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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Dear Florida Region Members:

As I write this, many things are happening in the volleyball world. Our college teams have started post-season play, our junior teams have started forming teams and practicing, and your Board of Directors is preparing for a meeting on December 2nd.

I know it is easy to get caught-up in our daily lives, but I would ask you to stop and consider a few things during this holiday season. We have just completed an election cycle where the citizens of this country were able to cast votes without fear of intimidation. I know our democracy is not perfect, but take it from someone who has seen other regimes...we are truly blessed to live in a country where we travel between state borders with little or no thought and our votes **do** count! Another consideration for your holiday season; many of our fellow Floridians have lost jobs, homes and hope. I know each one of you probably knows someone who has been touched by the tough economic times. We have survived this as a Region because our previous leadership team wisely lived within our means. I know Commissioner Andrew and your new board will be as conscientious as we prepare the plans for the upcoming seasons. Lastly, our Florida volleyball family is stronger than ever. I am still awed by the dedication of players, parents, coaches, directors, officials and staff. Like our country's democracy, our Region is not perfect. But also take it from someone who has been a member of several other regions...we are admired around the country for our passion, our ethics and our teams.

I am thankful to be a part of the Florida Region...

Happy Holidays,
Doug Darling
 Assistant Commissioner



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy December! The holidays are upon us and this is always a great time of the year to spend with friends and family during a little down time, while sharing some of your favorite foods. This month I want to report that the Florida Region is making great progress toward the 2012/2013 season. Our board and staff are more focused than ever before on providing a safe and fun environment for our members to teach, learn, and play the sport that we all love.

There are several hot topics this month that deserve a mention:

- 🏐 **2013 Florida Region Volleyball Calendar** – Our 2013 volleyball calendar is available on the Florida Region website (www.FloridaVolleyball.org) for \$12. It is the only calendar in the US devoted solely to volleyball and all proceeds benefit the Florida Region scholarship fund. These make a great stocking stuffer! Order yours (and one for a friend) today!
- 🏐 **USAV Education Weekend** – Our annual education weekend for 2013 is scheduled for Jan 4th-6th in Orlando. We will offer educational opportunities for coaches and officials. We anticipate over 250 to attend the various courses. See page 7 for more information.
- 🏐 **Team Florida WAVE Indoor Pro Volleyball** – We are excited to announce that indoor pro volleyball is now a permanent part of the landscape in the USA. In 2013, we plan to have a team for men and women. Additional information is available on page 6.

Finally, I want to remember a friend and a volleyball ambassador that passed away recently. Mr. **Bruce Perry** (West Palm Beach, FL) was a long time member of the Florida Region and has worked in various capacities at region events since 2006. Bruce was a great man that dedicated his heart and soul to promoting volleyball in Florida with the Palm Beach Jrs. You could regularly find him laying down courts, driving a forklift, working the tournament desk, or mentoring young athletes. In 2011, we presented Bruce with the Florida Region Volleyball Ambassador Award. Beginning in 2013, we will be renaming this award to the **Bruce Perry Ambassador Award** so that we can remember the contributions that Bruce has made to the sport of volleyball. I trust that we will all strive to be a volleyball ambassador in our respective circle of life.

Let us know how we can help you.

Happy Volleydays!

Steve Bishop, Executive Director
Florida Region of USA Volleyball

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CLUB HIGHLIGHT – PROSTYLE TALLAHASSEE 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 **Erica Bunch** and **Prostyle Tallahassee VBC** will be highlighted.

Q: Do you have a career outside of coaching? What do you do?

A: Outside of coaching at MacLay School, I am also the director of Prostyle Volleyball Academy and I teach middle school physical education.

Q: What or who has been most inspiring to you, either personally or professionally?

A: I have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful coaches, teachers, and volleyball professionals. I would have to say that the people who have inspired me the most are my mother and father who supported my passion for volleyball my entire life, Sheila Roberts for having such passion for the game and leading by example, and Dr. Cecile Reynaud for installing professionalism and discipline to balance career and family.

Q: What is your coaching philosophy?

A: My coaching philosophy is to coach as I parent. Teach the kids what is right from wrong when it comes to volleyball show them praise when they do well and correct them when they do wrong.

Q: Do you have any pet peeves when it comes to coaching?

A: I only have two major pet peeves. The first is when I see girls not being coached to their full potential and the second being bows.

Q: Tell us about your new facility, The Big Bend Volleyball Complex.

A: In November we opened our new facility in Tallahassee, FL. We are fortunate to have three tournament regulation courts as well as conditioning areas and office space. We are very excited about this season and are well under way for a successful travel year.

Q: Do you offer a sand volleyball program? Why or why not?

A: Yes we are going to offer beach this year. We are in the process to building 2 courts at our new facility. We are very excited about building this program.

Q: What is your most valued item on your desk or in your office? What is its significance?

A: The most valued item on my desk is a picture of my family. They are the reason I work so hard.



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

A: The thing I like the most about our club is the family support that is given. Everyone works together to make the club the best it can be.

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

A: Our future plans are to grow with quality not quantity. Produce the best product we can with the skills and agilities that go allow with the game of volleyball. We also want to run our programs year round with clinics, camps, and leagues.

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

A: I want the future of the Florida region to continue to move forward just as it has; continue to be one of the top regions in the country, and to continue to help other regions.

*Thanks Erica 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 and **Carlos Pizarro** and **Central Florida Volleyball Club**.*

2013 FLORIDA REGION WALL CALENDAR

The 2013 Florida Region of USA Volleyball Wall Calendars are in! With over 80 collage-style hi resolution photos, you can own the only wall calendar devoted to indoor, beach, & grass volleyball players. Order yours today for only \$12 (plus S&H) and see if you or one of your friends made it into the calendar this year! Order online at www.FloridaVolleyball.org.



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BRUCE PERRY – A LIFE REMEMBERED

On November 25, 2012, the Florida Region Family lost a coach, a referee, and most importantly, a friend; Bruce Emmett Perry of West Palm Beach passed away peacefully at the age of 63.

A Remembrance Gathering will be held on Monday, Dec. 3rd from 7-9 PM at Aycok-Riverside Funeral Home in Jupiter, FL. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4th at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks that donations be sent to the **Bruce Perry Scholarship Fund**, payable to "Palm Beach Juniors," 7142 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach, FL 33426.

May you rest in peace, Bruce; you will never be forgotten.



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 women's and the men's Team Florida WAVE program will be held on Friday, Jan 4, at the Orlando Sports Center from 5pm-7pm (women) & 7pm-9pm (men). 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!

TOUR OF CHAMPION EVENTS - FEBRUARY

DAYTONA BEACH 100 – Tour of Champions Event

Feb 2-3, 2013 at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center

JJVA JAX JAM – Tour of Champions Event

Feb 23-24, 2013 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville, FL

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

The top finishing team in each division (10u-18u) will win **FREE** entry into the 2013 Florida Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships. (Note: To be an eligible team, you must compete in at least two of the four Tour of Champions events. [A full list of TOC event dates can be found on the region website.] Teams will be refunded their entry fee after the Regional Championships.)

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.





INDOOR IMPACT CLINICS

Want to become a USAV certified coach this season? Attend one the Indoor IMPACT Coaching Clinics offered through the Florida Region for FREE - with a USAV Coaching Membership. Please register online www.FloridaVolleyball.org within 7 days prior to the clinic.

Jan 4, 2012

District 2 Course
Orlando Sports Center
Time: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Instructor: TBA

Dec 8, 2012

District 1 Course
Maclay Schools
3737 North Meridian, Tallahassee, FL 32312
Room 514
Time: 9:00am-1:00pm
Instructor: Jose Rivera

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!



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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 & 7pm-9pm, respectively**. 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 Team Florida 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** in Orlando.

The 2013 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 20, 2012**. Please contact **Krissy McKane** at Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org if you have any questions.

NOTE: The Florida Region requires that all coaches are, at a minimum, IMPACT certified before they begin working with players in tryouts.



FHSAA STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following teams and coaches on winning the FHSAA State Volleyball Championships!

(Class 8A) **Boca Raton High School**

Boca Raton (Head Coach: Amanda Angermeier)

(Class 7A) **Venice High School**

Venice (Head Coach: Brian Wheatley)

(Class 6A) **Vanguard High School**

Ocala (Head Coach: Jason Morris)

(Class 5A) **Jensen Beach High School**

Jensen Beach (Head Coach: Mike Sawtelle)

(Class 4A) **Bishop Moore High School**

(Head Coach: Tanya Jarvis)

(Class 3A) **The First Academy**

Orlando (Head Coach: Michele Moreman)

(Class 2A) **Lake Worth Christian**

Boynton Beach (Head Coach: Terri Kaiser)

(Class 1A) **Lafayette**

Mayo (Head Coach: Sonya Land)

USAV MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- Venice setter **Danika Yoder** committed to **Stetson University** in Deland and will receive a full scholarship to play indoor and sand volleyball for the Hatters next fall. A three-year varsity starter, Yoder led the Indians in assists and was a key component in this year's Class 7A State Championship team. Yoder has also participated in both the Florida Region's Indoor and Beach HP All-Star Programs in years past. **Congratulations, Danika!**
- A record five Flagler College volleyball players were selected to the **Daktronics All-Southeast Region Teams**. **Dianna Craine** and **Casey Gnann** took home first-team honors while **Emilee Taylor**, **Rachel Stacy** and **Amelia Morgan** earned second-team honors. All first-team selections will now go forward for All-America considerations.
- **Brian Wheatley**, Club Director of Venetian VBC, has been named the **2012 Florida Dairy Farmers Coach of the Year!** **Congrats, Brian!**

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!



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MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

As of December 1, 2012, the Florida Region has **7,428** members. We met last year's goal of 12,000 members and look forward to meeting our new goal of 12,500 members! 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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