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WELCOME NOTE

FROM THE COMMISSIONER...

Happy New year to all of our Florida Region members! The New Year is a time to reflect on the past year and a time to look forward to new horizons. Together as players, coaches, officials, parents, directors, staff, and volunteers we have accomplished much in the past year and in regard to our primary mission to provide multiple and varied playing opportunities for the people of Florida, I think we hit the target dead center. Of course this does not mean we will sit on our laurels. As with any team, we will seek to achieve more improvement this year servicing our members and providing more new opportunities to play volleyball in our great state.

This year you can look forward to a national qualifier for girls in Florida, an improved and larger beach tour, more sand volleyball opportunities, a statewide grass tour, the addition of sitting volleyball in many areas, growth in the Premier Volleyball League and more grass roots educational programs.

Our board and region staff are committed to servicing our members and continuing the improvement in our program offerings. Thank you for all you do to grow this great game, to make a difference in people's lives, to contribute to your community, to assist the youth of our great state, and to promote the values of hard work, teamwork, respect, leadership and communication that are fostered through participating in the competitive and recreational areas of volleyball.

You are the best! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commissioner this past year and I look forward to another great year together in 2014.

Mary Andrew
Commissioner
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Looking back, our Florida Region volleyball family had another great year in 2013. We are very excited about what 2014 holds.

Just recently, we announced our new partnership with the NVL/ROX Beach Series to help manage a national grassroots beach volleyball tour in the US. This is exciting news and will allow the Florida Region to be part of a national movement to "Grow the Game" in partnership with the NVL and ROX Volleyball.

Another exciting initiative on the outdoor scene is our partnership with the Florida Sports Foundation as we gear up to launch the Sunshine State Grass Volleyball Tour in Florida. This tour will have seven stops between Aug 2014 and Nov 2014.

On the indoor professional side, the PVL is about to announce a partnership with Olympians Lloy Ball and Stacy Sykora. These well know Olympians have signed on as the officials spokespersons for the PVL and will help promote the league with their celebrity status.

This coming weekend we are hosting 6-time NCAA championship coach Russ Rose at the Florida Region Art of Coaching Clinic in Daytona Beach. He will be joined by Oregon State head coach Terry Liskevych to train over 70 coaches.

There are several other exciting announcements that will be coming out in the February edition of Vol-eNews.

I hope that you enjoy this month's edition and that you have a great January!

Happy 2014!

Steve Bishop
Executive Director
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ART OF COACHING CLINIC...



Russ Rose, Penn State Terry Liskevych, Oregon State



January 4-5, 2014 in Daytona Beach!

The 2014 Florida Region Coaching Clinic (in partnership with The Art of Coaching) will allow coaches to interact and learn from two of the greatest volleyball coaches of all time.

Russ Rose (Penn State) and **Terry Liskevych** (Oregon State) will share their experiences, insights, drills, and coaching tactics over a two day period in Daytona Beach. The clinic has limited space, so register early to secure your spot.

Both classroom and on-court sessions will take place. (Note: Coaches will take part in on-court drills.)

Cost: \$225 per person.

Register online at:
www.FloridaVolleyball.org

FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL...

The 2014 Florida Volleyball Festival will combine tournaments, tryouts, and clinics into a unique volley festival atmosphere under one roof at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.



Tournaments for boys, girls, and adults! Clinics for coaches and officials!

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Boys' Pre-Q Tournament (14u-18u)
- Girls Club Cup Tournament (12u-18u)
- Molten Friday Night Adult Tournament Series
- Coaching Clinic (with Art of Coaching)
- Regional Official's Clinic
- National Official's Clinic
- USAV IMPACT Coaching Clinic
- Team Florida Boys Indoor HP Tryout
- Senior Adult Volleyball Tournament

Dates: Jan 3-5, 2014

Location: Daytona Beach Ocean Center

Visit the Florida Region website to see more details and the official schedule for each of the events.

Thank you to Sloppy Joes & the Wing House for hosting our adult player and coaches' parties. Come and help us kick off the 2014 indoor season!

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

2014 FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CALENDAR...



The long awaited 2014 Florida volleyball calendar is here.

- Devoted to Florida Volleyball
- 12 Months
- 11x17, Full Color
- High Resolution
- All US Holidays
- Great Action Shots
- Professional Photos
- Indoor & Outdoor Volleyball Pictures
- Makes a Great Gift
- Proceeds Support Scholarship Funds

Price: \$13.50 each. (Shipping is included.)

Order online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org

Thank you to Florida Region photographer David Jester!

FLORIDA TOUR OF CHAMPIONS...

The schedule for the 2014 Florida Tour of Champions is set.



- Feb 1-2: Daytona Beach 100 in Daytona Beach, FL
- Feb 15-17: Jax Jam in Jacksonville, FL
- Feb 22-23: Ft. Lauderdale Showcase in Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Mar 15-16: Molten Pre-Q in Tampa, FL

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

JUNIOR CLUB SPOTLIGHT...



Club: OBV (Ocean Breeze & Ocean Bay Volleyball Club)

Hometown: Boynton Beach, FL

Director: Mike Zarate

Founded: 2007

Programs For: Boys & Girls

Website:

www.oceanb.vballsystems.com

FLORIDA FEST BOYS' BID TOURNAMENT...



Join us at the world's most famous beach in 2014 for the 6th annual event.

Date: Feb 1-2, 2014

Location: Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, FL

Age Divisions: 14u/15u/16u/17u/18u

Entry Deadline: Jan 10, 2014

Team Fee: \$500 per team

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

USAV MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL...

Registration is open for the 2013/2014 USA Volleyball season. Register online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org. If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar, **Michele Sisser** at michele@FloridaVolleyball.org.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE...

For the 2013/2014 season our membership goal is 13,000 members.

As of Dec 31, 2013, we have 9,964 members!

Please let others in your area know about the opportunities offered by USA Volleyball in the Florida Region.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT...

We are proud to announce that ROX Volleyball has agreed to renew their strategic partnership with the Florida Region.



ROX Volleyball will be the official branding partner for the following programs:

- **Official Outfitter of the Team Florida Beach HP All-Star Program**

We want to extend a sincere THANK YOU to ROX Volleyball for their partnership! Please remember to support ROX Volleyball when you have outdoor apparel needs for your club!

Visit ROX Volleyball online at: www.RoxVolleyball.com.

SAFESPORT INITIATIVE...



You can learn more by visiting the Florida Region website (www.FloridaVolleyball.org) and clicking on the SafeSport logo. Join us in this initiative!

2014 INDOOR EVENT SCHEDULE...

Here is a complete list of the Florida Region hosted indoor events for the 2013/2014 season:

- **Jan 3:** Team Florida HP Tryout in Daytona Beach (Boys)
- **Jan 3-5:** Florida Volleyball Festival in Daytona Beach (Tournaments for boys, girls & adults...clinics for coaches & officials!)
- **Jan 31:** Team Florida HP Tryout in Daytona Beach (Girls)
- **Feb 1-2:** Florida Fest Boys' Bid Tournament in Daytona Beach
- **Feb 1-2:** Daytona Beach 100 (TOC Event) in Daytona Beach
- **Feb 14:** Team Florida HP All-Star Tryout in Jacksonville (Girls)
- **Feb 15-17:** JJVA Jax Jam (TOC Event) in Jacksonville
- **Feb 21:** Team Florida HP All-Star Tryout in Ft. Lauderdale (Girls & Boys)
- **Feb 22-23:** Ft. Lauderdale Showcase (TOC Event) in Ft. Lauderdale
- **Mar 14:** Team Florida HP All-Star Tryout in Tampa (Girls)
- **Mar 15-16:** Molten Pre-Q (TOC Event) in Tampa
- **Apr 19-20:** ASICS Girls' Jr. Regional Qualifier in Orlando
- **Apr 25:** Regional Awards Ceremony in Orlando
- **Apr 26-27:** Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships in Orlando
- **May 3:** Team Florida HP Development Camp
- **Jun 7-8:** Team Florida HP All-Star Training Camp in Orlando
- **Jun 14-15:** Boys' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships in Ft. Lauderdale

Questions can be directed to:
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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL UPDATE...

Congratulations to the following Florida colleges that advanced to the post season in December 2013.

Below you will see how far each Florida college advanced into the post-season playoffs:

NCAA DI

- Out After 3rd Round (Sweet 16)
 - Florida State Univ.
- Out After 2nd Round
 - Univ. of Florida
- Out After 1st Round
 - Jacksonville Univ.
 - Univ. of Miami

NCAA DII

- Out After Quarterfinals (Elite 8)
 - Univ. of Tampa
- Out After 3rd Round (Sweet 16)
 - West Florida Univ.
- Out After 2nd Round
 - Florida Southern
 - Rollins College
 - Flagler College
- Out After 1st Round
 - Palm Beach Atlantic
 - Eckerd College
 - Saint Leo Univ.

We are very proud of our FL colleges and we offer a special congratulations to Florida State Univ. and Univ. of Tampa for advancing the farthest in 2013!

To see a complete list of Florida colleges with volleyball programs, visit the Florida Region website and click on the LINKS tab.

OFFICIALS UPDATE...

The significant rule changes for the 2013/2014 USAV season along with an extensive resource of training materials can be found here:



IMPORTANT INFO FOR INDOOR JUNIOR CLUBS...

All athletes and coaches are required to attend USAV officials training and complete the test to become certified. Training may be delivered using any of the following methods:

1. Individual Training Done Online
2. Group Training Done Online
3. Group Training Done By An Approved Clinician

Reminder...at least ONE of the work team members must be a USAV registered and rostered adult! The adult member may be the R2 or perform one of the duties at the table!

Visit: www.FloridaVolleyball.org and click on "Junior Work Team Information" under the OFFICIALS tab for additional details.

FLORIDA WAVE UPDATE...

The Florida WAVE indoor professional volleyball teams are planning for another exciting year in 2014!



Both teams will travel to Phoenix, AZ in late May to compete in the 2014 PVL Championships. Additionally, both teams plan to compete in several exhibition matches and at least one PVL sanctioned competition during the season.

The coaches for the 2014 season have been confirmed.

MEN'S TEAM:

- Head Coach - **Steve Benson**
- Asst. Coach - **Rob Holley** (JJVA)
- Asst. Coach - **Greg Villareal** (Barry Univ.)

WOMEN'S TEAM:

- Head Coach - **Nick Cheronis**
- Asst. Coach - **Brian Imperiale** (USF)

Openings exist for volunteer coaches that wish to get involved with the Florida WAVE. Please contact Steve Benson (sbenson@floridavolleyball.org) at the Florida Region office to apply.

Post-collegiate athletes that live in Florida and are interested in joining the squad should make plans to attend a Florida WAVE tryout. Tryout dates will be posted soon.

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

CORPORATE PARTNERS...



ASICS - The Official Outfitter of the Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star Program and the Florida WAVE Professional Volleyball Teams!



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www.1stplacevolleyball.com

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ROX Volleyball - The Official Outfitter of the Team Florida Beach HP All-Star Program!



Molten - The Official Volleyball for the Florida Region!

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Donna Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer
Sam Skelton, Indoor Chair
Nancy Cothron, Outdoor Chair
Darin Clark, Official's Chair
Steve Bishop, Executive Director/President
Plus two JAB members from below.

Junior Admin Board (JAB) Representatives:

***Lori Eaton**, District 4, Clubs I-O
***Carrie Prewitt**, District 1, Clubs T-Z
Landon Thomas, District 3, Clubs A-H
Russel Williams, District 2, Clubs P-S
*Designates voting Board member

INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE...

Internships are available for the following:

- Office/Administrative Intern
- Events Intern (Indoor)
- Events Intern (Outdoor)

Individuals interested in an internship should contact Michele Sisser, Office Manager at Michele@FloridaVolleyball.org.