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**WELCOME NOTE FROM THE COMMISSIONER**

Dear Members,

I hope that your indoor season was a successful one and that you are enjoying your summer vacations. I also hope that you have had the opportunity to join us on the outdoor side of volleyball. Our beach events are going strong and we are adding more tour stops for all to play. Please take an opportunity to look at our schedule which is posted on our website and make plans to attend at least one of these great events.

Speaking of the beach, due to adding our summer membership for beach participants, we have drastically increased our membership numbers. We are approaching the 11,000 mark and are the 9th largest region in USA Volleyball, gaining on number 8 rapidly. So, please enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you on the sand.

**James Phillips**

Commissioner

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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the outdoor season in full swing across the state, our indoor teams are finishing up their seasons right about now at the USAV Girls' Jr. National Championships (Atlanta, GA) and at the USAV Boys' Jr. National Championships (Minneapolis, MN). We have a record number of teams attending these two indoor championship events and we wish them all the very best as they represent their respective clubs and the Florida Region. (You can see a complete list of these teams on the Florida Region website: [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org))

We are also very excited to announce that a familiar face will be returning to Florida to join the Florida Region team later this month as our new Events Manager. **Steve Benson** will begin his new role on July 18 and will bring a wealth of talent and experience to the team. Steve is currently a college volleyball coach outside of Florida, but he is probably most well known around Florida as our longest serving coach for the Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star program. He has coached both girls and boys teams for Team Florida. Stay tuned for a welcome interview with Steve in the August edition of Vol-eNews. (You can drop Steve a welcome note here: [sbenson@FloridaVolleyball.org](mailto:sbenson@FloridaVolleyball.org))

While I am on the topic of Team Florida HP All-Stars, it's that time of year again and we are once again fielding a delegation of five teams for the 2011 USAV Indoor HP Championships (Tucson, AZ) between July 25-30, 2011. In addition to this, we are also fielding our first delegation of eight teams that will be attending the 2011 USAV Beach HP Championships (Hermosa Beach, CA) between July 14-17, 2011. This makes Florida one of the few regions to have both an indoor and beach HP All-Star program. (Information on both groups is included in this edition) I would like to say a big THANK YOU to both **ASICS** and **ROX** for their amazing support of our indoor and beach Team Florida HP All-Star teams. Keep an eye on the Florida Region website for more information and a full report on our HP All-Star teams during July.

Finally, our annual Florida Region Indoor District Jr. Forum Meetings are right around the corner and I want to remind all indoor junior Club Directors (current & future) to save the dates. (See page 9 of this edition of Vol-eNews) Please remember that these meetings are mandatory and every indoor junior club must attend one prior to the start of the 2011/2012 season. We are already working on the content and format to make the meetings more informative and interactive.

We hope you are enjoying your summer. Let us know how we are doing,

*Steve*

**Steve Bishop**, CYSA  
Executive Director/President  
Florida Region of USA Volleyball, Inc.





### CLUB HIGHLIGHT – BEACHES VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY

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 **Valorie Baker & Sarah Barnhard** and **Beaches Volleyball Academy** will be highlighted.

#### **Q: Tell us how you got started in volleyball?**

**A: Valorie:** I grew up in Indiana and played for KIVA volleyball academy. I credit Bob Blanford, who was then the Director of the club, for getting so many of us girls to play. There were several of us who not only went on and played at the Division I level but also coached in the college ranks.

**A: Sarah:** I played in middle and high school then decided to play more seriously. I joined the Sports performance Club in its inaugural season.

#### **Q: How long have you been coaching volleyball?**

**A: Valorie:** 19 years.

**A: Sarah:** About 4-5 years.



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

**A: Valorie:** Having the opportunity to start my career at The University of Louisville where we were a top 20 program. Starting Wake Forest University Volleyball program, being the Head Coach there where we went from a beginning program to finishing in the top of the ACC. Also, I really enjoyed winning a State Championship as well as starting a club that both of my girls participate.

**A: Sarah:** Traveling to China and Japan representing the USA in 1985 as well as playing for the Chicago Breeze for the Major League Volleyball Association from 1987-1989.

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

**A: Valorie:** I am club Director/Owner of Beaches Volleyball Academy, Counselor at The Episcopal School in Jacksonville and mom of two middle school girls. The only way I have been able to manage everything is by having a great husband that supports all my endeavors.

**A: Sarah:** I am an indoor and beach volleyball coach for Beaches Volleyball Academy and I coach high School volleyball for Ponte Vedra High School. I also teach pre-school. I manage all these roles by being really organized and a great multi-tasker!

#### **Q: What is your opinion on the growth of volleyball throughout the years?**

**A: Valorie:** I think volleyball has grown and changed a tremendous amount since I played. Collegiately, coaches work very hard to not only promote and strengthen their program, but also try to find ways to encourage others to enhance the game in their area. The addition of sand is yet another example of how volleyball has evolved and changed to provide more opportunities for girls to participate.

**A: Sarah:** The growth of volleyball has been amazing. So many opportunities have happened for young kids wanting to play volleyball – indoor and on the beach.



**Q: Does your club do anything to promote youth volleyball (11 and under)?**

**A: Valorie:** Absolutely, we run a developmental program for girls under 11 and our program has doubled over the last year. I believe that is due to our focus on experienced coaches providing an environment where the girls learn fundamentals in order to be successful at a modified game.

**A: Sarah:** Yes, we have offered a developmental program for 3 years now. We had a U10 team and 32 developmental players this past season.

**Q: Do you recall any memorable stories with Beaches Volleyball?**

**A: Valorie:** Beaches volleyball academy started out with three teams; many of the girls played two age groups up. Our first National tournament was quite an eye opener getting waxed by my former club in their first match. The positive is some of our girls still remember that match and now feel like they can compete at that level and that is great to see the confidence come through hard work.

**A: Sarah:** I remember our first season. We had 19 girls and we started our season in March. We had a U13's and U14's teams and most of the players were much younger than the ages of the teams they were playing on – it was a fun first season and just the start of what we wanted to offer players in our program.

**Q: What are some of your goals for your club?**

**A: Valorie:** My goal for the club is to provide a positive experience where the game is taught from the basics up. If these little things are taken care of the success will follow. I am happy to say that in only two short years, this philosophy has worked and our teams are competing with those that have been around much longer than Beaches!

**A: Sarah:** What we want to offer the girls who come to play for BVA is to provide many levels of learning from sound fundamentals of volleyball to becoming productive people in the community when these players leave our program.

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

**A: Valorie:** I am so pleased with the coaching staff that we have at Beaches. I am very particular with who is coaching our teams. All head coaches in our program have either coached in college, or played NCAA level volleyball. We also have coaches who have played in the professional ranks both indoor and out. I feel very strongly that if a coach is going to train a player to move to a higher level it sure helps that they themselves have been there to understand not only what it takes, but understand the differences in the game from a club level to a college level and on to a professional setting.

**A: Sarah:** We have great coaches in our program, very accomplished high level players/past college coaches. They are knowledgeable and respectful to our players and we feel proud of the uniformed, quality training we are providing our teams with this great staff.





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

**A: Valorie:** We are lucky in our region to have some very strong clubs in Orlando and down south. With these clubs already successful at the Open National division, it brings our area of play to a higher level and helps our players understand what it takes to compete at a National event.

**A: Sarah:** I look forward to the continued development of our region in the level of competition and quality tournaments and programs.

*Thanks Valorie & Sarah 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 Isaac Raphael and The Volleyball Academy.*

**2012 CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**

It's that time again! We are asking for you to submit your best volleyball photo whether it's an action shot, group shot, indoor or outdoor; we want to see them all! You can submit your photos to [Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org](mailto:Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org). (Please submit high resolution photos only.) To view the 2011 Calendar, please visit [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org) and click on the calendar located on the home page.

**2011 USAVFL DIG THE BEACH SERIES TOUR**

The Florida Region together with Dig the Beach, SSOVA & FBVT has put together another season of outdoor competition that you'll find nowhere else but here on our own Florida beaches!!



**2011 Dig The Beach USAV Juniors Series**

Sunday, May 15 - Clearwater Beach (SSOVA)

Sunday, May 15 - Ft. Lauderdale (FBVT)

Sunday, May 22 - Siesta Key (DTB)

Sunday, May 29 - Ft. Lauderdale (FBVT)

Sunday, Jun 5 - Ft. Myers (DTB)

Sunday, Jun 12 - Ft. Lauderdale (FBVT)

Sunday, Jun 19 - Siesta Key (DTB)

Sunday, Jun 19 - Hollywood Beach (FBVT)

Sunday, Jun 26 - Ft. Lauderdale (DTB)

Sunday, Jun 26 - Clearwater (SSOVA)

**Sunday, Jul 10 - Siesta Key (DTB)**

**Sunday, Jul 17 - Deerfield Beach (FBVT)**

**Sunday, Jul 24 - Ft. Lauderdale (DTB) - REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

**Sunday, Jul 31 - Ft. Lauderdale (DTB) - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS!**



**NOTE: ADULTS PLAY ON SATURDAY; JUNIORS & COED ADULTS PLAY ON SUNDAY!** (All players must be a USAV Member to participate) Junior teams check-in at 8am on Sunday for all beach tournaments! **ALL TEAMS WILL REGISTER DIRECTLY THROUGH THE DIG THE BEACH WEBSITE.** ([CLICK HERE to visit the Dig The Beach website](#))



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### JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Formerly named USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships, USA Volleyball has renamed its junior events to be named USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships and USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships in an effort to improve the branding of the events with the National Governing Body.



Good luck to all the Florida teams competing in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual USAV Junior National Championships! The Girls' JNC is being held in Atlanta, GA at the Georgia World Congress Center and the Boys' JNC is being held in Minneapolis, MN at the Minneapolis Convention Center. With 40+ teams competing this year, this is the largest amount of boys and girls teams representing Florida in the history of the Florida Region! The Florida Region wishes all of you the best of luck!



### USAV BEACH HP CHAMPIONSHIPS – HERMOSA BEACH, CA

The Team Florida Beach HP athlete selections have been finalized! We are excited to announce that we will be sending three teams per age group to represent the Florida Region at the USAV Beach HP Championships in California! The Championships will take place in Hermosa Beach, CA from July 14-17. The Beach HP athletes will have one final opportunity to train together at the Beach HP Camp in Largo, FL, on July 5-8 before leaving for California.

#### 2011 Team Florida Beach HP Delegation

**Jeassica McGregor/Bree Scarbrough**  
**Kristina Pellitteri/Savannah Davis**  
**Carly Scarbrough/Danika Yoder**  
**Julie Brown/Kayla Joyce**  
**Victoria Penrod/Sophia Servideo**  
**Brittany Pellitteri/Haley Mitchell**  
**Lauren Miko/Macie Tendrich**

**Alexandra Hasner/Manuela Fernandez**  
 Coaches: **Cindy Phillips** (Club Beach Dig) &  
**Danalee Corso** (FSU)

Program Director: **Steve Bishop** (USAV-Florida)



Another bit of exciting news is **ROX Volleyball** is the new Official Outfitter of the Team Florida Beach HP All-Star Program!! Thank you to **Danielle Olson** and **ROX Volleyball**; [Click Here](#) to visit the ROX Volleyball website!

Congratulations to all the athletes who will be representing the Florida Region and we wish you all the best of luck! For more information on the Beach HP Program, please [Click Here](#).



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### USAV INDOOR HIGH PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Congratulations to the athletes who were chosen to represent the Florida Region in the USAV High Performance Championships!** The USAV HP Championships will take place in Tucson, AZ at the Tucson Convention Center from July 26-30. Elite athletes from around the country will be playing under the direction of some of the best college coaches in the U.S. Here is what one parent had to say about their daughter's experience with the HP Program last year:

*"This High Performance event was a new experience for my daughter and I cannot even begin to tell you how it has changed her life. She has played for the past three years at the club level but never realized this kind of play or atmosphere. It was a challenge that she and the other girls accepted and appreciated. It has made her strive to be better and has put a higher level of commitment in her reach." S.S.*



The Florida Region would like to recognize the outstanding **HP Staff & Coaches** for their dedication and hard work!

#### HP ALL-STAR STAFF:

Program Director - Steve Bishop, USAVFL  
Assoc. Director/Technical Coordinator - Nick Cheronis, (Formerly with UF Volleyball)  
Program Assistant - Shanon Lewis, USAVFL

#### GIRLS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (GIY)

Head Coach - Courtney Draper, Eckerd College  
1st Asst - Erik Peterson, University of Central Florida  
2nd Asst - Isaac Raphael, Florida International University

#### GIRLS NATIONAL YOUTH (GNY)

Head Coach - Sam Cibrone, St. Leo University  
1st Asst - Carmine Garofalo, State College of Florida  
2nd Asst - Brian Goodhind, Power VBA

#### GIRLS NATIONAL SELECT (GNS)

Head Coach - Chuck Crawford, Jacksonville University  
1st Asst - Tony Cothron, Hillsborough Community College  
2nd Asst - Stephanie Serna, University of South Florida

#### BOYS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (BIY)

Head Coach - Steve Benson, Eastern Mennonite University  
1st Asst - Yasmin Ortiz, South Dade VBC  
2nd Asst - Jesus Montalvo, Marion County Jrs.

#### BOYS NATIONAL YOUTH (BNY)

Head Coach - Rob Holley, JJVA (formerly w/ University of Kentucky)  
1st Asst - Tom Snodgrass, Orlando Gold VBC  
2nd Asst - Greg Villareal, Miami Matadors VBC



We would also like to recognize and thank **ASICS** for their continued sponsorship of the Team Florida HP Program! For tournament travel & schedule information, please visit the Florida Region website.

### USAV MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- **Stephanie Pellitteri**, from Deerfield Beach, made beach volleyball history by becoming the first known player to commit to an NCAA school on a sand volleyball scholarship. Pellitteri has been a member of **Club Beach Dig** since 2007 and will attend **Florida State University** in the Fall. Shortly after committing, two more USAV standouts, **Jeassica McGregor** and **Aurora Newgard** also committed to FSU on sand volleyball scholarships. Congratulations girls!
- Four Florida Region Members have been named to the **2011 U.S. Women's Junior A2 Team**. **Katie Mosher**, **Elise Walch**, **Nicole Walch** & **Kamryn Sherman**, along with eight other players from around the United States, will travel to London for the **European Global Challenge** July 12-23.
- Adult players **Brooke Sweat** & **Kristen Batt** won the **NORCECA** beach volleyball event in Mexico in May. Sweat's incredible defense and Batt's strong offensive skills solidified the team's win over a team from Cuba to bring home the gold medal. (See photo on the right)
- **Casey Weston**, a former player for **USA South**, performed and competed on the reality hit T.V. show, **The Voice**. Check out her beautiful voice on YouTube.com.
- **Taylor Sherwin**, a 6'0 Setter for **Top Select**, has been selected for the **2010/2011 Under Armour First-Team All-America**. She has also verbally committed to play for Ohio State University. Congrats!
- **Ocean B** and **Bishop Moore** standout, **T.J. Jurko**, was chosen as the **"Player of the Year"** by the Sun-Sentinel. As an OH he racked up some pretty impressive stats with 313 kills, 199 service points, 55 aces, 147 digs!



If you or someone you know is making headlines, please let us know by contacting [Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org](mailto:Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org). You just might see your name in the next issue of Vol-eNews!

### QUOTES OF THE MONTH

*"The second mile is always less crowded!"*  
- Unknown

*"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."*  
- John C. Maxwell

*"Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -- a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have the skill and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skill."*  
- Muhammad Ali





## DISTRICT JUNIOR FORUM MEETINGS

**Save the date!** The dates for the District Junior Forum Meetings are as follows:

- August 13<sup>th</sup> – **DISTRICT 1** (Lake City)
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – **DISTRICT 2** (Altamonte Springs)
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – **DISTRICT 3** (Sarasota)
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – **DISTRICT 4** (West Palm Beach)

Please check the website, [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org), for updates on meeting locations and times.

## 2011 BJRVC RESULTS

The **2011 Boys Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships** took place on June 11-12 in Wellington at the Wellington Village Park Gym.

*Congratulations to the following teams!*

### 14U Gold Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Orlando Gold 14 Black
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Longwood VBC 14 Black

### 14U Silver Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – All-Star VBC 14 Black
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marion County Juniors 14

### 15U/16U Gold Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Orlando Gold 16 Black
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – IMUA VBC 16 KilaKila

### 15U/16U Silver Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Orlando Gold 15 Black
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – TVA WS 16 National

### 17U Gold Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – OBV 17 Quiksilver
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Florida Sons 17

### 17U Silver Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Miami Select 17 Red
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – OBV 17 Waves

### 18 Gold Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – OBV 18 Quiksilver
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Orlando Gold 18 Black

### 18U Silver Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> – OBV 18 Waves
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – JJVA 18



For a complete list of results, please visit [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org).



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### OUTDOOR SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

The Florida Region has added a new **Outdoor Summer Membership** option, effective April-September. The Outdoor Summer Membership costs \$15 and is available for all Junior Boys & Girls or Adults who are interested in participating in any USAVFL Dig the Beach Events this summer (does not include National Competition). For more information on the memberships offered by the Florida Region, visit [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org).

### MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

Our current membership count as of July 1st, 2011 is **10,732** 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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