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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE INDOOR CHAIR

Region Members,

What an exciting season!! I want to thank all the Directors, Coaches, and especially the players and parents for making this our best season yet. It has been exciting to see how you are continuing to excel in the sport and drive the Florida Region as one of the best Regions in the nation.

The past two weekends were filled with great volleyball and highlights.

The awards ceremony was a fun time honoring players, parents, coaches and volleyball enthusiasts with a special appearance from Sinjin Smith (King of the Beach). Then we followed it up with the Regional Championships the next two days, WOW what a great time. The following weekend we hosted the Regional Qualifier, as teams competed to represent our great Region at Nationals. Congratulations to all the teams who qualified! All of Florida is behind you, represent well, we are proud of you!!

This year the 2013 USA High Performance Championships will be hosted in Ft. Lauderdale so let’s have a strong showing to support our Florida athletes! Remember beach season is now here so look on our webpage to see how you can continue the fun outside. Lastly, I would like to encourage you to follow our very own Men’s & Women’s Team Florida Wave Pro Teams through out the summer.

As the Indoor Chair it has been a privilege to serve you this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us as we are always looking for better ways to help you, promote our sport, and continue to reach new horizons for our great Region. Our board and staff truly enjoy serving you - the volleyball community.

Sam Skelton
Indoor Chair



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to May! Our indoor season in Florida has officially concluded and we have a brief moment to catch our breath before our outdoor season begins. The 2013 indoor season went quickly and we are very proud of the following highlights:

- 🏐 Hosted our Annual Education Weekend in Orlando and offered educational opportunities for over 200 coaches and officials
- 🏐 Hosted 5 indoor HP all-star tryouts across Florida with over 650 participants
- 🏐 Produced several men's & women's Team Florida WAVE exhibition matches to introduce the teams to Florida Region members
- 🏐 Co-hosted the 2013 Florida Tour of Champions in Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, and Tampa
- 🏐 Hosted 309 teams at the 2013 Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships and 333 teams at the 2013 ASICS Florida Jr. Regional Qualifier in Orlando, FL
- 🏐 Awarded 32 bids at the ASICS Florida Jr. Regional Qualifier
- 🏐 Hosted our 12th annual Florida Region Awards Ceremony in Orlando with beach volleyball legend Sinjin Smith
- 🏐 Presented over 30 awards and inducted the 16th and 17th members into the Florida Region Hall of Fame. (Congratulations to Connie Denaburg and Rich Hubbard!)
- 🏐 Awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to Florida Region high school seniors

I want to personally thank our many staff and volunteers that helped us make each one of these events a success. It is great to know that when we all pull together that we can accomplish great things.

Now, on to outdoor volleyball...we will kick off the 2013 Florida DTB Tour and the ROX Jr. Series at the beautiful Clearwater Beach on May 11th & 12th. It should be a great start to the tour as ROX Volleyball joins us once again for the ROX beachwear fashion show on Saturday, May 11th at Crabby's on the beach.

We have many exciting things happening in Florida and we invite you to join us at an event near you.

Steve Bishop, Executive Director
Florida Region of USA Volleyball

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CLUB HIGHLIGHT – 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 **Maria Hardwick** and **Power Volleyball Academy** will be highlighted.

Q: Tell us how you got started in volleyball?

A: I was raised playing sports. I played volleyball in junior & senior high. Went to play at FL Southern as a walk on and made the team.

Q: How long have you been coaching volleyball?

A: I have been coaching volleyball for 25 years.

Q: What would you consider to be your biggest accomplishment in volleyball?

A: Reaching the Regional Finals in High School in Volusia County. Seeing kids lives changed through a Christian Impact and them not only desiring to learn in volleyball but also wanting to grow closer to Christ.

Q: What or who has been most inspiring to you, either personally or professionally?

A: Personally, would be my Mother and Father. My father would take me and spend time training and coaching me in different sports. My mom would manage the teams at times and always be at games cheering me on in whatever sport I played. Professionally, Billy Graham, because he gave a quote that has always challenged me as a coach. He said “A coach can make more of an impact in one season than a pastor can in a whole lifetime”. Dani Johnson has been a recent inspiration in business, with always instilling a spirit of excellence and always going after your dreams. She has challenged me to continue to be a dream reacher not just a dream wisher.

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

A: Pictures of my niece (7) and nephew (5) who live in Alaska. It is significant because they are family and I love them so much even though we do not see them all the time. Knowing that the quality time we spend together, I have had the privilege of helping to mold young lives and who in return have enlarged and hold a special place in my heart. Also, there is a small volleyball lamp on my desk and it reminds me that God’s Word is a lamp unto our feet that we are to be the light of the world and that is a prayer for our club that each young person and team would be a light wherever they go and play.

Q: Do you recall any memorable stories with Power Volleyball Academy?

A: I remember in our first or 2nd year as a club, the Christian Group “The Power Team”, came into town for a show. I took the entire club, since we were also the Power Teams ☺, to watch. Three people accepted Christ that night and many got back into church.

I remember sitting and interviewing, our present coaching director, Brian Goodhind, 3 years ago and God gave me a peace and I knew he was to be a part of our club and that he would make an impact. I trusted in him immediately and the next week we



were in a training conference in California. And in the past three years he has helped to change our club and make that impact that I knew he would.

I also, remember, sitting at a tournament in Ocala with our 14 National team at the time during our break. One of the girls randomly said, Coach Maria, would you get us a facility? "I said sure!! (Members of our advisory council had been looking previously for a place already) I said what would you like to see in it? The team began to give me a list of things. The place we were looking at the time had a majority of their list was in it. Three months later, we had tryouts in that place.

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

A: We are Family!! I am so thankful for the LOYAL families we have that have been with us through the mountain tops and the valleys over the years - that our club cares about our kids. We have a team of coaches, who are committed to our club that will drive almost two hours to train our kids two - four times a week. They believe in what this club is about and its mission. We train our kids to be excellent on the court as well as off the court. We have coaches that will stay later to work on a skill with players, we have coaches that will come along side our kids and help them with their homework. We have coaches that will pray with and for our kids and families. We have kids that want to sleep at our facility and play 24/7. We have kids that want to bring and have brought so many "Firsts" to our club. We have kids that bring encouragement to other teams. We have parents that roll up there sleeves and are willing to pitch in to help with anything we need done. Our club has the name of Power, because it comes from II Timothy 1:7 "For God does not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of POWER, Love and Self-Discipline". We have a name that gives strength to our players, and we believe in the Name above every name - "Jesus". He is our source of "Power".

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

A: At first our seniors were not interested in playing in college, but as our club has grown stronger our last two years, we have had 100% of our seniors sign at colleges - which is very exciting. They have gone to Bryan College in Tennessee, Benedictine University in Illinois, Webber International University in Babson Park, Lake Sumter College, St. John's College in Palatka, Stetson University in Deland, just to name a few!!

Q: What future plans do you have for your club?

A: We have just moved in to a new facility in Lake Helen, which has four full courts with A/C, we are adding sand courts in the back, we will be adding a strong sand and beach program as well as a boys and girls youth programs, we will have a possible expansion for more space and courts in a few months. We will be adding more national teams, and a desire I have is to add a volleyball mission trip in the future overseas.

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

A: I believe it will continue to grow in the future and really expand its grassroots program. I appreciate how it develops different opportunities to meet the needs of its



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members and realize that sometimes new methods are needed to reach a new generation. I also, look forward to the changes that our Florida Region Commissioner, Mary Andrew, will make and thank her and the region staff for the due diligence in making this region one of the top regions in the nation. For more information about Power Volleyball Academy, go to our website www.powervolleyballacademy.com, or call the director at 386-785-5174 for any questions.

*Thanks Maria 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 **Chris Zimmerman** and **Hurricane Volleyball**.*

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, St. Augustine Beach, FL

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



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2013 TEAM FLORIDA BEACH HP ALL-STAR PROGRAM



The **Team Florida Beach HP All-Star program** was the first beach HP delegation formed in the US. In 2011 & 2012 the Florida delegation competed in the USAV National Beach HP Championships in Hermosa Beach, CA. Beginning in 2013, the Team Florida Beach HP All-Star program will change directions and participate in the new Florida Beach HP Championships. The top five (5) junior teams from Florida in each age division along with top teams from across the US will be invited to participate in the 2013 Florida Beach HP All-Star Championships.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Elite Level Competition
- 5 Florida Teams per Age Div.
- 3 Day Championship Format
- Team & Individual Competitions -ROX Volleyball Apparel
- College Sand Volleyball Coaches
- Officials for All Championship Matches
- Lodging, Breakfast, & Lunch Included



FLORIDA BEACH HP ALL-STAR RANKING EVENTS

- MAY 11-12 – CLEARWATER KICKOFF & ROX JR. SERIES TOUR STOP
- JUN 1-2 – FT. MYERS OPEN & ROX JR. SERIES TOUR STOP
- JUN 15-16 – SIESTA KEY CLASSIC & ROX JR. SERIES TOUR STOP
- JUN 29-30 – FT. LAUDERDALE CLASSIC & ROX JR. SERIES TOUR STOP

Fill out the form online, www.floridavolleyball.org, to express your interest in being considered for the 2013 Team Florida Beach HP All-Star program!

2013 TEAM FLORIDA WAVE ATHLETE HIGHLIGHT

#10 KRISTY JAECKEL

Height: 6'2
Position: OH
Hometown: Littleton, CO
College Team: University of Florida



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

- 2011 AVCA Second Team All American
- 2011 Capital One Academic All American of the Year
- 2011 National Player of the Week (October 4)
- 2010 AVCA All American Honorable Mention
- 2008,2009,2010,2011 All SEC Team
- SEC Champion 2007,2008,2010
- 2007,2008,2009,2011 USA A2 Team Member

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

A: My parents, my older sister Lauren, and my coaches at Front Range Volleyball Club. Lauren is the one who first started playing volleyball, so if it wasn't for her I would have never played. She introduced me to the sport and has been there for me

since day one. My parents because without their love and support my career wouldn't exist. They have always been there for me, through good and bad, and always been positive and encouraging of me. I couldn't ask for a more supportive family. And my Front Range Coaches because they taught me how to work hard, love the game, and to always play to win.

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

A: Nothing will ever help a player more than hard work. The more hours you spend in the gym getting reps and playing, the better you will become. I think it's being able to find the joy and passion in volleyball during the tough moments and always striving to be a better playing than you are today that makes an athlete great.



Photo by Steve Wellmann

#11 MIKE IANDOLO

Height: 6'7

Position: S

Hometown: Orlando, FL

College Team: Lewis University

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

A: Getting my 1,000th kill my senior year of high school, Top 25 underclassmen to watch 2003, Feb 50 2005, Youth National Training team 2005, Junior National Training team 2006, Being a letter winner at Lewis University, MIVA All-Conference 1st Team 2009, 2010,

MIVA All-Conference 2nd Team 2008, Academic All-Conference 2007-2010, 1st in Career Rally Scoring Era Assists and 3rd all-time at Lewis University, 3rd in Individual Season Service Aces, 2nd in Individual Season Service Aces Per Game at Lewis University.

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

A: Former Head Coach, current boss, and friend- Dan Friend. He gave me a chance to transfer to Lewis and start over. Also helped mold me into a true setter and is now helping me learn coaching at the collegiate level.

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

A: Play as much volleyball as you can. Indoor, grass, sand- it doesn't matter, the more touches you get the better you will be. It also takes dedication, working out, and doing well in school because not doing well will keep you from playing. Also, always push the envelope on what you're able to do.

The Women's Team Florida WAVE will be competing in the **2nd Annual Women's PVL Championships** in Louisville, KY May 25-28! The Men's Team Florida WAVE will be traveling to Reno, NV to compete in the **1st Annual Men's PVL Championships** in June (in conjunction with the Boys' JNC)! You can find more information on the men's & women's Team Florida WAVE programs by visiting, www.FloridaVolleyball.org.



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2013 BOYS' JR. REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **2013 Boys' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships** will take place June 15-16 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. Admission into the Boys' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships is **\$10** per day or **\$15** for a two-day pass.

For additional information and hotel accommodations, please visit the Florida Region website. **NOTE:** Boys' teams participating in the 2013 USAV Boys' Jr. National Championships must attend the 2013 Boys' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships!



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Florida Region is proud to announce the following individuals as the Florida Region Scholarship Award recipients for 2013:

(\$500 Scholarships)

ASICS "Sound Mind, Sound Body" Scholarship – Josie Corbett & Jessika Hester

Florida Region Scholarship – Dylan Hall

1st Place Volleyball Scholarship – Mackenzie Conley

Rox Volleyball Beach Scholarship – Kaylee Anderson

Dig The Beach Scholarship – Sophia Servideo

Commissioner's Scholarship – Katie Ann Truluck & Danielle Glinka

Mark Headrick Memorial Scholarship – Caroline Jordan & Delanie Hansen

Ned DeGroot Memorial Scholarship – Kim Adams & Matthew Clayton

Ben Jordan Memorial Scholarship – Jonny Gomez & Ashton Stocker

Florida Hand Therapy & Rehab Scholarship – Jordan Wilson Talmadge

Thank you to those whose donations have made it possible to award these scholarships year after year! If you are interested in making a donation to the Florida Region Scholarship Fund, please visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

FLORIDA REGION AWARD WINNERS

The **2013 Florida Region Awards Ceremony** was held on April 19, 2013, at the Double Tree Resort in Orlando, FL. Thank you to **Sinjin Smith**, our Guest Speaker!

Congratulations to those individuals and teams who were recognized at the awards ceremony for their commitment to the sport of volleyball!



2013 FLORIDA REGION AWARD WINNERS

Ashley Morrison Jr. Referee Award – **Caitlin Clark**, Tampa Elite

Outstanding Jr. Scorekeeper – **Madeline Furtado**, Palm Beach Jrs.

Outstanding Jr. Officiating Team – **JVA 14R-1 Miriam**

Outstanding Jr. Coach, 12U-14U – **Katie George**, Sideout VBC

Outstanding Jr. Coach, 15U-16U – **Eric Praetorius**, Tampa Elite

Outstanding Jr. Coach, 17U-18U – **German DeValle**, Top Select VBA

Outstanding Male Coach – **James McHugh**, Florida Sons/Suns VBC

Outstanding Female Coach – **Virginia Kelly**, OBV

Most Improved Jrs. Club – **Power Volleyball Academy**



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Outstanding Club Director – **Landon Thomas**, USA South VBC
Outstanding Tournament Director – **Sam Cibrone**
Outstanding Adult Male Player – **Juan Ramirez**, Team Florida WAVE
Outstanding Adult Male Player – **Adrian Carambula**, Pro Beach Athlete
Outstanding Adult Female Player – **Jordana Price**, Team Florida WAVE
Outstanding Adult Female Player – **Kristen Batt**, Pro Beach Athlete
Outstanding IMPACT Clinician – **Joel Dearing**, USAV CAP Cadre
Ben Jordan Golden Whistle Award – **Jennifer Williams**, International Scorer
Outstanding Service Award – **David Jester**, David Jester Photography
Extra Mile Award – **Gordon Mayforth**, Team Florida WAVE
Extra Mile Award – **Carol Hudson**, Ft. Lauderdale CVB
Meritorious Service Award – **James Phillips**, Past Commissioner
Bruce Perry Volleyball Ambassador Award – **Tony Cothron**
Ernest Langford Pioneer Award – **ROX Volleyball**
Florida Region Hall of Fame Inductee – **Connie Denaburg**, Cape Coast VBC
Florida Region Hall of Fame Inductee – **Rich Hubbard**, Naples Juniors

OFFICIALS CLASS OF 2012

Congratulations to the officials from the Class of 2012!

Joe Liguori – Jr. National Official
Joe Donnelly – National Referee
Tom Eagen – National Referee
Kimberley Harrell – National Referee
Scott Lowery – National Referee
Laurie Obreza – National Referee
Rachael Stringer – National Scorer
Jennifer Williams – International Scorer
Mike Gale – International Referee (Class of 2011)

The Class of 2013 will be announced at the end of the summer on the Florida Region website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

OUTDOOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

2013 LOCAL BEACH TRAINING CLINICS:

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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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 May 1, 2013, the Florida Region has **11,192** members. We 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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