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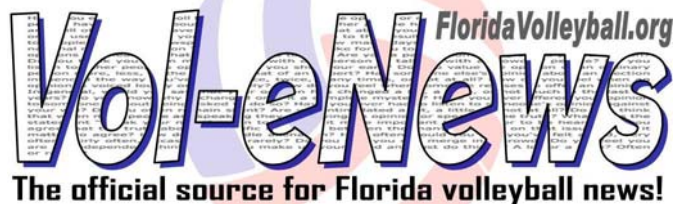
**WELCOME NOTE FROM THE COMMISSIONER**

Florida Region Members,

Let me be the first to welcome you to the 2012 USA Volleyball season! I hope that your holidays were wonderful and that you received many great gifts. We are looking forward to an unbelievable season here in the Florida Region. If you look at the website, you can see that we are offering more chances to play this year than last. Every season we seem to add more events and more opportunities for our members to participate, so make sure that you take full advantage and come enjoy some incredible volleyball.

I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting many new ones during this upcoming season. Please take some time and introduce yourselves to a staff or Board member at an event, and let us know how we are doing.

**James Phillips**  
 Commissioner  
 Florida Region of USA Volleyball



## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary!

That's right, the Florida Region is celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012 and we are proud to give you a sneak peak at our anniversary logo.

With all of the events that we have on the schedule in 2012, it should prove to be an even more exciting year than 2011. We have set a new membership goal of registering 12,000 members in 2012 and we invite you to help us achieve this new goal and move the Florida Region to the number six (6) spot in the US. (We are currently ranked as the 8<sup>th</sup> largest region out of forty (40) in USA Volleyball with 11,000 members.)



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One of the most exciting things to happen since we started the 2011/2012 fiscal year on October 1, 2011 is that we have made great strides with the formation of our first-ever women's indoor pro volleyball team called the Team Florida WAVE. This squad will be playing at several sites in Florida prior to traveling to Salt Lake City, UT in May 2012 to compete in the PVL Championships. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting program and information about the addition of a men's indoor pro team for the 2013 season.

Our 2012 indoor schedule is jam-packed with great events and we are diligently working on our 2012 outdoor schedule. Keep an eye on the Florida Region website ([www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org)) for all of the additional details as they become available.

As we get set to start a new year, I challenge you to set some new goals and put together a plan to make them happen. As one of my favorite authors, John Maxwell says, "Ordinary people with commitment can make an extraordinary impact on their world!" So dig in and get busy! I wish you an amazing new year!

Happy 2012!

**Steve Bishop**, CYSA  
Executive Director/President

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## **CLUB HIGHLIGHT – WILDFIRE 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 **Ore Pablos** and **Wildfire Volleyball Club** will be highlighted.

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

**A:** I grew up in Cuba where volleyball is one of the more popular sports. I got involved in the sport at the age of 6.

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

**A:** I have been Coaching volleyball for the last 20 years. I have held head coaching positions at middle schools, High Schools and Club.

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

**A:** I am the Director of Wildfire Volleyball Club and the Head Coach for 16's Elite Wildfire Volleyball.

At Wildfire we have managed to put together a very energetic and productive staff that makes my job very enjoyable. We offer education, not only for the athletes, but also for the parents. Building a sense of community has helped make my job a lot easier.

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

**A:** My biggest accomplishment is a summation of many small ones. To see young athletes grow not only in the sport but as productive individuals. Knowing that I have made a positive contribution in the lives of some of these young athletes through volleyball is an awesome feeling.

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

**A:** In one word, AMAZING. I have always been of the opinion that there is not enough volleyball available for all the athletes that would play if they knew it is out there for them. I find that the Region has done a tremendous job in educating and marketing our sport.



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

**A:** Our goal is one and one only since the beginning of our Club; the commitment to “building volleyball players one skill at a time”. Keeping that motto our goal and number one priority has taken care of the growth, not only in size, but also in the quality of our organization.

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

**A:** I would say don't take my word for it, come in the gym any time at any practice or any tournament, watch kids from 6 years old to 17 years old going through comprehensive productive practices. Watch their body language, their demeanor and you will find happy individuals committed to their team. Ask referees and other clubs about us and you will get words like highly respectful, skilled and competitive in your answers. We promote strong work ethics, commitment and loyalty while having a lot of fun.

**Q: Do you recall any memorable stories with Wildfire VBC?**

**A:** Our Coaches winning a Karaoke competition last year at the Big South to the tunes of Ice, Ice Baby while the athletes and parents cheered them up. GOOD TIMES!!!!!!

**Q: What would you attribute your club success in the past years?**

**A:** “Winning is a preference not an obsession”. Keeping that quote in mind we are able to understand that every one who comes into our gym is important. Our coaches' responsibility is to work on every athlete to help them reach their highest potential. Wildfire promotes the idea of team building through individual growth and importance. We are an educational institution and we treat it as such.

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

**A:** I would first like to compliment the Region and its staff for the job performed in the last few years. I look forward to more Clubs, more volleyball and more athletes getting involved. I feel Florida is just scratching the surface and I am excited for the future of our Region.

*Thanks Ore for participating in the Club Highlight. The Florida Region wishes you and your club success in the 2011/2012 season! Stay tuned for next month's Club Highlight to learn about **Brian Wheatley and Venetian Bay Volleyball Club**.*



## PREMIER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE – TEAM FLORIDA WAVE

The excitement and energy ran high as 47 female athletes showed up in hopes of securing a spot on the first semi-pro women’s team in Florida history. The Florida Region held the first Team Florida Wave tryout on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Orlando Sports Center.



Under the leadership of head coach Nick Cheronis and assistant coach Steve Benson, a total of 24 athletes were invited to attend the first practice on Jan 8 with 13 of those athletes being paid to attend.

Team Florida Wave will compete in 3 tournaments around the state of Florida (1 possibly in Puerto Rico) before traveling to Salt Lake City, UT to compete in the league championships.

### 2012 WOMEN'S PRACTICE ROSTER - TENTATIVE AS OF 12/20/2011 (LIST 1 - Note: The athletes listed below will be paid to attend the first practice in January)

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>College</u>
Alicia Johnson	Orlando	5'10"	S	OVA (Coach)	Southern Illinois
Adriana Fundora	Miami	5'8"	OH	VPA (Coached)	Florida International
Alyse Rodriguez	Jacksonville	5'7"	LIB	OBV (Coached)	Florida International
Benavia Jenkins	Fort Pierce	6'0"	OPP	A-Vaneb VBA (Club Director)	University of Florida
Danielle Priest	Spring Hill	6'1"	MB	Tampa United (Played)	Hillsborough CC/FAU
Emily Kohler	Tallahassee	5'11"	OPP	Tallahassee Jrs (Coach)	University of North Florida
Katie Sanders	Fort Myers	6'1"	OH	USA South (Coach)	Baylor
Sarah Sykes	Satellite Beach	5'9"	OH	Cape Coast (Coached)	University of Kentucky
Tanya Jarvis	Orlando	5'9"	OH	OVA (Coach)	University of Central Florida
Valerie Martinez	Miami Beach	5'9"	S	Miami Select (Coach)	University of North Florida
Kristen Batt	Venice	6'0"	OH	Suncoast VBC (Coach)	University of Kentucky
Megan Wallin	Sarasota	6'3"	OPP	-	Michigan State
Marcela Oliveria	Temple Terrace	5'11"	OH	Tampa Bay One (Coach)	University of South Florida

**Note: To see the full practice roster, please visit the Region website. The final Team Florida Wave roster will be posted after the first practice in January 2012!**

Please visit [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org) to learn more about the Team Florida Wave and see how you can make a difference by supporting the first USAV women’s pro volleyball team in Florida!



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## 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](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org) to register.

**Jan 6, 2012**

**Fort Lauderdale Convention Center**

1950 Eisenhower Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
Time: 5:30pm-9:30pm

**Instructor: Linda Gomez**

**Jan 7, 2012**

**Leon High School**

550 E. Tennessee St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
Time: 9am-1pm

**Instructor: Joy Becker**

**Jan 8, 2012**

**Naples High School**

1100 Golden Eagle Circle  
Naples, FL 34102

**Time: ??**

**Instructor: TBD**

## 2012 FLORIDA REGION CALENDARS

The **2012 Florida Region Calendars** are here!! Take a look and see if you made it into the calendar this year! The calendar is made up of Florida Region member-submitted photos and is 100% devoted to Florida Volleyball. With high resolution photos and over 45 volleyball photos, you're sure to find yourself or someone you know featured in this calendar. Order one today for your home or office (or both) and support the Florida Region Scholarship Fund. For \$12, plus S&H, your calendar(s) will be shipped out within 2 business days of receiving your order. They will ship from the Florida Region office in Eustis, FL. Visit the Florida Region website, [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org), to order yours today!





## NEW USAV LIBERO RULE

### ATTENTION COACHES AND/OR CLUB DIRECTORS

Please note that ALL Libero designations this season are FOR THE ENTIRE MATCH. This means that whether you indicate No Libero, One Libero, or Two Liberos on your 1<sup>st</sup> Set Line-Up Sheet, that stays in affect for the entire match (except as provided for under Rule 19.4 "Re-Designation of a New Libero").

Please also bear in mind that any player designated as a Libero (either starting Libero or secondary Libero) for the 1<sup>st</sup> set of a match becomes **INELIGIBLE** to play in any subsequent sets as a **REGULAR** player in that match (except as provided for under Exceptional Substitution Rule USAV 15.7a, which states that a Libero can be used as an exceptional sub as a very last resort).

For any additional questions/clarifications regarding this rule, please contact Darin Clark, the Officials' Chair, at [Darin@floridavolleyball.org](mailto:Darin@floridavolleyball.org).

## 2012 FLORIDA FEST BOYS' BID TOURNAMENT



The deadline for registering for the 2012 Florida Fest is fast approaching! 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. Register your team through AES by January 4<sup>th</sup> to secure your spot and avoid late fees. For more information on registration and the tournament, visit [www.FloridaFest.org](http://www.FloridaFest.org). We look forward to another great event!

**February 4 - 5, 2012**

[Ocean Center](#)

101 N. Atlantic Avenue  
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

**Divisions (Entry Fee):**

14 & Under - 18 & Under Open  
\$500.00

2 day tournament (Sat. 8-8PM; Sun. 8AM til finished)

**Team Check-In:**

Friday, February 3, 2012  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Ocean Center Lobby



## TEAM FLORIDA INDOOR HP ALL-STAR TRYOUTS

Information for the **2012 Team Florida 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. Please check the Region Website for updates on registering.

### TEAM FLORIDA HP TRYOUT INFO:

**Feb 3 – Daytona Beach** (Girls & Boys)

**Feb 24 – Jacksonville** (Girls)

**Mar 23 – Ft. Lauderdale** (Girls & Boys)

**Apr 13 – Tampa** (Girls)



**NOTE:** The age definitions for HP candidates are as follows:

**Girls**-1991 & above

**Boys**-1992 & above

For questions regarding HP, contact Krissy McKane at [Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org](mailto:Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org).

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!**

## REGIONAL OFFICIALS' CLINICS

The REGIONAL clinics are geared towards Regional, Provisional, and Interim (brand new) officials. Officials must sign up for a clinic using the online form found on the Region website. This clinic is **REQUIRED** for all Provisional officials and Interim officials that would like to earn a provisional rating. Attendance is optional, but encouraged, for Regional Officials.

**Jan 8, 2012**

**JJVA VolleyCenter**

11661 Philips Hwy.

Jacksonville, FL 32256

Time: 11am-3pm

Instructor: Donna Beasley

**Jan 12, 2012**

**Hillsborough Community College Campus**

4001 W. Tampa Bay Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33614

Time: 6pm-9:30pm

Instructor: Dave Carstenson

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Wainio-Oato, Official's Coordinator, at 941-744-6747 or [Sue@FloridaVolleyball.org](mailto:Sue@FloridaVolleyball.org).





## USAV MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- **Florida International University (FIU)** hired US Olympian and Florida Region member **Rita Crockett** as the new head sand volleyball coach. Crockett was recently inducted into the **Volleyball Hall of Fame**. She will begin coaching in the spring of 2013.
- **Lindsey Watson**, a freshman at Pasco-Hernando Community College, has been selected as a **2011 first team All-American** for volleyball by the National Junior College Athletic Association.
- Congrats to **Sidney Brown**, **Carly Scarbrough**, and **Sara Duque** as they have been selected to attend the **USAV Girls' Youth Holiday Camp** in Colorado Springs December 26-30. **Kyle Dagostino** has been selected to attend the **USAV Boys' Holiday Training Camp**. Congrats!
- **Nikki Lyons** and **Vanessa Freire** have been selected to attend the **USAV Girls' A1 Beach Holiday HP Camp** in Chula Vista December 27-30. **Ashley Allmer**, **Jaclyn Dinenberg**, **Kristi Christiansen**, **Amanda Karan**, **Jessalyn Kinlaw**, **Haley Mitchell**, **Courtney Liddle**, **Jackie Wegner**, **Tyler Smith**, **Cody Nelson**, **Matthew Clayton**, and **Andrew VanZwieten** will be attending the **USAV Boys' and Girls' A2 Beach Holiday HP Camp** in Largo on December 27-30. Way to go!
- **Phil Dalhausser**, from Ormond Beach, FL, has been named the **USA Volleyball Beach Male Athlete of the Year** for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row!
- **Jordan Burgess** was named as the Most Undeniable Player for Team East at the **2011 Under Armour All-America Volleyball Match** held at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

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

## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

The **Spectator/Fan Membership** option is available for \$25 and includes a full year, NON-PLAYING membership with secondary insurance and entrance into all Florida Region hosted tournaments. This membership option is ideal for those members that plan on attending more than one USAV Event this year. \$25 cost...\$30 value!

There is a new **FREE** membership for all youth who are 8 years old and under. This is a limited membership and must be upgraded to play in any qualifiers or national competition. If you have any questions, please contact [MSisser@FloridaVolleyball.org](mailto:MSisser@FloridaVolleyball.org).



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## MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

As of January 1, 2012, the Florida Region has **8,881** members. We are on our way to meeting our goal of 12,000 members! Please let others in your area know about the playing, coaching, and officiating opportunities offered by USA Volleyball in the Florida Region.

Note: The first ten (10) people to read this and send an email to Krissy ([krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org](mailto:krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org)) at the Region Office will receive a free 2012 calendar!

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