake Buena Vista](#)
8623 Vineland Avenue
Orlando, FL 32821
Tel: 407-938-9001

DISTRICT 3 - Sunday, Aug 12, 2012

[Holiday Inn - Lakewood Ranch](#)
6231 Lake Osprey Drive
Sarasota, FL 34240
Tel: 941-782-4400

DISTRICT 4 - Saturday, Aug 11, 2012

[Holiday Inn - Palm Beach Airport](#)
1301 Belvedere Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
Tel: 561-659-3880

1. NEW CLUB DIRECTOR ORIENTATION - 8:30am to 10am

This meeting is for any new club that would like to affiliate with the Florida Region and add USAV teams to their club.

2. INDOOR JUNIOR CLUB DIRECTOR MEETING - 10am to 4pm

This meeting is MANDATORY for all Indoor Jr. Club Directors! We will provide lunch for the Club Directors attending this meeting. Roll call will be taken at 10am and again at the conclusion of the meeting to verify attendance.



3. INDOOR IMPACT TRAINING - 9am to 1pm

This training is for new volleyball coaches and is free to all USAV registered members. Non USAV members must pay \$50 to attend the IMPACT training class.

4. CLUB ADMIN TRAINING - 2pm to 4pm

This training class is for any Club Admin that uses the USAV WebPoint online registration system or AES event management system for their junior club.

NOTE: Mandatory meeting for all new clubs!

NOTE TO INDOOR JR. CLUB DIRECTORS - The Indoor Jr. Club Director Meeting is MANDATORY for all Club Directors. If you are unable to attend the meeting in your District, you may attend another District meeting to fulfill the requirement. Please do not send a representative from your club to attend the Indoor Jr. Club Director Meeting..the Club Director of record must attend. Proxies are not available for this meeting! (Note: Any USAV Indoor Jr. Club that does not attend a DJF meeting will be responsible to pay a \$500 fine and will not be recognized as a club in "good standing" until the fine is paid.)

Note: Lunch will be provided for Club Directors only! All other guests and attendees will have to make separate arrangements if they will be attending during the lunch break. Thank you for your cooperation!

BOD POSITION CHANGES

Effective August 1, there have been some changes to the Board of Directors and we would like to welcome the following individuals to their new positions within the Florida Region:

- Mary Andrew, Commissioner/Board Chair [mary@FloridaVolleyball.org]
- Doug Darling, Asst. Commissioner (Appointed) [doug@FloridaVolleyball.org]
- Sam Skelton, Indoor Chair [sam@FloridaVolleyball.org]
- Carrie Prewitt, JAB Representative (Appointed, replacing Sam Skelton) [carrie@FloridaVolleyball.org]

JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RECAP

This year marked the highest number of teams in Florida Region history to represent Florida at the Junior National Championships! The 2012 USAV Girls' & Boys' JNC took place Jun. 28 - Jul. 7 in Ohio and Jul. 1 - Jul. 8 in Texas, respectively. Congratulations to the following teams for their top finishes at the JNC's!

Tampa Bay Jrs. 18's – 1st Place – 18 Open
OVA 13 ASICS – 1st Place – 13 National
Top Select 17 VB Rags – 1st Place – 17 American

Congratulations to all the teams that participated! For a complete list of results, please visit AES.



USAV INDOOR HP CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

A total of 98 teams competed in the USAV High Performance Championships at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa, July 24-28. The Florida Region was represented by 5 teams - 60 athletes, 15 coaches, and 3 staff. Congratulations to the **Girls National Select Team** (pictured below) for winning a **Bronze Medal** in the **Gold Division**: *Jenna Smith, Samantha Mueller, Alexi Dean, Emma Dixon, Payton Caffrey, Bailey Williams, Alyssa Zwolensky, Abigail Zimroth, Jenna Culhan, Kimeko Bennett, Alejandra Rodriguez-Lopez, Jenna Hampton, Head Coach Brian Imperiale (Florida Southern), and Assistant Coaches Katie Sanders (USA South) & Anthony Dacanay (Vision VBC).*



Final results for the 2012 Team Florida HP All-Stars:

- GNS – 3rd Place Gold, 8-1 record
- GIY – 4th Place Gold, 4-5 record
- BIY – 4th Place Bronze, 2-6 record
- BNY – 1st Place Flight 1, 6-2 record
- WIJ – 1st Place Flight 3, 4-4 record



Congratulations to the all the HP athletes and coaches for another outstanding year! The Florida Region would also like to recognize and thank **ASICS** and **1st Place Volleyball** for outfitting and branding the entire HP delegation!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

It's that time again! **Membership Renewal** time is here for all current and future USAV members. You will notice on your membership cards that it expires October 31st, 2012. You can renew your membership, **AFTER** September 1st, by visiting our website and logging into your account. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (352)742-0080.



2012 USA BEACH HP CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Approximately 125 boys' and girls' beach volleyball teams competed at the 3rd Annual USA Volleyball Beach High Performance Championships on July 18-22 in Hermosa Beach, California.

The Florida Region Beach HP Delegation was led by Steve Bishop and Heather Cormier, along with guest coaches Rita Crockett (sand volleyball coach at FIU), Danalee Corso (sand volleyball coach at FSU), and Cindy Phillips (Pro Beach Player & Owner of Club Beach Dig).



Congratulations to the following Team Florida Beach HP All-Star teams for their finishes at the 2012 USA Beach HP Championships in Hermosa Beach:

- 3rd-Gold Div: U21 **Stephanie Pellitteri/Nina Pellitteri**
- 1st Bronze Div: U19 **Tori Penrod/Sophia Servideo**
- 2nd-Bronze Div: U19 **Hector DeCastro/John Sparkman**
- 3rd Bronze Div: U19 **Wade Jarvin/Joey Aubrey**
- 3rd-Bronze Div: U17 **Hannah Richards/Tanner Gauthier**
- 1st -Copper Div: U19 **Sydney Shinn/Savannah Davis**

THANK YOU to ROX VOLLEYBALL for, once again, outfitting the entire Beach HP Delegation!!

CLUB RENEWAL REMINDER

All club directors must renew their clubs by September 1, 2012. Only clubs that complete this requirement by the deadline will be recognized as an official USAV Club. You can renew your club by viewing our website's FORMS page and clicking on the **2012 Club Information Form** located under the **Club Management** heading. Contact Michele Sisser, Florida Region Registrar, at msisser@floridavolleyball.org with any questions.



OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

- The U.S. women's beach volleyball team of **Jen Kessy** and **April Ross** guaranteed that they will advance from pool play when they defeated Netherlands' No. 9 Marleen Van Iersel and Sanne Keizer, 21-15, 12-21, 15-8 on Tuesday at the Horse Guards Parade venue. Kessy (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.) and Ross (Costa Mesa, Calif.) are first time Olympians and seeded No. 4 in the tournament. They are now 2-0 in pool play and guaranteed to advance to the first round of single-elimination play.

DID YOU KNOW? At Beijing 2008, the gold medals were won by the USA (men) and Brazil (women).

- The U.S. men's beach volleyball team of **Phil Dalhausser** and **Todd Rogers** guaranteed they would advance from their Olympic Games pool on Tuesday with a 19-21, 21-16, 15-13 win in 58 minutes over Spain's No. 11 Pablo Herrera Allepuz and Adrián Gavira Collado at the Horse Guards Parade venue. Dalhausser (Ormond Beach, Fla.) and Rogers (Santa Barbara, Calif.) are the defending Olympic champions and seeded No. 2 in the tournament. They are 2-0 in Pool B. Herrera and Gavira are 1-1. Dalhausser and Rogers will go for the pool victory on Thursday, Aug. 2 against No. 14 Petr Benes and Premysl Kubala of Czech Republic.

DID YOU KNOW? The famous set and spike play is thought to have been invented in the Philippines.

- The U.S. men's beach volleyball team of **Jake Gibb** and **Sean Rosenthal** ensured it would advance to the next round of the 2012 Olympic Games with a 21-10, 21-16 victory in 37 minutes over Latvia's No. 16 Aleksandrs Samoilovs and Ruslans Sorokins (2-0).

DID YOU KNOW? A five-a-side game similar to volleyball was played in the Middle Ages.

- The **U.S. Olympic Men's Volleyball Team** have won 10 consecutive Olympic Games matches dating back to 2008, but the streak will be put to the test Thursday, Aug. 2, as it plays 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist and No. 1 Brazil at 8 p.m. local time (noon PT) at Earls Court in London.

DID YOU KNOW? The first Olympic Volleyball competition was held in 1964, when the gold medals were won by the Soviet Union (men) and Japan (women).



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- **Kerri Walsh** and **Misty May-Treanor** have never lost an Olympic match, and Monday night, July 31, which was May-Treanor's birthday, was no exception. Though they were out of sync from not having played together since Beijing, when their partnership ended and they ostensibly retired to start a family and focus on teaching, respectively, the duo still managed to beat the Czechs, who held their own, as the finishing scores of the two sets, 21-14 and 21-19, demonstrated.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

The Florida Region has reached our milestone of **12,000** members! Thank you to all of our members for supporting USA Volleyball! 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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