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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

I hope that your season has gone as you have planned and that you have met all of your volleyball goals this year. For those of you continuing to play, I hope that your championships go well and you achieve your dreams. Our ASICS Girls’ Junior Regional Qualifier was a great success and we awarded 19 BIDS in 7 age groups. I wish to thank all of the people who worked so hard to get the event ready, especially our staff who did an outstanding job. Their dedication and commitment to the tournament was very evident and should be commended by all. If you have a chance, please let them know what a wonderful job they did.

On another note, as you may have heard, this is an election year for two positions on the BOD. My position, Commissioner, and the Indoor Chair are up for election. Ballots can be found on our website, www.floridavolleyball.org, at the following link:
<http://www.floridavolleyball.org/OPERATIONS-BOD/BoD%20Election%20Ballot-2012.pdf>

Please go to the page and vote. It is imperative that you let your voice be heard. All members are entitled to a vote, so please express yourself by voting. I hope that you are proud of your region and would vote to retain me as your commissioner, but I urge you to vote either way.

With warmest wishes,

James Phillips, Commissioner
Florida Region of USA Volleyball



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's that time of the year again and we are gearing up for our annual Girls' Junior Regional Volleyball Championships (May 19-20) and our 11th annual Florida Region Awards Ceremony (May 18) in Orlando. Each year we gather together on the Friday night before the regional championships to celebrate our great sport and recognize those that make Florida so amazing. This year we will once again award scholarships to many deserving high school seniors. The following scholarships will be awarded:

Ben Jordan Memorial
Mark Headrick Memorial
Marriott "Serving the Community"
ROX Volleyball
Chilling Rocks Water

Ned DeGroot Memorial
ASICS "Sound Mind/Sound Body"
1st Place Volleyball
Walgreens "There's A Way"
Commissioner's Choice

Additionally, we will present over 30 awards and induct a new member in the Florida Region Hall of Fame. Dr. Cecile Reynaud (FSU) will be our guest speaker and if you haven't heard Cecile speak, you haven't really lived (or laughed). This is a fun time with friends and family that you will not want to miss. Information on tickets can be found on the Florida Region website. (Order your tickets early...space is limited.)



This is also a very exciting month for our Team Florida WAVE women's indoor pro volleyball team and the newly formed Premier Volleyball League (PVL). Later this month in Salt Lake City, UT, the Intermountain Region and USA Volleyball will play host to the 1st annual PVL Championships. There will be twelve (12) women's pro volleyball teams from across the United States that will be competing for a \$20,000 prize purse. This is a great milestone for our sport and your very own Florida Region has been helping form this league since it's inception in October 2011. Make plans to come out and support the Team Florida WAVE at their final exhibition match on May 19, 2012 in Orlando. The WAVE will play at 11 am and 3pm.

Let us know how we are doing. We appreciate the opportunity to work along side you here in Florida and grow the game!

Steve Bishop, CYSA
Executive Director/President

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CLUB HIGHLIGHT – A-VANEB 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 **Benavia Jenkins** and **A-Vaneb Volleyball Academy** will be highlighted.

Q: Tell us how you got started in volleyball?

A: I started playing mainly because of my mom. She played in college and was a very good player. I wanted to follow in her footsteps and be a better player than her.



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

A: I guess I would say my biggest accomplishment in volleyball was to be able to receive a full scholarship and become very successful at the University of Florida. I became an All-American, All-SEC, and currently hold the blocking leader record. If you knew my struggle before college, you would have never thought I would be so successful.

Q: How does it feel to be a part of the first women's indoor pro team in Florida?

A: It's an honor to be able to start history. I love the young ladies that are a part of the team. The coaching staff is great. Being able to play under Nick Cheronis (head coach), brings back memories from the good old days at UF (lol). It's also great for the younger players get to see us play. I tell my players all the time how hard it is to be an elite athlete. I think now that they have seen me play; they understand the sacrifice I give to them and to my sport.

Q: How do you balance coaching, running a club, and playing professionally?

A: I have a great support team behind me. My parents are awesome! Whatever I need them to do, it gets done. My family is also helpful. I have a very small club team so keeping it organized is not that difficult.

Q: What do you like to do in your "spare time"?

A: Hahaha! Spare time is something I don't have much of. I put everyone ahead of me. When I do, I love going to the gym. It helps me relieve stress. I have also started reading more.

Q: Tell us a little about your club. What made you decide to start a club?

A: A-Vaneb Volleyball Academy is a very small and intimate club. It is my name spelled backwards, minus the "I". I have always wanted to own a business but I never guessed it would be for volleyball. I started this club because of parents saw something in me I didn't see. I coached high school (LPA), and my parents



were pleased to see the huge difference I made in one season. This is one of the smartest decisions I have ever made. My goal is to be the best club team in the treasure coast.

Q: As a former All-American, what do you hope to be able to teach your athletes, on and off the court?

A: I teach them to be hungry. I was hungry as a young athlete. I wanted to be the best at everything. I competed against my friends, boyfriend, teammates, and other students. My players know my stories from college and professional days. I'm very honest with my players. Play hard and work hard is my motto.

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

A: We have the best fans ever! You will see all my parents and friends in black and gold A-Vaneb/hornets shirts screaming loud. I also have some of the best kids and that's from great parenting. They make my job easy by keeping their girls in line so all I have to do is coach.

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

A: I would like to grow my program. I do not want anything too big but 3-4 teams are good for me. All I want to do is teach them.

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

A: I look forward to seeing how much the game will change and the players grow. Volleyball is growing every year to a bigger sport. I hope one day it can take over like basketball and football.

*Thanks Benavia 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 **Anne Fredette** and **Naples Juniors**.*

3rd ANNUAL BEACH KICKOFF

May 12, 2012 - 3rd Annual Beach Kickoff Weekend @ Clearwater Beach

Jr. Beach Bootcamp with Tyra Turner – A fun-filled day with skill development in beach passing, hitting, and serving. Plus...learn conditioning and nutrition to help your game from beach vb pro athlete **Tyra Turner!**

Regional Beach Coaching Clinic – All beach coaches are required to attend a USAV Beach Coaching Clinic before they will be allowed to coach at a USAV beach tournament!

Beach Officials Training Clinic – Indoor officials that are interested in learning how to officiate on the sand should attend this clinic! Instructed by National Beach VB Official – **James Phillips**



For more information and to register: www.FloridaVolleyball.org



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USAV DIG THE BEACH TOUR

The first junior beach event of the year is coming up in Clearwater on the 12th! Register online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

The USAV Dig the Beach tour stops in 2012 will take place in four of the most desirable beaches in Florida:



May 12-13 Clearwater Classic & ROX Jr. Beach Kickoff, Clearwater Beach

(Team Florida Beach HP All-Star Tryout, 12u-26u)

Jun 2-3 Ft. Myers Open & ROX Jr. Series Tour Stop, Ft. Myers Beach
(Team Florida Beach HP All-Star Tryout, 12u-26u)

Jun 9-10 Siesta Key Classic & ROX Jr. Series Tour Stop, Siesta Key Beach
(USA Jr. National Beach Tour Qualifier)

Jun 30-Jul 1 Ft. Lauderdale Classic & ROX Jr. Series Tour Stop, Ft. Laud Beach
(USA Jr. National Beach Tour Qualifier)



Jul 14-15 Siesta Key Open & ROX Jr. Series Tour Stop, Siesta Key Beach

Jul 28-29 Ft. Lauderdale Open & ROX Jr. Series Championships, Ft. Laud Beach

Aug 4-5 Clearwater Open & DTB Tour Championships, Clearwater Beach

Register online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org!

2012 TEAM FLORIDA BEACH HP ALL-STAR PROGRAM

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is proud to announce our second annual **Team Florida Beach HP All-Star Program**. In 2012 we will field 10-12 teams in our delegation. Girls and boys are invited to tryout.

The 2012 USA Volleyball Beach HP Championships will take place in Hermosa Beach, CA from July 18-22. The cost for selected athletes will include apparel (outfitted by Rox Volleyball), airfare, coaches, lodging, & ground transportation.



TRYOUT INFORMATION

May 12 – Clearwater Beach

June 2 – Ft. Myers Beach

Time: 3pm-6pm

Tryout Fee: \$45 in advance



Here is the proposed timeline for the 2012 program:

Jun 11 - Athlete/Team selections announced

Jul 14 - Team Florida Beach HP Training Camp in Siesta Key, FL

Jul 16 - Team Florida Delegation meets in Orlando

Jul 17 - Travel Day from Orlando, FL to Los Angeles, CA

Jul 18-22 - USAV Beach HP Championships in Hermosa Beach, CA

Jul 23 - Travel Day from Los Angeles, CA to Orlando, FL

More info: Visit the Florida Region website or HP@FloridaVolleyball.org



BID RECIPIENTS

TEAMS ATTENDING THE GIRLS' JNC IN COLUMBUS, OH

Big South JNQ:

- Tampa Bay Jrs. 18 Black - Open Bid
- JJVA 17N-Adis ROX - National Bid
- Gainesville Jrs 16 Black - National Bid
- OVA 15 Asics - Open Bid
- Tampa Bay 18 Black - Open Bid

Mideast JNQ:

- OVA 17 Asics - Open Bid

Northeast JNQ:

- OVA 16 Asics - Open Bid
- OVA 17 Molten - American Bid
- OVA 18 Asics - Open Bid
- Ocala Power 15 Rox - National Bid

Northern Lights JNQ:

- Gainesville 13 Black - National Bid
- OVA 14 Asics - Open Bid

Florida Region Qualifier:

- OVA 12 Asics - National Bid
- Wildfire 12 Black - American Bid
- OVA 13 Asics - National Bid
- Tribe 13 Rox - American Bid
- USA South 13 National - American Bid
- Tampa United Volleyball Academy 14 Tampa - American Bid
- Top Select 15 VB Rags - National Bid
- JJVA 15N Rox - American Bid
- Tribe 15 Rox - American Bid
- Miami Elite 16 Blue - National Bid
- USA South 16 National - American Bid
- Prostyle Premier 17 - National Bid
- Top Select 17 VB Rags - American Bid
- Pinellas Heat 17 Elite - American Bid
- Top Select 18 VB Rags - National Bid
- OVA 18 Molten - American Bid
- USA South 18 National - American Bid
- JJVA 14R Miriam - American Bid

Open At-Large:

- Top Select 14 VB Rags - Open Bid

Show Me JNQ:

- Tribe 14 Rox - Open Bid

TEAMS ATTENDING THE BOYS' JNC IN DALLAS, TX

Florida Fest:

- Tampa Bay 18 Invaders - Open Bid
- Orlando Gold 16 Black - Open Bid
- Pinellas Heat 14 Boys - Open Bid





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2012 BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION

May 31st is the deadline to vote for the 2012 Board of Director Election!

You may cast your ballot by email to the Election Committee at vote@FloridaVolleyball.org or print out a copy of the ballot (located on the region website) and fax it to the Region Office at (352) 414-5304. You may also vote in person at the 2012 Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships (May 19-20).

If you vote by e-mail you must include all information listed on the ballot for your vote to be counted and the email must be sent from the email address that is on file for you in WebPoint!**

Commissioner

James Phillips (Incumbent)
Mary Andrew
David Crowder
Bob Nichols



Indoor Chair

Nancy Cothron
Shanon Lewis
Sam Skelton

****Each current member of the Florida Region is entitled to one vote per person!**

2012 GIRLS' JR. REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



What: 2012 Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships

When: May 19-20, 2012

**Where: Orange Co. Convention Cntr.
West Hall A - Orlando, FL**

**Who: For Girl's Junior Teams
10u-18u**

Wave Assignments (TENTATIVE) - As of April 18, 2012
AM Wave (8:00AM): 10u, 11u, 12u, 13O, 13C, 16O, 17O, 17C, 18u
PM Wave (2:30PM): 14O, 14C, 15C, 15O, 16C

Deadline to register teams in AES: May 18, 2012!

This year, we will be adding a **Senior Regional Volleyball Championships** in conjunction with the **Girls' Regional Volleyball Championships**. This will be for Men & Women, **ages 50 and above only!** If you are interested in participating in this new event, please contact Steve Benson at SBenson@floridavolleyball.org.



The Florida Region Awards Ceremony

will take place on **May 18** at the Double Tree Resort in Orlando. We are excited to announce this year's guest speaker will be **Dr. Cecile Reynaud, Former FSU Head Volleyball Coach.**

Time: 6:30p Reception, 7:00p Ceremony Begins
Cost: \$15 per person in advance (Age 13 & Above), \$20 at the door
Food & drinks will be provided, Cash bar will be available
Dress Code: Business Casual to Business Standard





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TEAM FLORIDA WAVE

The **Team Florida WAVE** is the first indoor women's pro volleyball team in Florida and is part of the new **Premier Volleyball League (PVL)**, sanctioned by USA Volleyball. The PVL is made up of teams from among the 40 Regional Volleyball Associations across the country. This year, the PVL Championships will be held in **Salt Lake City, UT**, at the **USA Open National Championships** May 26-29.

The WAVE is comprised of post-collegiate female athletes from around the state of Florida and is led by Nick Cheronis, former UF Associate Head Coach.



NEXT COMPETITION DATE

May 19, 2012 - Team Florida WAVE Exhibition Matches at GJRVC!

Location: Orange County Convention Center, Orlando

11am Red vs. Blue
1pm Meet the Team
3pm Blue vs. Red
5pm Meet the Team



Contact Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org for more details!

FLORIDA BOYS EVENTS

The Florida Boys Summer Slam will be held on May 19-20 at the Orange County Convention Center in conjunction with the Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships. For more info, please contact Steve Benson, Events Manager, at SBenson@FloridaVolleyball.org.



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The 2012 Boys' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships will be held on June 9-10 in Ft. Lauderdale. **NOTE:** Boys' teams participating in the 2012 Boys' Jr. National Championships must attend the 2012 Boys' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships!

TEAM FLORIDA HP ALL-STAR CAMPS

The Team Florida HP All-Star Development Camp and the Team Florida HP All-Star Training Camp selections have been made!

The Development Camp will take place on May 5 at Stetson University. The Training Camp will take place on June 2-3 at the Orlando Sports Center.

For hotel information and to view Camp selections, please visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org. If you have any questions, please contact Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org.





USAV MEMBERS IN THE NEWS – Katie Mosher



One of the great events held yearly at Florida State University is the Golden Nole Awards. Every year student-athletes get together as an entire group and are honored for the contributions they make on the field, in the classroom and in the community. **The 18th annual Golden Nole Awards** banquet was hosted by the Student Athlete Advisory Council (S.A.A.C.) to honor the contributions Florida State student-athletes make that often go

unnoticed but are never unappreciated. The Golden Nole Award is presented to the person on each sport team who has exhibited the ideals of intercollegiate athletics. Head Coaches select these student-athletes by evaluating athletic and academic success as well as their contribution to service to the university and in the community. Golden Nole honorees are chosen on a combination of factors which include **athletic achievement, community service, attitude and dedication**. **Katie Mosher**, a former player for USA South Volleyball and current libero for Florida State, was presented with the **Golden Nole Award** in front of a crowd of more than 500 student athletes, administrators, and guests. Mosher was a redshirt freshman libero in 2011. She played in every set of every match for the Noles. She set a new school single season record with 606 digs in her inaugural season. Katie helped her team win the 2011 ACC Championship **and** for the first time in the history of the school **and the ACC conference**, helped her team to a **NCAA FINAL FOUR**. ***Congrats Katie! The Florida Region wishes you continued success in your volleyball career!***

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

OTHER EVENT INFORMATION

Once again, we have teamed up with **Orlando Convention** to help you make the most of your time in Orlando while attending the **Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships**. Available discounts include restaurants, golf, attractions, nightlife, shopping and much more. Each listing offers detailed information and discount coupons that can be printed. They can also make your dinner reservation and book your group dinner party or event.

Just click on the golden ticket to:

- Purchase, discounted attraction tickets!
- Receive, discounts to fantastic restaurants and make dinner reservations!
- Enjoy complimentary cocktails at some of Orlando's best nightlife!
- Play great golf at a discount!
- Shop at Orlando's most exclusive stores and outlets with discounts!
- Rent cars and make use of other great services all with fantastic discounts!

Be sure to check out the coupons available and call Orlando Convention at (407) 248-8629 if they can help you in any way!



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SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

The USAV Summer Membership option is now available! For \$20, you will have access to play in any USAV Dig the Beach tour stop or any affiliate tour stop this summer. Please contact Michele@floridavolleyball.org with any questions.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

As of May 1, 2012, the Florida Region has **10,773** 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.

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