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WELCOME NOTE

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

As we head into our second month of 2014, I would like to take a moment and update you on several important items that you should know about in the Florida Region:

- **Assistance to Coaches** – Our Florida WAVE women's pro team head coach, **Nick Cheronis**, will be offering FREE coaching clinics at each of our Florida Tour of Champions (TOC) stops across the State of Florida. Sign up online to reserve your spot and increase your coaching knowledge.
- **Molten Friday Night Adult Tournament Series** – We still have three stops left on our Molten Friday Night Adult Tournament Series. This series was created to give adult players, club coaches, and officials an opportunity to come together and enjoy some competition for a few hours on the night before the TOC begins. No uniforms! No formal scoresheets! No signup required. Check-in between 5:30p – 6:15p. Matches at 6:30p, 7:30p, & 8:30p. Winners get prizes!
- **Awards Ceremony Nominations** – The 13th annual Florida Region Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Apr 25th in Orlando. We need your nominations! Please nominate a coach, official, parent, club director, adult athlete, tournament director, or region leader. Deadline to nominate is Feb 28, 2014! Let us know who has made an impact on your life!
- **Scholarships for High School Seniors** – The Florida Region will present \$7,500 of scholarships to deserving high school seniors in 2014. The deadline to apply for consideration is Mar 14, 2014. Scholarships will be presented at the awards ceremony in Orlando.
- **Team Florida HP All-Star Tryouts** – There are several remaining Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star tryouts for interested youth and junior athletes. In 2014, we will field six all-star teams.
- **Florida WAVE Tryouts** – Coming up on Mar 16th, the Florida WAVE will hold an open tryout for both men and women in Orlando. Interested athletes should have exhausted their collegiate eligibility to be eligible. Up to 24 athletes will be selected for the Florida WAVE training rosters and exhibition matches.
- **Board of Director Elections** – It's election time in the Florida Region. The following positions will be up for election in 2014:
 - **Secretary/Treasurer**
 - **Official's Chair**
 - **Outdoor Chair**

Note: Nomination information along with the election schedule and the criteria for each position will be made available in the March edition of *Vol-eNews*.

You can find additional information on these topics in this edition of *Vol-eNews* and on our Florida Region website.

We hope that you are enjoying being a part of the Florida Region. Let us know how we are doing.

Best regards,

Steve Bishop
Executive Director
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2014 FLORIDA REGION AWARDS CEREMONY...



In 2014 we will celebrate our 13th annual awards ceremony. We have some of the greatest volleyball people in the Florida Region and they deserve recognition for their hard work and commitment to further the sport. Many thankless hours go into coaching a team, running a club, attending clinics, getting certified, planning events, and improving our Region every year. Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with the different awards we offer and our previous award winners and let us know about the volleyball people that have gone above and beyond to make our Region better.



We are accepting online nominations through Feb 28, 2014 on our Florida Region website: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

Awards Ceremony Info:
 Date: **Fri, April 25, 2014**
 Location: **Double Tree Resort, Orlando, FL**
 Times: **6:30pm Reception & 7:00pm Ceremony**
 Dress Code: **Business Casual/Standard**

Next month we will highlight our guest speaker...**Stacy Sykora**, 3-time Olympian!

TEAM FLORIDA INDOOR HP ALL-STARS...



The Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star program allows outstanding youth and junior volleyball athletes to play for college coaches and represent the Florida Region at an international volleyball tournament each year called the USA High Performance Championships.

The progression for athletes to be considered for a Team Florida HP All-Star team is as follows:

1. **TRYOUT** - All interested athletes must attend a tryout
2. **DEVELOPMENT CAMP** - 20-24 athletes per age division (Girls Select & Youth Only!)
3. **TRAINING CAMP** - 24-28 athletes per age division (All Ages)
4. **TRIP TO HP CHAMPIONSHIPS** - 12 athletes per team

In 2014, the Florida Region will field 6 teams:

- Womens International Junior (1995-1997)
- Girls International Youth (1998-1999)
- Girls National Youth (1998-1999)
- Girls National Select (2000 & After)
- Boys International Youth (1996-1998)
- Boys National Youth (1997 & After)

The 2014 USA HP Championships will take place at the Tulsa Convention Center in Tulsa, OK between July 22-26, 2014.

Girls Tryout Schedule:

- Fri, Jan 31, 2014 – Daytona Beach, FL
- Fri, Feb 14, 2014 – Jacksonville, FL
- Fri, Feb 21, 2014 – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Fri, Mar 14, 2014 – Tampa, FL

Boys Tryout Schedule:

- Fri, Jan 3, 2014 – Daytona Beach, FL
- Fri, Feb 21, 2014 – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Sun, Mar 16, 2014 – Orlando, FL

Athletes that are interested in attending a tryout should sign up online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

E-mail hp@FloridaVolleyball.org with questions.

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: \$12.50 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

Top finishing team in each division will win FREE entry into the Florida Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships.

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

JUNIOR CLUB SPOTLIGHT...



Club: Black Creek Volleyball Club

Hometown: Orange Park, FL

Director: Jason Berry

Founded: 2007

Programs For: Girls

Website:

www.blackcreekvolleyballclub.org

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/16u/17u/18u

Entry Deadline: Jan 10, 2014

Team Fee: \$500 per team

This year we anticipate giving out the following bids:

- 18u – 3 bids
- 17u – 2 bids
- 16u – 1 bid
- 14u – 1 bid

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org
(Click on Florida Fest logo)

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE...

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

As of Jan 31, 2014, we have 11,532 members which puts us at 89% of our goal.

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

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT...

We are proud to announce that Walgreens Co. has joined the Florida Region as our Official Retail Partner.

Walgreens will also be the presenting sponsor for the NVL & ROX Beach Series in Florida, a national beach tour in partnership with the Florida Region.

Walgreens has a mission to be a destination where health and happiness come together to help people get well, stay well, and live well.

Walgreens has 857 locations in Florida and a total of 8,541 locations across the United States and Puerto Rico.

This sponsorship will give Florida Region in-store display space in up to 250 stores across Florida to promote the sport of volleyball. We will share more information next month on how our Florida Region members can support this new sponsorship.

Visit Walgreens online at: www.Walgreens.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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NVL & ROX BEACH SERIES...

The NVL & ROX Beach Series is a national grassroots beach volleyball tournament series and affiliate membership program that supports existing beach volleyball club directors, tournament directors and facility owners nationwide.



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The series will provide a national ranking system for players competing in these sanctioned tournaments. The series will also provide a unifying platform to develop athletes and qualify junior and adult teams from selected sanctioned affiliate tournaments to the NVL/ROX Jr. Beach Global Challenge and the NVL Adult VolleyFest at Club Med each year in Port St. Lucie, Florida.



Florida is in Zone 7 and will be one of the leading states. Beginning in 2014, the Florida Region will begin sanctioning all beach activities through the NVL & ROX Beach Series. This means that all participants will need a NVL & ROX Beach Series membership to participate.

To learn more, see the Florida schedule, and purchase a membership...visit www.NVLROXBeachSeries.com.

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)
- Asst. Coach - **Michelle Chatman** (UCF)

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. Tryouts will take place on Mar 16th in Orlando. Visit the Florida Region website for additional info and to signup.

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

1st Place Volleyball - The Official Branding Partner for the Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star Program and the Florida WAVE Professional Volleyball Teams!



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



Molten - The Official Volleyball for the Florida Region!



Walgreens - The Official Retail Partner of the Florida Region and the Presenting Sponsor of the NVL/ROX Beach Series in Florida!

BUSINESS PARTNERS...



Gymrats - The Official Licensed Event Apparel Provider for the Florida Region!



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Doug Darling, Asst. Commissioner
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.