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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

As the newly elected commissioner I would like to welcome you to the new volleyball year. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve the members of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball in this new capacity. The National USA Volleyball meetings were held last month in Colorado Springs and our region was well represented and is held in very high esteem by the rest of the nation. Congrats to our Members, to James Phillips-past commissioner, the Region Board Members, Steve Bishop-Executive Director and the Region Staff for building the Florida Region into such a great organization over the past seven years. The many hours of hard work, dedication and passion are evident in the many great playing and educational opportunities that USA Volleyball and the Florida Region provide for our members.

It occurred to me while in Colorado Springs representing the membership of Florida that we need to get the word out even more about the great experiences playing volleyball provides for people of all ages. We must also spread the word on the great benefits we receive from playing, coaching, officiating and administrating this great sport. I was amazed at the work ethic and long hours the staff at USA Volleyball in Colorado put in for this sport and I am always amazed at the dedication of our members, staff and supporters in Florida.

You become part of this great organization when you join the Florida Region. I welcome your passion, your knowledge and your efforts to “grow the game” and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Mary Andrew, Commissioner
Florida Region of USA Volleyball



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Florida Region office! As I write this note I am watching the most recent news about the storm that has impacted our neighbors to the North. It seems strange and a little surreal that the northeastern United States was so greatly impacted by a hurricane. This is something that we have come to accept as Florida residents. Not many other areas in the US have had to deal with a hurricane of this size and scope. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the areas impacted and I encourage each person reading this to consider supporting the clean up efforts in whatever way that you can. Many times in the past we have benefited by concerned and compassionate Americans giving to support the American Red Cross when Florida was affected. Let's return the favor this time!

As we head into November, I want to let you know that during the past month your region staff has been very busy laying the groundwork for the 2013 season. We have been signing contracts, pulling permits, issuing RFP's, sanctioning events, renewing junior clubs, distributing insurance certificates, and pursuing new corporate partnerships to grow the sport. We have much more to do to get ready for an exciting 2013!

Finally, I once again had the distinct pleasure of attending the Volleyball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Holyoke, MA last month. There were six legends inducted in the 2012 Class:

- 2 from Russia – **Lyudmila Buldakova & Georgy Mondzolevskiy**
- 1 from Netherlands - **Peter Blange**
- 1 from Brazil – **Mauricio Lima**
- 2 from the United States – **Mike Dodd & Jeff Stork**

What an honor to meet these legends and hear their memorable stories. They are just a small part of what makes this sport so special!

On that note, I hope that you will thank someone this month that has helped you along the way. We all have at least one "Hall of Famer" in our lives and they need to know that they have made a difference.

See you on the court soon,

Steve Bishop, CYSA
Executive Director/President





CLUB HIGHLIGHT – PHANTOM 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 **Debbie Moriconi** and **Phantom VBC** will be highlighted.

Q: How did you get started in volleyball?

A: I began playing volleyball as a sophomore in high school and played on athletic scholarship in college. My love for the game grew as my skills developed and the competition increased.

Q: How long have you been involved in coaching?

A: I have been coaching for school and club for five years.

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

A: Volleyball provides my coaches and I with opportunities to have an influence in building confidence and self-esteem in young girls. Through volleyball, we are able to work with them on setting and achieving goals and learning to compete. Both are skills that they will need throughout their entire lives. Club volleyball also provides the girls with an opportunity to keep fit, develop communication and relationship skills, and stay busy in a positive and controlled setting.

Q: Besides volleyball, what other hobbies do you have?

A: Scuba diving and spending whatever free time I have with my husband, daughters, family and friends.

Q: What are all of the job titles you currently hold?

A: I work in the real estate and legal fields, coach middle school volleyball, and I am the mother of twin teenage girls.

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

A: Phantom Volleyball Club was started in 2008 as a developmental program for girls ages 14 and under. We are a small club and usually have between 2-3 teams a year.

Q: Do you offer outdoor/beach programming? If not, do you plan on offering that in the future?

A: We do not offer beach volleyball and we do not have any future plans for a beach program.





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

A: We are fortunate to work with a wonderful group of young girls that have the full, unwavering support of their parents. We are proud of their achievements both on and off the court. They are academic scholars – earning numerous academic and character awards. Our girls give back to the community through various organizations and community service projects, and they are polite and respectful. Last year, our 13's team was a pick-up team, and we finished the season ranked 11th in the state.

Q: What are some of the goals for your club this season?

A: We want the girls to grow and improve and to finish the season having a positive club season experience.

*Thanks Debbie for participating in the Club Highlight. The Florida Region wishes you and your club success in the 2012/2013 season! Stay tuned for next month's Club Highlight to learn about **Erica Bunch** and **Prostyle Tallahassee Volleyball Club**.*

GIRL'S JUNIOR CLUB TRYOUT DATES

This year, the earliest date for girl's junior tryouts (ages 10U – 14U) is Saturday, **September 1st**. The earliest date for girl's junior tryouts (ages 15U – 18U) is Sunday, **November 18th**. Any club found to be holding tryouts prior to these dates will be subject to fines and/or penalties! Please make sure that you sanction your USAV tryouts at least 30 days in advance so it can receive an event sanction number and a USAV certificate of insurance. Contact **Steve Benson**, Events Manager, @ sbenson@FloridaVolleyball.org if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

It's that time again! **Membership Renewal** time is here for all current and future USAV members. You will notice on your membership cards that it expired as of **October 31st, 2012**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (352)742-0080.

2013 REGION EVENT DATES

Coaches and Official's Education Weekend, January 4-6

- o Location: Orlando Sports Center - Orlando, FL
- o IMPACT/ CAP I & II/Beach IMPACT/BCAP
- o Official's Training Clinic (Regional & National)
- o Team Florida WAVE Tryout – Men & Women

2013 Boys' Florida Fest, February 2-3

- o Location: Ocean Center - Daytona Beach, FL
- o Boys' National Bid Tournament

2013 Region Awards Ceremony, April 19

- o Location: TBA - Orlando, FL



2013 Girls' Junior Regional Volleyball Championships, April 20-21

- o Orange County Convention Center - Orlando, FL

2013 Girls' Junior Regional Qualifier, April 27-28

- o Orange County Convention Center - Orlando, FL
- o Teams wanting to compete for National/American bids

2013 Team Florida Indoor HP Development Camp, May 4

- o Location: TBA

2013 Team Florida Indoor HP Training Camp, June 1-2

- o Orlando Sports Center - Orlando, FL

2013 Boys' Junior Regional Volleyball Championships, June 15-16

- o Location: TBD

2013 USA Volleyball Indoor HP Championships, July 22-28

- o Location: Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

***Please note these dates have recently been changed per the Jr. Admin Board.**

2013 TEAM FLORIDA WAVE INFO

The returning women's program competed in the 2012 PVL Championships in Salt Lake City, UT, last May and placed 5th overall. This year, the Team Florida WAVE women's team will compete in several competitions to prepare for the 2013 PVL Championships that will be held in Louisville, KY, from May 24-27. Nick Cheronis will once again lead the women's program as head coach.



The Premier Volleyball League (PVL) is adding a men's division in 2013 and the Team Florida WAVE anticipates adding a men's team. The men's PVL will compete in one championship event at the 2013 USA Boys' Jr. National Championship in Reno, NV, under the leadership of head coach Steve Benson.

Tryouts for both the men's and women's Team Florida WAVE program will be held on Friday, Jan 4, at the Orlando Sports Center. (Tryout times to be announced in the December Issue of *Vol-eNews*.) Interested athletes can sign up online starting November 15.

Athlete requirements are as follows:

- o Post collegiate
- and/or**
- o Exhausted NCAA eligibility

Coaches interested in working with the teams this year can submit their resumes to wave@floridavolleyball.org. Check the region website at www.FloridaVolleyball.org for updates!



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INDOOR IMPACT CLASSES

There are two upcoming indoor IMPACT classes scheduled this month. Please register online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org – these classes are **FREE** for all registered Florida Region coaches!

Date: November 9, 2012
Time: 6:30pm – 10:30pm
Instructor: Nancy Cothron
Place: First Brazilian Baptist Church
1103 NE 33rd St.
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

Date: November 10, 2012
Time: 2:30pm – 6:30pm
Instructor: Nancy Cothron
Place: Hillsborough CC Dale Mabry Campus
4001 West Tampa Bay Blvd
Tampa, FL 33614
**Meet in gym lobby adjacent to the tennis courts*

If you have any questions, please contact sbenson@floridavolleyball.org.

TOC EVENT – DAYTONA BEACH 100

DAYTONA BEACH 100 – Tour of Champions Event
Feb 2-3, 2013 at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center

Age Divisions: 18 Open, 18 Club, 17 Open, 17 Club, 16 Open, 16 Club, 15 Open, 15 Club, 14 Open, 14 Club, 13 Open, 13 Club, 12 Club, 11 Club and 10 Club
(Divisions must have at least 8 teams entered or Open & Club will be combined.)

Division Formats: All divisions will have formats designed to guarantee each team 5 matches in each division. All teams will play 3-4 matches Saturday and 1-3 on Sunday.

Entry Fee: \$300 for 10 & 11 & 12 club divisions and \$350 for all other Divisions.
(**\$275.00 entry fee for teams outside of the Florida Region!**)

All teams will register through AES at www.advancedeventsystems.com

Other events that will take place at the Tour of Champions event on the Friday night before include:

- Indoor IMPACT Clinic (5:30p-9:30p)
- Friday Night Adult Tournament Series (6:00p-9:30p)
- Coaching Clinic w/ Nick Cheronis (Friday Night 7:00p-8:30p, Saturday 10a-11a & 3p-4p)
- Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star Tryout (6:00p-9:00p)

If you have questions or need any additional information on this event, please contact Steve Benson (Events Manager) at (352) 742-0080 or sbenson@FloridaVolleyball.org.



2013 ANNUAL EDUCATION WEEKEND

The **Annual Education Weekend** will be held on January 4-6 at the Orlando Sports Center. Once again, we are offering one scholarship for a coach to attend a CAP Level I or CAP Level II Course and also one scholarship for a coach to attend a BCAP (Beach) Course. The drawing will take place at the Education Weekend.

Educational Offerings for COACHES:

Schedule:

Friday, Jan 4, 2013
5:30p - 9:30p - **IMPACT, BIMPACT, & IMPACT Instructor**
Saturday, Jan 5, 2013
8:00a - 8:00p - **BCAP, CAP I, & CAP II**
9:00p - 11:00p - Reception & Dinner, Location TBA
Sunday, Jan 6, 2013
8:00a - 4:00p - BCAP, CAP I, & CAP II

Educational Offerings for OFFICIALS:

Schedule:

Saturday, Jan 5, 2013 – **Regional Clinic**
9:00a-12:00p
Saturday, Jan 5, 2013 – **National Clinic**
1:30p – 4:30p



For registration and hotel information, please visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org!

IMPORTANT NOTE: In addition to these educational offerings, we will also have a tryout for our **Team Florida Wave Women's Pro Team** and **Team Florida WAVE Men's Pro Team** on Friday, January 4 from **5pm-7pm**. Make plans to come out and support the athletes that will be representing us in 2013!

2013 GOLD SEAL CLUBS

Congratulations to the first Gold Seal clubs for 2013!

- ❖ **Beaches Volleyball Academy** – Valorie Baker
- ❖ **Black Creek Volleyball Club** – Jason Berry & Amy Walker
- ❖ **Central Florida Volleyball Club** – Carlos Pizarro & Gilda Grau
- ❖ **Gold Coast Volleyball of South Florida** – Lori Eaton & Karen Adams
- ❖ **Jupiter Volleyball Club** – Keith Russell & Paul Waides
- ❖ **Naples Juniors** – Rich Hubbard & Anne Fredette
- ❖ **No Name Volleyball Club** – Douglas Chinchar
- ❖ **Pinellas Heat Elite** – Terry & Barb Small
- ❖ **South Dade Volleyball Club** – William Gonzalez & Raul Gonzalez
- ❖ **Synergy Volleyball Club** – Bryan & Andrea Carver
- ❖ **Venetian Bay Volleyball Club** – Brian Wheatley
- ❖ **Volleyfrog Florida** – Melissa Chaplin
- ❖ **VPA-Volleyball Players Academy** – Camilo Gaitan



HP STAFF COACHES WANTED

All USAV coaches interested in coaching the **2013 Florida Region Indoor HP All-Star teams** must submit an online application. Here is a snapshot of the dates for the Team Florida Indoor HP Tryouts this year:

- o **February 1** - Daytona Beach (Girls & Boys)
- o **February 22** - Jacksonville (Girls only)
- o **March 15** - Ft. Lauderdale (Girls & Boys)
- o **March 22** - Tampa (Girls only)



The Team Florida Indoor HP Development Camp will take place on **May 4, 2013** and the Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star Training Camp will take place **June 1-2, 2013**. (The locations are **TBD** for both of these events.)

The 2012 USAV High Performance Championships will take place in **Ft. Lauderdale, FL** from **Jul 23-28, 2013**. To be considered, follow the link on the Region website.

The deadline to apply is **December 15, 2012**. Please contact **Krissy McKane** at Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org if you have any questions.

NOTE: The Florida Region requires that all coaches are either IMPACT or CAP certified before they begin working with players in tryouts.

GRASS VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball, Inc. (Florida Region) is interested in partnering with USAV clubs and high school volleyball teams to offer charity Corporate Volleyball Challenges in areas across Florida.



This type of event is a great way to get new recreational members involved in the sport. It can create connections between the local club or high school team and the local businesses that might be interested in supporting volleyball in the local area or even across the state of Florida. Also, it provides a competitive level of grass volleyball for experienced and high level players.

The Florida Region hopes to secure new strategic partnerships with companies that have a statewide footprint. This series of events will take place on a Saturday between the months of September and November based on availability of Florida Region staff.

WHO CAN PLAY?

- Co-ed Adult Teams (Ages 18 & Above)**
- Recreational 6's or Competitive 4's Divisions**
- (Recreational Teams = 4 guys & 2 girls, Competitive Teams = 3 guys & 1 girl)



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WHEN & WHERE ARE THE EVENTS?

Confirmed Dates:

Nov 10, 2012 - Ft. Myers, FL (Estero Rec Center)
Dec 8, 2012 - Port St. Lucie (Digital Domain Park)

Available Dates:

Nov 17, 2012
Dec 1, 2012

WHAT IS THE COST?

Competitive 4's Team Fee:

\$120 Corporate Rate or \$200 VIP Rate

Recreational 6's Team Fee:

\$200 Corporate Rate or \$300 VIP Rate

(VIP Rate includes lunch, drinks, and an event t-shirt for each player)

WHO DOES THE EVENT BENEFIT?

All proceeds from the event will be split 50/50 between the local school or club volleyball team co-hosting the event and the Florida Region of USA Volleyball's scholarship fund.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION?

The playing surface is grass! (Wear Sneakers)
Bring your sunscreen and favorite lawn chair!
THERE WILL BE LOTS OF GREAT MUSIC, FOOD, & FUN!

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:30a - Team Check-In Begins
9:15a - Captain's Meeting
9:30a - Tournament Begins

E-mail Steve Benson, Events Manager (sbenson@FloridaVolleyball.org) or call (352) 742-0080 for more information!

USAV MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- o Forest senior volleyball standout **Allee Stelogeannis**, a member of **Marion County Juniors**, has committed to the **University of Tampa**. The 5-foot-10 senior will play outside hitter also received interest from UTC-Chattanooga, Florida Southern, Jacksonville and Marquette.
- o **Rachel Stacy** was selected as the **Travelynx Student-Athlete of the Week** for the period ending Oct. 28 at Flagler College. Stacy is third in the Peach Belt Conference in hitting with a .332 percentage, sixth in block assists (54), seventh in total blocks (64) and seventh in blocks per set (0.71). Stacy also coaches at **JJVA**.
- o Congrats to **Gonzalo Fernandez** signing with **Warner Southern University!** Fernandez recently participated on the 2012 Team



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Florida Indoor HP All-Star Team that competed in Des Moines, IA this past July.

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!

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

The Florida Region exceeded our goal of **12,000** members last season! Thank you to all of you for supporting USA Volleyball! 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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