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WELCOME NOTE FROM ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Happy New Year Florida Region Members and Friends! As the final days of the 2010 year roll away, it is time to consider the past year accomplishments and look to the upcoming year with renewed hope of things to come. I have found in the past year, the opportunity to help grow the sport of volleyball comes in many different forms and from many different places. While at the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship and AVCA convention in Kansas City a couple weeks ago, I was given the opportunity to work with the US State Department's Sports Exchange Program. The USSDSP was currently hosting 6 girls and 6 boys from Vietnam and had asked for volunteer coaches to run a two hour practice while the convention was going on. Some of them had played before, but for most of them it was their first time in an instructor controlled practice environment. It was amazing how this wonderful game of volleyball supersedes all language barriers. They were going to the Championship game that night and then leaving for Vietnam at 5:00am the next morning. I later learned from the State Coordinator that most of these kids would be going back to Vietnam with all this volleyball instruction, but would not even have a volleyball to continue to play and pass on what they learned to their friends. We made it our mission to get each one of them a volleyball to go home with. In reflection, I would like to encourage all of you to spread the game of volleyball to as many people as you can and remember to ask them if they have a ball and if they don't, give them one. Because the player will become the coach if they have a ball and the game of volleyball can continue to reach people that you will never meet and you would have never be able to reach on your own.

Happy New Year,

Shanon D. Lewis



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! 2010 was another banner year for our Region. We achieved a new nationwide high for junior beach teams and we are currently leading the country in junior beach volleyball. Our Girls Youth International HP All-Star team won the title of National Champions at the USAV High Performance Championships in July. We kicked off the Florida Collegiate Volleyball League (FCVL) under the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) for men's college club volleyball teams and we will officially start the first round of FCVL competition this month as the teams kick off their home/away schedules. We hosted the USAV Jr. Beach National Championships. This is the first time that the event has been held outside of California. These were just a few of our major accomplishments in 2010.

Looking ahead to 2011, we are very excited to offer our first ever volleyball wall calendar and have made them available to order online. Many of the member submitted photos were highlighted in our 2011 Florida Region USAV volleyball calendar. Proceeds from the sale of this calendar will benefit our scholarship fund. We have launched our new Florida Region Ranking Tour to give bid seeking teams an opportunity to play the top teams in the Region as they prepare for the 2011 Florida Regional Bid Championships in April. And we always look forward to our Regional Awards Ceremony, our Regional HP All-Star Program, and our USAV Junior Beach Tour during the summer. So stay tuned for these and many more new initiatives as we head into 2011.

If current membership numbers are any indication, we are well on our way to reach our goal of 10,000 members this season. We have already outpaced our annual membership number for last season, and we are still seeing new members joining everyday. With the addition of the FCVL and the adults on the USAV beach tour, we feel strongly that reaching our membership goal that was set in 2006 may actually come to fruition.

I hope you have a great 2011! Let us know how we can help!

Steve

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CLUB HIGHLIGHT – LONGWOOD VOLLEYBALL CLUB

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 **Russel Williams** and **Longwood Volleyball Club** will be highlighted.

Q: Tell us how you got started in volleyball?

A: When I went to high school, they did not have boy's volleyball, so the first time I played was in a class at Seminole Community College. I started playing in local leagues and it took off from there.

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

A: I am a husband and father, Longwood Volleyball Club Director, Club Coach, High School Teacher, High School Coach and JR Admin. Board Rep for the Florida Region. I manage all of these responsibilities by having lots of good people around to help me!!!!

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

A: I think my high school team and my club have a reputation around the state as being "quality" programs. Good kids, good coaches and competitive teams.

Q: As the Head Coach for Lyman High School, are there any differences you see between coaching high school players and club players?

A: In high school, you kind of get what you get, so to speak. In club, we get some of the best kids from different schools so the level of play tends to be higher.

Q: When your club first started it was a boy's only club. How did you transition into being the club that you are today?

A: We were just boys from Lyman for several years. Then the girls at Lyman asked me to run one team. The next year, we went to two teams and started adding girls and boys from other schools. Last year, we went to seven girls' teams and five boys' teams. This year, we will have around twenty-two teams. It's crazy!

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

A: We want to stay with the same amount of teams we have and focus on the quality of our players through coaching. We prefer quality over quantity.

Q: Give us a little insight on the differences between coaching boys and girls?

A: Night and day. It's all about bonding. It was explained to me like this. Boys will go and play to bond. Girls are not going anywhere together unless they are already bonded. One of the reasons I chose not to coach girls is that I feel I am not good at the things that girls like to do to bond.



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Q: What improvements have you seen in the Florida Region? In your club?

A: Lots of growth. The age that these players are starting to play volleyball is getting younger. Many clubs around the state are putting together younger teams each year. This will help the development of our clubs and volleyball in the country.

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

A: I would have to say that our coaches would be the first thing I would brag about. We are all like family. We all help each other in practice so our kids get the most out of it. When we are together, it is always lots of fun; we all have a blast.

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

A: I would like to see the continued growth of volleyball in our state and greater representation of Florida in the number of College teams and the players that we send to play collegiately. I'd like to help develop Florida as a destination for larger and more competitive tournaments. How about USAV Nationals?

*Thanks Russel for participating in the Club Highlight. The Florida Region wishes you and your club success in the 2011 season! Stay tuned for next month's Club Highlight to learn about **Brian Smith** and **North Florida Pirates**.*

COACHES EDUCATION WEEKEND

Attention all current and future coaches! The Coaches Education Weekend will be offered January **7-9, 2011**, in Leesburg, FL and will take place at Lake-Sumter Community College. An IMPACT Clinic, CAP Level I and CAP Level II Course will be offered. The **IMPACT Clinic** is open to ANY coach and includes a manual and certification of completion. The **CAP Level I** Course is open to ALL Coaches. The **CAP Level II** class is open to all previously accredited Level I coaches for initial Level II accreditation or to previously accredited Level II coaches who wish to re-accredit.

Schedule:

Friday, Jan 7, 2011

5:30p - 9:30p - IMPACT & IMPACT Instructor

Saturday, January 8, 2011

8:00a - 8:00p - CAP I & CAP II (9:00p - 11:00p – Coaches Reception & Dinner, Location TBA)

Sunday, January 9, 2011

8:00a - 4:00p - CAP I & CAP II

LOCAL HOTEL INFORMATION

Hampton Inn

9630 US Hwy 441

Leesburg, FL 34788

Tel: 352-315-1053

Please visit the Education Page for more information on hotel pricing and registration. If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Region office at (352)742-0080.



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2011 USA VOLLEYBALL FLORIDA REGION CALENDAR



You can now order your 2011 USAV Florida Region Calendar!! The calendar features Florida Region members playing indoor, beach and grass volleyball. Devoted to Florida Volleyball, the calendar includes full color, high resolution photos and sells for only \$12 (plus S&H). All calendar orders will be shipped out within 2 business days. Proceeds support the Florida Region Scholarship Funds.

**** Order yours online today! ****

FLORIDA FEST BOYS' BID TOURNAMENT

Join us at the 3rd Annual Florida Fest Boys' Bid Tournament in Daytona Beach! The Florida Fest, in conjunction with the Daytona Beach 100 Girls' Volleyball Tournament, is one of the few mixed gender events in the USA under one roof. In 2010, the event awarded 4 bids!



This year, The Florida Fest Boys' Bid Tournament will once again be held at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach from January 29th – 30th, 2011. *Register early to reserve your spot!* **2011 Entry Fees:** Regular \$500 (Oct. 16th – Jan. 6, 2011) Late \$600 (After Jan. 6, 2011). **For more information, please visit www.FloridaFest.org.**

HIGH PERFORMANCE ALL-STAR TRYOUTS

Information and registration for the 2011 Regional High Performance Program is now available! There will be four tryouts around the state of Florida. Interested athletes are only required to attend one of the four tryouts. To register for one of the HP Tryouts or to view more detailed information, please visit the Florida Region website.

Regional HP Tryouts

Jan 28 – Daytona Beach (Girls & Boys)

Feb 25 – Jacksonville (Girls)

Mar 18 – Ft. Lauderdale (Girls & Boys)

Mar 25 – Tampa (Girls)

Tryout Fee:

\$50 in advance (**up to 24 hrs prior to the tryout date or 5:00pm**)

\$65 onsite

Tryout Schedule:

5:15p - Check-In Begins

6:15p - Tryout Meeting with Staff & Coaches

6:30p - Tryouts Begin

8:30p - Tryouts End

8:45p - Depart

NOTE: The age definition for HP candidates are as follows: **Girls**-1991 & above, **Boys**-1992 & above. For questions regarding HP, contact Sara Hoffman at Sara@FloridaVolleyball.org.





USAV BEACH HOLIDAY HP CAMP

Congratulations to the following Florida Region members selected to attend a USAV Beach Holiday High Performance Camp!

Mackenzie Dagostino, Tampa

Justin Vogel, Odessa

Danika Yoder, Venice

Jackie Wegner, Clearwater

Courtney Liddle, Spring Hill

Delaney Willis, Longwood

Victoria Penrod, Jupiter

Sophia Servideo, Jupiter

Carly Scarbrough, Sarasota

Nikki Lyons, Ft. Lauderdale

The HP Camp took place on December 27-30 in Chula Vista, California, at the Arco Olympic Training Center and in Largo, Florida, at the Bayhead Athletic Complex. Athletes were invited based on their performance at the USAV Beach High Performance Tryouts, the USA Beach Junior Tour and select USAV sanctioned events. FIVB silver medalist Tyra Turner served as the head coach in Largo. She was assisted by BCAP certified coaches Dave Carstenson, AVP Young Guns Champion Kristen Batt, Joe Rohr and AVP Young Guns Champion Kim Whitney. Stay tuned for next month's issue of Vol-eNews for an exclusive interview with Victoria Penrod and Justin Vogel!

INDOOR IMPACT COACHING CLINICS

The District hosted clinics are free to all registered Florida Region coaches. Registration must be submitted no later than seven (7) days prior to the clinic. Please visit the Florida Region website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org to register.

Jan 9, 2011

[Florida State College at Jacksonville](#)

11901 Beach Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32246

Time: 1:00p-5:00p

Instructor: Jose Rivera

Jan 7, 2011

[Lake-Sumter Community College](#)

9501 US Highway 441

Leesburg, FL 34788

Time: 5:30p-9:30p

Instructor: TBD

Jan 2, 2011

[Out Of Door Academy](#)

5950 Deer Drive

Sarasota, FL 34240

Time: 1:00p-4:00p

Instructor: Nancy Cothron



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GOLD SEAL CLUBS

Congratulations to the first Gold Seal Clubs for the 2010/2011 season!

- * **Brandon Extreme VBC** – Shannon Talmadge
- * **Cape Coast Volleyball Club** – Connie Denaburg
- * **Central Florida VBC** – Carlos Pizarro & Gilda Grau
- * **Club Storm of Tampa** – Vicky Page & Dave Wolcott
- * **Doral Volleyball Academy** – Leonardo Rivera
- * **Fort Myers Fusion** – Wynn DePasquale & Steve Harrell
- * **Gainesville Juniors** – Chad Davis
- * **NPower Volleyball** – AnnMarie Blair
- * **Pinellas Heat Elite** – Terry and Barb Small
- * **South Florida Heat VB** – David Monk
- * **Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball** – Adis Imamovic & Gail DeLisle
- * **North Florida Volleyball Academy** – Rita Buck-Crockett
- * **St. Augustine Volleyball Association** – Taylor Mott
- * **St. Pete Volleyball Club** – Mark & Courtney Draper
- * **Suncoast Volleyball Club** – Jeff Horr & Scott Montgomery
- * **Tallahassee Jrs. Volleyball Club** – Latoya Washington
- * **Tribe Volleyball** – Dean Barboza & Albert Sturgeon
- * **USA South Volleyball** – Landon Thomas
- * **West Pasco Volleyball Club** – Jason Kucera



2011 REGIONAL RANKING TOUR



Visit the Florida Region website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, for more event info.

SPECTATOR/FAN MEMBERSHIP

There's a new membership option this year. The **Spectator/Fan Membership** option is available for \$25 and includes a full year, NON-PLAYING membership with secondary insurance, entrance into all Florida Region hosted tournaments and a USAV Florida Region gift. This membership option is ideal for those members that plan on attending more than one USAV Event this year. You can become a member simply by logging onto the Florida Region website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org, and clicking "Join", located in the yellow box on the homepage.



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GIRL'S JR. REGIONAL BID CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2011 Girl's Jr. Regional Bid Championships will take place April 9-10 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Only teams that have registered to attend the 2010 Girl's Jr. National Championships (JNC) by April 1st, 2011 are eligible to attend this event. This tournament is for girl's junior teams, age's 12U-18U, trying to earn a bid to the 2011 Jr. National Championships in Atlanta, GA. All teams must register through AES (Advanced Events Systems.com). The host hotel is the newly renovated

Double Tree Resort in Orlando and the discounted room rate of \$89 is now available. Visit the Florida Region website for more information on hotel pricing and event registration.

2011 REGIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Thank you to our 2010 Guest Speaker, Don Yaeger! The Regional Awards Ceremony is a time to give back to the ones that make the Florida Region the best that it can be. Without you, our members, the Florida Region would not be where it is today! Start thinking about someone you would like to nominate for one of our many awards. Nominations for the 2011 Regional Awards Ceremony will begin in January 2011!

2011 Regional Awards Ceremony Information

Date: Friday, May 6, 2011

Location: [Double Tree Resort - International Drive](#)

(Rooms: Ontario & Michigan Banquet Halls)

Time: 6:30p Reception, 7:00p Ceremony Begins

Cost: \$10 per person in advance (Age 13 & Above), \$15 at the door*

Food & drinks will be provided, Cash bar will be available

Dress Code: Business Casual to Business Standard

Guest Speaker: David Benzel

**Tickets will go on sale NLT April 1st, 2011*

Check out last year's award recipients by visiting our website, www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

GIRL'S JR. REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2011 Girl's Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships will be held May 7-8, 2011, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. This tournament is for girl's junior teams, age's 10U-18U. No bids will be awarded at this event!

The host hotel will be the newly renovated Double Tree Resort on International Drive, located 1 mile from the playing site. Room rates for the Double Tree Resort are \$89. Visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org for more information on prices and event registration.





FLORIDA COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE (FCVL)

The Florida Collegiate Volleyball League (FCVL) was formed to create more opportunities for men to play Club Volleyball at the collegiate level and eventually transition to being a scholarship sport in Florida. The FCVL is a member league of the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) and offers men's and women's college club volleyball competition for any 2 year and 4 year colleges located within the boundaries of the league.

Teams will compete in Conference play during the months of October, November, December, January, & February. The Conference Championships and League Championships will take place in March. The NCVF National Championships will take place in April.

Florida has 38 colleges that are eligible to participate in the FCVL. So far, the FCVL has signed on 9 clubs to participate.



North Florida Conference

Florida State University
 University of Florida
 University of Central Florida
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

South Florida Conference

Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida International University
 Nova Southeastern
 University of Miami
 University of South Florida

All participating FCVL members would be required to have a USAV college membership in the Florida Region, potentially increasing the Region's membership each year as the league grows.

The FCVL will start in the Fall of 2010. For more information regarding the FCVL, or to sign up, please visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org and click on the FCVL Logo located on the Home page.

NEW INDOOR CHAIR – MARY ANDREW



The Florida Region welcomes Mary Andrew as the new Indoor Chair! Mary is currently the Head Women's Volleyball Coach at Florida State College at Jacksonville where she has been coaching for over 20 years. Mary is also the director of the Jacksonville Junior Volleyball Association and has been for the last 20 plus years. She has over 30 years of work experience in the fields of education, coaching, athletic administration, commercial recreation and professional sports. Please take the time to drop Mary a note welcoming her at Mary@FloridaVolleyball.org. We are pleased to have Mary on board and look forward to working with her!

Terri Jimenez, former Indoor Chair, resigned last month and The Florida Region would like to extend our deepest appreciation for her many years of hard work and service!



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

All USAV memberships from 2009/2010 expired 10/31/10. If you have not yet renewed your USAV membership for the 2010/2011 season, please renew by clicking on "Login" in the yellow box on the homepage. If you have forgotten your username and/or password, please contact the Florida Region office at (352) 742-0080 or email Kelly@FloridaVolleyball.org.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

Our current membership count as of January 1st, 2011 is 7,792 members! Our goal for this year is 10,000 members. 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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