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Florida Region of USA Volleyball Announces Class of 2022 Hall of Fame

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball announces the Hall of Fame Inductee's for their 20th annual awards program.

Eustis, FL – March 10, 2022 – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is proud to recognize several outstanding members for their dedication and commitment to further the sport of volleyball. Many thankless hours go into coaching a team, running a club, attending clinics, getting certified, planning events, and improving the region every year. This year the Florida Region of USA Volleyball is inducting four new members into the Florida Region of USA Volleyball Hall of Fame.

In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees, the Florida Region will also present awards to twelve other deserving individuals during the ceremony in eleven other award categories:

- Outstanding Jr. Scorekeeper
- Ben Jordan Golden Whistle Award
- Outstanding Male Coach
- Outstanding Female Coach
- Most Improved Juniors Club
- Outstanding Club Director
- Outstanding Service Award
- Norelli Family Extra Mile Award
- Ernest Langford Pioneer Award
- Bruce Perry Volleyball Ambassador Award
- Meritorious Service Award

Additionally, the Florida Region officials that were promoted to the rank of Junior National and National in 2021 will be recognized for their advancement in the official's division. All of these well-deserving awards recipients will be honored along with the twenty high school seniors that will be receiving a scholarship.

The class of 2022 awards & scholarships will be presented at the annual awards ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL on April 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM EST in conjunction with the 2022 ASICS Florida Volleyball Challenge event.

The Florida Region will take a quick stroll through time to celebrate forty years as a Florida corporation and forty-five years of operations as a USA Volleyball region. The evening's activities will be co-hosted by **Steve Bishop** and **Sam Skelton**. Board Chair **Mary Andrew** will present the awards. In addition, **George Mulry**, the Executive Director from the International Volleyball Hall of Fame will attend and give a special update on the museum in Holyoke, MA.

Below are the Class of 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees for the Florida Region:

Ore Pablos – Ore is being inducted as a club leader and coach for Wildfire Volleyball Club in Sunrise, FL since 2004.

Brian Smith – Brian is being inducted as a club leader and coach for North Florida Pirates in Middleburg, FL since 2004.

Scott Doan – Scott is being inducted as a club leader and coach for Miami Elite Volleyball Club in Palmetto Bay, FL since 2005.

Carrie Prewitt – Carrie is being inducted as a club leader, coach, IMPACT clinician, official and board member.

The Florida Region will continue the longstanding tradition of inviting past Hall of Fame inductees to the stage at the ceremony to welcome the newest inductees to the Florida Region Hall of Fame.

The Executive Director of the Florida Region, **Steve Bishop**, commented, “This is a very special event each year. Our volleyball family stops for one evening to recognize and honor the many heroes of our sport in addition to celebrating the noteworthy scholarship winners here in Florida. I’m always honored to share the accolades and accomplishments of the award winners and specifically the Hall of Fame inductees as we recognize them for their many years of service. Having the past inductees on stage for that presentation is a very special moment.” Bishop continued, “In this fast-paced world, this memorable ceremony reminds us of all of the hard work, determination and grit that keeps our sport and our Florida Region volleyball family moving forward. We look forward to celebrating our lifetime sport and a lifetime of friendships.”

Tickets for the 2022 Florida Region Awards Ceremony are available for purchase by visiting this link: www.FloridaVolleyball.org/regional-awards-ceremony.

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960’s and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves 14,500 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is headquartered in Eustis, FL and manages the 21-court Hickory Point Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Tavares, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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