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WELCOME NOTE FROM INDOOR CHAIR

Ok everyone, ready-set-go. Club season is upon us and I am sure like me, you are all gearing up for what I hope will be a wonderful 2010 season.

I had someone ask me the other day how come so many more high schools are making it into the post season. They remarked that in the past it has always been the same schools but that this year there were many more teams making it deep into the post season that had not done so in the past. My answer is that volleyball is growing in Florida. More and more athletes are playing club and leveling the playing field. It is my hope that we will continue to see more high school programs improving and as a result the level of play in Florida to improve. This is a good thing for all of us.

So let’s keep encouraging more athletes to join the club ranks and let’s keep working hard to improve our standard of training to provide the very best for our players. Please feel free to send any suggestions my way that might help us to continue our growth and make Florida synonymous with high level volleyball. Volunteer to work with the region through High Performance, specific committees, or by sending ideas my way so that I can present them to the board. Good luck and make sure to enjoy the ride.

Terri Jimenez, Indoor Chair
 Florida Region of USA Volleyball

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Just when I thought we had experienced the busiest month ever during the summer, with the various volleyball events in Florida, I took a close look at our December schedule and had to take a deep breath. We have a power packed month ahead and we are looking forward to every minute of it!

Being the host state to the AVCA Convention, PAVO Convention, and the NCAA DI Volleyball Final Four only comes around every once in awhile and early numbers support the fact that being in Florida in December is an appealing idea. We will once again have the distinct honor of hosting volleyball fans, coaches, and players from across the USA, and I hope that you will join us in the effort to make them all feel welcome while they are here. Remember that not only our economy, but our reputation in the volleyball community will benefit greatly in December if we all do our part.

I want to congratulate the winners of the 2009 FHSAA Girls State Volleyball Championships (included in this edition) and wish all of our Florida colleges (UM, FIU, UF, FSU, & Florida A&M) the very best as they head into the first round of the NCAA DI Volleyball Championships. On another note, I hope that all Florida Region coaches and officials plan to take advantage of the AVCA and PAVO conventions in Tampa. These are both outstanding educational opportunities that shouldn't be missed.

After the amazing volleyball that we will undoubtedly see in Tampa, it will be nice to get a brief reprieve for the Christmas holiday. It's always nice to see the kindness and cheer that permeates our busy lives during this season. Whatever way you celebrate, I hope that you have a great holiday and create some wonderful memories with your friends and family.

Please remember to check the new Florida Region website (www.FloridaVolleyball.org) on a regular basis to stay current on upcoming events. Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

See you on the court,

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NCAA VOLLEYBALL FINAL FOUR

The NCAA Final Four is almost here! Purchase tickets soon because they are selling like hot cakes. The 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championships will be held on Dec 17th and 19th at the St. Pete Time's Forum in Tampa. For more information and to purchase tickets, follow the link on the Florida Region website:
www.FloridaVolleyball.org.



AVCA ANNUAL CONVENTION



The 2009 AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches' Association) Annual Convention will be held on December 16th- 20th in Tampa at the Tampa Convention Center. This is a great training and networking opportunity for volleyball coaches throughout Florida. For more information

on registration, tickets and prices, click on the AVCA link located on the Florida Region website: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

Sit back, relax, and get into a Sunshine State of Mind as the 2009 AVCA Annual Convention makes its first journey to Florida in December! Building on the two largest conventions in the association's history in 2007 and 2008, the AVCA will take its show to Tampa this month, where sun and fun will accompany several days of the renowned education seminars, networking events and volleyball action that have made this an annual "can't-miss" event.

Not able to attend the entire Convention? The AVCA offers a weekend only package, beginning with the AVCA All-American/Players of the Year banquet on Friday, December 18th. Weekend only attendees will have access to all of the remaining weekend activities, including getting to choose from nearly 30 educational seminars, admission into three parties as well as the benefits of numerous other convention activities!

Weekend only registrants also have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the NCAA championship match Saturday night and The Under Armour All-American High School match Sunday.

Go to the AVCA Convention Web site (www.avca.org) for complete information on this year's event, and to register today!

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PAVO ANNUAL CONVENTION



**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS**

The 2009 PAVO (Professional Association of Volleyball Officials) Convention will be held in Tampa in the St. Pete Times Forum from December 17th to 19th. A limited number of NCAA National Championship tickets will be available for PAVO members; a special seating block is provided but limited. For more information on registration, tickets and prices, click on the PAVO link located on the Region website: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

CLUB HIGHLIGHT – CLUB 4U PALM BEACH JUNIORS

Each month a member club will be 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. Clubs of all sizes and disciplines will be highlighted in future editions of *Vol-eNews*. This month **Sam Skelton** and the **Club 4U Palm Beach Juniors** will be highlighted, enjoy!

Those who know Sam will agree that he is compassionate, friendly, a hard worker and a great leader. Sam has been honored with Outstanding Club Director in 2009, Outstanding Tournament Director in 2008, and was the previous Girls Junior Coordinator.



Q: Tell us how you got started in volleyball?

A: I was voted in by my teammates to coach our team my senior year, in which I played for the club team at Liberty University. They felt that I had a good attitude, great work ethic, and a positive approach to the game. My team viewed me as inspirational.

Q: How long have you been coaching volleyball?

A: I started coaching college in 1992, but I coached youth ball before that, so I would say approximately 20 years.

Q: What are all the job titles you currently hold? How do you manage all of those responsibilities?

A: Head Master CEO of Summit Christian School in West Palm Beach
Head Volleyball Coach at Palm Beach State College
Owner of Sam's Sport Shop
Co-owner of All-Court Sport, Inc.
Executive Director of Club 4u Palm Beach Juniors



Proud dad of three

Proud husband of the most beautiful women in the world; have been married for 16 years

I manage these responsibilities with time management. Also, it helps that they all tie in together.

Q: What is the size of your club currently? And when it was started?

A: We currently have twenty teams. When we first started we had our first parent meeting which only one parent showed up. In our second parent meeting seven showed up, than in our next parent meeting the gym was filled with over one hundred and fifty parents. It takes a lot of leadership to build a great reputation.

Q: How long has your club been in existence?

A: Started approximately 1997.

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

A: About 90% of our club kids had the opportunity to play college volleyball, if they decide to choose to play. There are a lot of out of state offers and in state offers, anywhere from Division I schools to two year schools.

Q: Do you plan to add a boy's team? Why or why not?

A: If there is an interest for a boy's team than yes I will add a boy's team.

Q: Do you have a beach volleyball program? Explain.

A: No we do not have a beach volleyball team. I do support my kids who play beach volleyball. There is a club in the Palm Beach area I support so they play there.

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

A: My biggest accomplishment would not be any of the titles we've won. It is paying it forward, which is such a joy. By leaving a legacy in the sport and seeing your athletes continue on coaching after they have finished playing college volleyball.

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

A: We are open to take anyone that has the desire to excel in volleyball, and to further educate them through our club.

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Q: In the past there was mention of building a facility in your area. Are there any updates of the sports facility?

A: We are currently in negotiations and seeking funding to build our 300,000 Sq Ft arena. If anyone would like to inquire about investing in this project they can contact me at 561-686-8081 ext 315 or at sskelton@summitchristian.com.

*Thanks Sam for participating in the Club Highlight. The Florida Region wishes him and his club continued success in the 2009/2010 season! Stay tuned for next month's Club Highlight to learn about **Mitch Sadowsky** and **Orlando Gold Volleyball Club**.*

2009 FHSAA GIRLS STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the top finishing teams at the 2009 FHSAA Girls State Volleyball Championships:

	CHAMPION	RUNNER UP	TIED FOR 3RD	
1A	Warner Christian South (Daytona)	John Paul II (Tallahassee)	Lake Worth Christian (Boynton Beach)	Merritt Island Christian
2A	First Academy (Orlando)	Tampa Prep	Maclay (Tallahassee)	Westminster Academy (Ft. Lauderdale)
3A	Berkeley Prep (Tampa)	Holy Trinity (Melbourne)	Chaminade (Hollywood)	Bolles (Jacksonville)
4A	Jensen Beach	Fort Myers	Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville)	Hudson
5A	Martin County (Stuart)	Leon (Tallahassee)	Newsome (Lithia)	Venice
6A	Plant (Tampa)	Winter Park	Boca Raton	Ferguson (Miami)

2009/10 UNDER ARMOUR GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

The Florida Region would like to congratulate the following student-athletes for making the Under Armour All-American teams:

Maddie Martin, Plant High School (Tampa), 1st team

Elise Walch, Martin County High School (Stuart), 1st team

Jessica Greenberg, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy (Melbourne), 2nd team

Alex Johnson, Leon High School (Tallahassee), 2nd team

Ali McCurdy, Plant High School (Tampa), 2nd team

Honorable Mention:

Ciara Brown, Bishop Verot High School (Fort Myers)

Jordan Cangelosi, Nease High School (Ponte Vedra)

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Brittany Haber, Clay High School (Green Cove Springs)
Becca Howard, Plant High School (Tampa)
Katie Mosher, Bishop Verot High School (Fort Myers)
Molly Pearce, Leon High School (Tallahassee)
Lindsay Young, Berekeley Prep (Tampa)

FLORIDA COLLEGE UPDATE

Below is an update on the women's colleges in Florida that are having a spectacular year on the court:

NCAA Division I (as of November 23rd, 2009)

Ranked 14th – Florida State University (Tallahassee), 27-2

Ranked 15th – University of Florida (Gainesville), 21-5

Other Florida DI Colleges Receiving votes: Florida International University

NCAA Division II (as of November 9th, 2009)

Ranked 7th – University of Tampa (Tampa), 26-2

Ranked 12th – Saint Leo University (St. Leo), 26-2

NAIA (as of November 10th, 2009)

There are no NAIA colleges in Florida ranked in the Top 25.

Florida NAIA Colleges Receiving votes: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Two Year Colleges

Congratulations to Miami-Dade College and Hillsborough Community College for advancing to the NJCAA DI National Volleyball Championships. Hillsborough finished the tournament in 7th place and Miami-Dade finished in 5th place.

Visit the "FLORIDA COLLEGES WITH VOLLEYBALL" link on the Home Page of the Florida Region website: www.FloridaVolleyball.org. The 52 colleges in Florida with volleyball programs are listed alphabetically.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHES WANTED!



It is not too late for coaches to register for a coaching position with HP. The deadline to apply will be Friday, December 4th. Applications will be accepted for those who are interested in participating in our 2010 Regional High Performance program.

Interested coaches can find the online HP coaching application on our Florida Region website: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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USA VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS WANTED



The Florida Region is always looking for new officials to join the volleyball family. The Florida Region has grown by over 3,500 members over the past three years. It is required to have more trained volleyball officials for the clubs and teams participating in sanctioned events.

Becoming a USA Volleyball official will allow them to earn some extra income on the weekends, travel throughout the State, and meet some of the best people in the sport. Florida Region officials are former players, coaches, administrators, Regional Board Members, and they enjoy the camaraderie of working with professionals who share the love of the game.

If there are any questions on becoming an official contact the Regional Office at info@FloridaVolleyball.org or (352) 742-0080.

HEAD RATER & REGIONAL OFFICIAL'S ASSIGNOR

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is pleased to announce the selection of the first Regional Officials Assignor, Michael Hertz (Madeira Beach, Florida) and Wallace "Wally" Hendricks (Estero, Florida) as our Head Rater for the 2009/10 season.

Michael is a USAV National Referee as well as a PAVO National Referee. He has been involved with the Florida Region since 1976. He began officiating at the Junior National level in 1992 and in 1995 began at the National level. Michael will take on the responsibilities of assigning officials to all USAV club volleyball tournaments in the Florida Region. He will also coordinate assignments with the Tournament Director and Head Rater. It is great to have him in a position where he will be able to make use of his training, credentials and skills.

Wally, our Head Rater, has been officiating for 32 years, which includes 3 years in the Florida Region. For the past 11 years Wally has been a member of the National Rating Team, where he rated and recertified National Officials. He is a retired USAV and PAVO National Ref and a former associate Vice-President of the officials division of USA Volleyball. Wally was honored as a National Referee Emeritus, which is retiring at the highest level of officiating but continuing to referee. Being head of the Florida Rating Team, his experience and certifications will assist when considering advancements for the officials. He will also keep track of the official's credentials for the Florida Region. Wally will be a great asset to Florida's rating team, and we are eager to introduce him as the Head Rater.

The Florida Region is very excited to have both of them as leaders for the Officials in Florida.

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FLORIDA FEST BOY'S BID TOURNAMENT

The Florida Boy's Bid Tournament will be held on January 30th and 31st, 2010 at the Ocean Center located on 101 N. Atlantic Avenue Daytona Beach, FL 32118.



Go to www.FloridaVolleyball.org for event information and registration. If there are any additional questions please contact the USA Volleyball Events Department at bbid@usav.org.

IMPACT TRAINING CLINICS

The IMPACT Coaching Clinic schedule is posted on the EDUCATION page of the Florida Region website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org. IMPACT stands for Increased Mastery and Professional Application of Coaching Theory. It is a required course for all USAV coaches and any Florida Region hosted course is offered for FREE to all new USAV coaches. Check out the available dates online.

VOLLEYBALL IN THE NEWS REMINDER

Just a reminder to everyone, please continue to send in volleyball news links. The links will be posted on the Florida Region website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org. This page will provide an easy to read database that will show what is happening in Florida volleyball without having to search the web. It will also make it more convenient to show friends and family news articles about volleyball by directing them to Florida Region's easy to access website. Send any volleyball news stories to Kelly@FloridaVolleyball.org. Thanks to those who have been sharing articles with Florida. Also, a special thanks to the Sports information director Michael Hill with Florida Gulf Coast University for sharing all the wonderful volleyball articles. Keep 'em coming!



MEMBER CLUB BANNER INFORMATION



This year a 36"x36" banner will be offered to the member clubs to hang up in the practice gym or playing facility to show the affiliation with the Florida Region and USA Volleyball. The first banner is FREE and each additional banner is \$25.

In order to get a banner, email info@FloridaVolleyball.org or call the office at 352-742-0080.

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2010 CALENDAR INFORMATION

Visit the website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, and scroll down to see the 2010 Year-at-a-glance, 8.5"x11" calendar (on the right side). It is optional to print one off for personal use. A 2010 11"x17" calendar is available as well; it includes many pictures of last year's highlights.



Coming out later in December will be new 2010 desktop calendar backgrounds. Several desktop options will be available.

WILSON FRIDAY NIGHT ADULT TOURNAMENT SERIES



There is a new and exciting opportunity for adults to play some competitive volleyball from December 2009 thru May 2010. This series of events is designed to help coaches, officials, and college grads get back on the court.

Many convention center tournaments have partnered up with the Florida Region to ensure a convenient venue. Playing times will take place at 7pm, 8pm, and 9pm. Random pools of three will play twice and referee once. No uniforms required. There will be men's division, women's division, and a co-ed division.

Single players are encouraged to come and the tournament staff will build co-ed teams on-site. **The first event will be December 18th, 2009 in Tampa during the Final Four festivities.** Bring kneepads and shoes and get ready to play ball.

ADULT'S OFFICIALS IMPROVEMENT CLINIC

The Official's Improvement Clinics for adult officials will be held December 12th and 13th in all four districts. Check out the website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, then click on Officials page; the times and dates are posted. It is very important that all adult officials attend this clinic for there have been rule changes that officials will need to know for the upcoming season.

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