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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE OUTDOOR CHAIR

Florida Region Members,

I am pleased to announce that the 2013 schedule for beach volleyball is now available! With other states snowbound, beach volleyball has been continuing to bring people to the beaches and parks for our fantastic sport all year long. The first event for the Florida Dig the Beach Tour is set for May 11-12 and affiliate tours are still adding events to the schedule. The Florida Region is managing the tour again and is looking to improve upon last year’s experience. With the approval of a 12 court sand volleyball complex in the city of Leesburg and plans for a new Florida HP Championship, Florida will continue as a premier state for year round play on the grass or the beach.

Look for ongoing clinics for officials, coaches, directors and players. This sport will continue to grow in numbers as collegiate programs add women’s volleyball as an intercollegiate sport. I look forward to hearing about your experiences and feedback in order to improve our region in all aspects; from officiating, coaching, leading or playing.

Have a great outdoor experience!

Nancy Cothron
Outdoor Chair

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to April 2013. We are half-way through the indoor season and the outdoor season is right around the corner. In Florida we have concluded our Florida Tour of Champions, which included the following events:

- Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star tryouts
- Wilson Friday Night Adult Tournament Series
- Assistance to Coaches Clinics by Nick Cheronis
- IMPACT Clinics

I want to thank the Daytona Beach 100 (Daytona Beach), the JJVA Jax Jam (Jacksonville), the Cloverleaf (Ft. Lauderdale), and the Molten Pre-Q (Tampa) for their continued participation in our annual tour of champion events. In this edition you will find the top finishing teams from our 2013 Florida Tour of Champions. These teams will win FREE entry into the 2013 Girl's Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships.

As of this writing, we have had 20 teams win bids to their respective USAV Jr. National Championships (16 girl's teams & 4 boy's teams). Later this month we will award another 21 teams with National and American bids at the 2013 ASICS Girl's Jr. Regional Qualifier. A complete list of teams can be found on the Florida Region website under the 2013 Bid Information tab.

Coming up in the next couple of weeks, we will post the invitations to our 2013 Team Florida HP development and training camps. This is always a highly anticipated time for the junior athletes that attended a Florida tryout. We look forward to another great season of HP camps and also to co-hosting the world at the 2013 USA Indoor High Performance Championships in Ft. Lauderdale.

Finally, in case you haven't heard, we are very excited about our 12th Annual Florida Region Awards Ceremony scheduled for Friday, April 19th at the DoubleTree Resort in Orlando. Our guest speaker, **Sinjin Smith**, is a legend in the sport of beach volleyball and he will help us celebrate our theme: *Beach Volleyball – Past, Present, & Future!* Tickets are on sale now and we only have a limited amount of space available in the ballroom. Please make plans to join us as we celebrate our award winners and spend an evening with beach volleyball legend **Sinjin Smith**.

We hope you are having a great season!

Steve Bishop, Executive Director
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2013 FLORIDA TOUR OF CHAMPIONS WINNERS



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Congratulations to the winners of the 2013 Florida Tour of Champions! The following teams were the top finishing teams in their respective age division. They will win **free entry** into the **2013 Florida Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships**.

18U – USA South 18 Branch

Cloverleaf, Molten Florida Pre-Q

17U – Juice 17 Diamonds

Daytona Beach 100, Molten Florida Pre-Q

16U – Power 16N-C323

Daytona Beach 100, JJVA Jax Jam

15U – Power 15N-M1720

Daytona Beach 100, JJVA Jax Jam

14U – St. Pete 14 Teal

Daytona Beach 100, Molten Florida Pre-Q

13U – Pinellas Heat 13 Heat

Daytona Beach 100, Molten Florida Pre-Q

12U – FSVBC Suns 12

JJVA Jax Jam, Cloverleaf

11U – Pinellas Heat 11 Elite

Daytona Beach 100, Molten Florida Pre-Q

*The Club Highlight portion of Vol-eNews will return next month as we learn more about **Maria Hardwick** and **Power Volleyball Academy**!*

AVCA THIRTY UNDER 30 – DANNY MAHY

As announced by the **American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA)** on Mar. 14, Florida Gulf Coast volleyball assistant coach Danny Mahy has been named to the "Thirty Under 30" list for the second time in the last three years

Q: What are some of your accomplishments/awards in your career as a volleyball coach?

- Asst coach won the 2001 National Championship in Jr. College
- 2002 runner up
- FGCU the won conference in 2008 and 2012
- Runner up 2009 2011
- Interim Head Coach for 3 matches....won all 3
- Won 2 qualifier championships in 2010



Q: What is the best piece of advice you can give to your club players when it comes to their dreams of playing in college someday?

Find the right fit. When I recruit to the campus I asked them if volleyball is not an option (bored, injured, etc.) do you see yourself at that school? Get the full college experience outside of athletics....don't fall into the pressure of coaches having you commit so soon.

Q: What is your most valued item on your desk or in your office? What is its significance?

A picture of me and my grandmother, who raised me. She passed away 4-5 years ago. It sits right between my phone and computer and I look at it everyday.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

At FGCU...as long as they keep me around. I've been there since 2003 when it started. To see where it has come from 10 years ago to today and the success we've had with volleyball and basketball (we are in the sweet sixteen) it's remarkable! To be a part of something from the beginning to today...I am blessed! In 5 years I still see myself part of FGCU.

2013 GIRLS' JR. REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

What: 2013 Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships

When: April 20-21, 2013

Where: Orange Co. Convention Cntr.

Hall NA & NB- Orlando, FL

Who: For Girl's Junior Teams 10u-18u

44 Courts - Up to 352 Teams!

Wave Assignments (FINAL) - As of Mar. 20, 2013

AM Wave (8:00AM): 10u, 11u, 12u, 16o, 16c, 17u, 18u

PM Wave (2:30PM): 13u, 14u, 15u

Admission for fans/spectators is \$10 per day.

We will also offer a two-day pass on Saturday for \$15.





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2013 ASICS GIRLS' JR. REGIONAL QUALIFIER

What: [2013 ASICS Girls' Jr. Regional Qualifier](#)

When: April 27-28, 2013

Where: Orange Co. Convention Cntr.
South Hall A - Orlando, FL

Who: For Girl's Junior Teams 12u-18u
44 Courts - Up to 352 Teams!

Wave Assignments (**FINAL**) - As of April 1, 2012

AM Wave (8:00AM): 12u, 13u, 14u, 18u

PM Wave (2:30PM): 15u, 16u, 17u

Admission for fans/spectators is \$10 per day.

We will also offer a two-day pass on Saturday for \$15.



2013 BIDS

Congratulations the following teams for winning bids to the 2013 Girls' Jr. National Championships in Dallas, TX!

OPEN BIDS

- OVA 14 ASICS, 14 Open - Disney Showcase
- OVA 17 ASICS, 17 Open - Disney Showcase
- OVA 18 ASICS, 18 Open - Disney Showcase
- Top Select 15 Nike Elite, 15 Open - Big South JNQ
- Tribe 14 ROX, 14 Open - Northeast JNQ

NATIONAL BIDS

- OVA 12 ASICS, 12 National - Big South JNQ

USA BIDS

- Gainesville Nike 14, 14 USA - Colorado Crossroads JNQ
- OVA 13 ASICS, 13 USA - Mideast JNQ
- Power 15 Nat'l-M1720, 15 USA - Mideast JNQ
- MCJ 14 National Collins, 14 USA - Big South JNQ
- Gainesville Nike 15, 15 USA - Big South JNQ
- Ocala Power 16 ROX, 16 USA - Big South JNQ
- JJVA 16N, 16 USA - Big South JNQ
- USA South 18 National Danny, 18 USA - Big South JNQ
- Treasure Coast 18 Janaina, 18 USA - Big South JNQ
- Tribe 13 ROX, 13 USA - Northeast JNQ

AMERICAN BIDS

- Gainesville Nike 15, 15 American - Mideast JNQ
- Gainesville Nike 12, 12 American - Big South JNQ

Congratulations to the following teams for winning bids to the 2013 Boys' Jr. National Championships!

OPEN BIDS

- Tampa Bay Invaders, 18 Open - FL Fest
- Orlando Gold 16 Black, 18 Open - FL Fest
- MOJO 14's, 14 Open - FL Fest
- Orlando Gold 17 Black, 17 Open - Nittany



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USAV DIG THE BEACH TOUR

The first beach event of the year is coming up in Clearwater – May 11-12!

The Florida Dig the Beach tour stops in 2013 will take place in 5 of the most desirable beaches in Florida:

- May 11-12*** Tour Kickoff & ROX Jr. Series Stop, Clearwater Beach, FL
- Jun 1-2*** Ft. Myers Open & ROX Jr. Series Stop, Ft. Myers Beach, FL
- Jun 15-16*** Siesta Key Classic & ROX Jr. Series Stop, Siesta Key Beach, FL
- Jun 29-30*** Ft. Lauderdale Classic & ROX Jr. Series Stop, Ft. Lauderdale Beach, FL
- Jul 13-14** Siesta Key Open & ROX Jr. Series Stop, Siesta Key Beach, FL
- Jul 27-28** Ft. Lauderdale Open & ROX Jr. Series Stop, Ft. Lauderdale Beach, FL
- Aug 3-4** Clearwater Open & ROX Jr. Series Championships, Clearwater Beach, FL
- Aug 17-18** DTB Tour Championships, Location TBA



***2013 Florida Beach HP All-Star Ranking Events**
Register online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org!

2013 TEAM FLORIDA WAVE ATHLETE HIGHLIGHT

#12 JORDANA PRICE

Height: 6'1

Position: Middle Blocker

Hometown: Mountain Home, Idaho

Club Team: Club Idaho 18's Gold

College Team: Florida State University

Q: What are some awards and recognitions you are most proud of in your volleyball career?

The awards and recognitions that I am most proud of are:

- I was a part of the first outright ACC Championship team in Florida State Volleyball history.
- My team and I finished in the Elite-Eight in the country, and were one win away from making the final four.
- I led the Atlantic Coast Conference in blocks per set my senior year and won one of three post graduate scholarships provided to only three students from each university within the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- I received the Most Influential Player award being nominated by teammates and coaches my senior year.
- I was a part of the Exterminator's team which won the first PVL National Championship in 2012.
- Professionally, my team in Switzerland called VFM played for the Swiss Final Championship in 2012.





Q: Who has impacted your volleyball career the most and why?

This is an extremely tough question but I would have to say that the people that always told me I would never make it, the ones that doubted me are the ones that impacted me the most. They gave me the fire and the desire to pursue my dream and become the best player I could.

Q: What advice could you give to junior volleyball athletes on what it takes to be a successful volleyball athlete?

I would tell junior volleyball athletes that being a successful player is more than just having great skill or talent; it's about caring for your teammates and coaches, it's about working hard in school and being a good role model within the community and even if you don't realize how special it is to be a student-athlete everyone else around you sees that and is looking up to you. Being a part of a team is the most amazing experience and I would suggest that you don't take one second for granted! Last but not least...be a go getter make sure you chase your dreams never give up!

You can catch Jordana and the other women's WAVE athletes in action on Apr 6 in Gainesville as they take on the University of Florida Gators! They'll also be competing on Apr 20 as we host the first PVL Tournament in Orlando. This event will be in conjunction with the 2013 Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships...stop by and get an autographed poster!

10 NICK JENSEN

Height: 6'9

Position: Middle Blocker

Hometown: Denmark

College Team: Webber International University

Professional Experience: Danish Senior National Team

Q: Tell us about your current job.

Currently, I am studying for my MBA degree at Webber International University while playing beach volleyball for the school's program. On the side I work as a private tutor in different business subjects.

Q: Who has impacted your volleyball career the most and why?

Coach Fred Sturm, head coach of the Danish National Team, has influenced my volleyball career the most. He gave me the opportunity to practice and play with players on a higher level. It gave me a chance to improve my own skills and experience the demands of professional volleyball.

Q: What advice could you give to junior volleyball athletes on what it takes to be a successful volleyball athlete?

Never stop trying. It is up to yourself how far you can go. If you put in the hours and the effort, you have the chance to accomplish exactly what you want. Take any opportunity you can to get better and keep pushing yourself to get to the next level.





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Come out and support Nick and the rest of the team at the 2013 ASICS Girls' Jr. Regional Qualifier on Apr 27 in Orlando in the first men's PVL tournament in Florida history...hope to see you there!

You can find more information on the men's & women's Team Florida WAVE programs by visiting, www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

5TH ANNUAL SIESTA ON FIESTA – APRIL 12-14

Friday, April 12

- NCAA Sand Dual Matches 12noon-Dusk
- Open Team Practices 2pm-Dusk
- Individual Team Practices: TBD

Saturday, April 13

- Siesta Sand Pairs Challenge Pool Play 8:30am-10am
- Fiesta Team Cup Pool Play 10am-1:30pm
- Siesta Sand Pairs Challenge Pool Play 2pm-6pm
- Fiesta Team Cup Play-Offs 2pm-6pm

Sunday, April 14

- Siesta Sand Pairs Challenge Play-Offs 8:30am-2pm

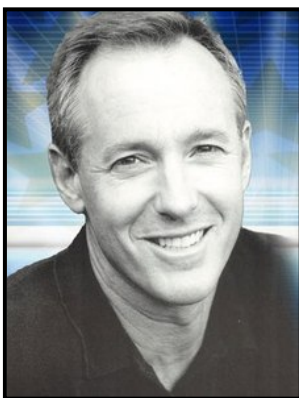
Click here to see a full list of the colleges who will be competing:

<http://www.fiestaonsiestakey.com/>



FLORIDA REGION AWARDS CEREMONY

We are excited to announce that this year's guest speaker will be none other than volleyball legend Sinjin Smith! Smith has competed in more beach volleyball events than any other player. He and Carl Henkel tied for fifth at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Smith played his first pro open in 1977 with beach volleyball legend Ron Von Hagen before winning his first title with Mike Normand the same season. Smith was the second volleyball player to be inducted into UCLA Sports Hall of Fame (1991, Ernie Suwara the first). A former member of the U. S. National team (1979-1982), Smith led UCLA to two National Championships (1976 and 1979) while earning All-American honors. He was the Most Valuable Player in the 1979 championships. His college jersey (#22) was retired March 4, 1992 at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. Named Christopher St. John



Smith, "Sinjin" is the Old English pronunciation of St. John. He has been featured in more than 20 commercials while appearing in several television series, including "Magnum PI." He also starred in Tri-Star Pictures release "Side Out!." He has also authored a book ("Kings Of the Beach") and has a Nintendo Video game under same title. He and his wife (Patty) have three boys.



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Tickets are now on sale...seating is limited! Visit our website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org to buy your tickets and reserve your seat!

2013 AWARDS CEREMONY INFO

Date: Friday, Apr 19, 2013
 Location: DoubleTree Resort, Orlando, FL
 Time: 6:30pm Reception, 7:00pm Ceremony Begins

TICKET SALES

\$20 per person in advance
 \$175 per table (seats 10)
 \$25 per person at the door
 *No Charge for Children under 12



OUTDOOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

2013 LOCAL BEACH TRAINING CLINICS:

Apr 12, 2013 - LOCAL CLINIC - Siesta Key, FL
 Meet @ Siesta Key Beach (Fiesta on Siesta Event)
 9:00am to TBD (Plan for All Day)
 Registration \$25

May 11, 2013 - LOCAL CLINIC - Clearwater, FL
 Meet @ Clearwater Beach by Pier 60
 9:00am to TBD (Plan for All Day)
 Registration \$25

2013 ZONAL BEACH TRAINING CLINICS:

May 10-12, 2013 - ZONAL CLINIC - Clearwater, FL
 Meet @ 6:00pm on the 10th (Plan for All Day Saturday)
 Classroom Site TBD, Practicals at Clearwater Beach
 Register w/ USAV

Register online @ www.FloridaVolleyball.org!

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This year, we have teamed up with Orlando Convention Aid to help you make the most of your time in Orlando. Available discounts include restaurants, golf, attractions, nightlife, shopping and much more. Each listing offers detailed information and discount coupons that can be printed. They can also make your dinner reservation, book your group dinner party or event. This web site will help you plan your time during your stay in Orlando.

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SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

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

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

As of April 1, 2013, the Florida Region has **11,036** members. We met last year's goal of 12,000 members and look forward to meeting our new goal of 13,000 members! Thank you to all of you 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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