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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Happy New Year to everyone! The year 2012 was a great year for the players, teams, coaches and parents of Florida Region Volleyball. I have high hopes of continued success for each of you in the new year of 2013. I know you have been working hard in preparation for the upcoming club season and as a result it should be a terrific one! Our office staff, the region board, and our executive director are committed to serving you again this year and we will make every effort to enhance the existing region events and programs and to explore the creation of new volleyball experiences for all of our members.

In the coming New Year please be sure to take advantage of the many events, programs, and information offerings of this great region. Some of the things to look forward to are:

- Education Weekend – Learn from the Best! Get certified!
- A new Web Page design for the Region – Launching Soon! Easy to follow, full of information!
- A new USAV Tournament sponsored by Disney in March!
- More clubs and tournaments available to our membership!
- The Beach Tour! –To be bigger and better than ever!
- The Regional Championships – Always Fun and Competitive!
- HP Tryouts and the Tournament of Champions Tournaments!
- HP Championships – To be held in Ft. Lauderdale this year!
- Awards Night – Work hard for an award this year!
- The Regional Qualifier – Bids to Nationals!

Welcome to the New Year! Good Luck and Stay Safe,

Mary F. Andrew
Commissioner



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to 2013! I find myself wondering where did 2012 go. It seems like just yesterday we were finishing up the beach tour, hosting the annual district junior forum meetings, and beginning our preparations for the 2013 season.

Now that 2013 is here, let me highlight a few of the exciting things that we have in store for our Florida Region family:

- ⊕ We will once again field a women's professional volleyball team. We call them the Team Florida WAVE and in 2012 we were one of the twelve professional volleyball teams to compete in the inaugural Premier Volleyball League (PVL) championships in Salt Lake City, UT.
- ⊕ We will add a men's Team Florida WAVE squad. They will compete in several exhibition matches during the indoor season and compete in the inaugural Men's PVL Championships in Reno, NV.
- ⊕ We will continue our partnership with Exclusive Sports Marketing to produce the Florida Region Dig the Beach Tour. This tour will once again offer amateur/professional competition for juniors and adults at some of the most beautiful beaches in Florida.
- ⊕ We will increase the number of indoor all-star teams from five to seven to allow more elite athletes to participate in our Team Florida Indoor All-Star program.
- ⊕ We will co-host the USA HP Championships at the end of July in Ft. Lauderdale. This will be another great international indoor event to highlight our top junior talent.
- ⊕ We will launch our first web commercial to promote the sport of volleyball in Florida.
- ⊕ We will offer our 3rd annual volleyball wall calendar to highlight the many athletes and aspects of volleyball throughout the region.
- ⊕ We will launch a new website in early January.
- ⊕ We now allow coaches to be as young as 18 without a waiver.
- ⊕ We have set a goal of having 13,000 members in our Florida Region family.

Here's wishing each of you a happy & healthy 2013!

Let us know how we're doing,

Steve Bishop, Executive Director
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CLUB HIGHLIGHT – CENTRAL FLORIDA 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 **Carlos Pizarro** and **Central Florida VBC** will be highlighted.

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

A: I had been a professional volleyball coach for 25 years. In Puerto Rico we had our own Puerto Rico National Volleyball School and I also worked in Real Estate sales. Many of our Puerto Rico National Volleyball School alumni earned All American awards at Junior and NCAA level. In addition others became professional volleyball players.

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

A: The persons that have been most inspiring to me are my parents and my first volleyball coach. My parents taught me good work ethic, respect to everybody, values, self-discipline, and specially to have faith in God. This foundation has given me the strength to stand up during difficult times. On the other hand, my first volleyball coach reinforced my family values and taught me that it was not winning or losing that counts, it was how you win or lose. She taught me that the brightness of our victory was a product of sportsmanship, honesty, effort, and work ethics at practice. For her defeats were learning experiences. When you lose and did your very best you should hold your head up, learn, and get better for the next match.

Q: What is your coaching philosophy?

A: My coaching philosophy consists of been an educator first. My philosophy is based on using volleyball as a formation tool that can transform lives and families. I love winning but experience has taught me that there are many ways in which you can be a winner.

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

A: My pet peeve as a coach is working with players with lack of work ethics and lack of respect toward their teammates and coaches.

Q: What awards or recognitions have you received in the past?

A: During my volleyball coaching career at the Pro- League in Puerto Rico I was selected Coach of The Year six times (4 in the Women League and 2 in the Men League), Club President of The Year (2) times. I also coached the Puerto Rico Women's National team for twelve (12) years, participating at two (2) World Championships, three (3) Norceca Championships, three (3) Central American Games, and recognized and dedicated the Pro-League Season.



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

A: A picture of me and my Dad. It was one of the very last taken before he passed away. This picture shows me helping my dad with his neck tie lace. Everyday I look at this picture and remind me about how much he helps me during my life and coaching career.

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

A: In order to promote youth volleyball Central Florida Volleyball Club offers free clinics at schools, churches, and community youth groups.

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

A: If I could brag about Central Florida Volleyball Club I would start with the professionalism and passion that our staff devotes to the development of our players and the respectful manner that our staff deals with every player and family regardless of their skill level or their social economical level. CFVC's inspirational training environment is very unique.

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

A: Central Florida Volleyball Club future plan is to obtain our own training facility. Having our own training facility will provide us with the opportunity to share our knowledge and dedication with more players and families.

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

A: In the future Florida Region needs to help make the sport of volleyball available for all social economical levels.

*Thanks Carlos 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 **Scott Doan** and **Miami Elite 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 yours online at
www.FloridaVolleyball.org.



2013 REGION EVENT DATES

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

- o Location: Orlando Sports Center - Orlando, FL
- o IMPACT, IMPACT Instructor, CAP I & CAP II
- 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: Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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.**

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 5, 2013

Orlando Sports Center
Time: 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Jan 5, 2013

Palm Beach State College
Time: 10am-4pm

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



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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 is excited to announce the addition of 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. "Coming off the success of the Women's WAVE team, I am very excited to lead the Men's WAVE team as the first professional men's volleyball team based in Florida! The men's game is very exciting; this will be a great opportunity to showcase to a new audience and spur the growth of the sport with young men in Florida", added Benson. "We have many great players from Florida, with many of those top players having to leave the state to pursue volleyball at the collegiate level or overseas to play professionally. This will allow those high level players who return to Florida to showoff their skills as a professional player, promote the game they love, while being a role model for future players."

Coach Benson has named his coaching staff for the 2013 season. The 1st Assistant Coach will be **Rob Holley** (Jacksonville, FL) and the 2nd Assistant Coach will be **Greg Villareal** (Miami, FL).

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

JVA 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



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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.

2013 FLORIDA FEST BOYS' BID TOURNAMENT

The deadline for registering for the **2013 Florida Fest Boys' Bid Tournament** 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. For more information on registration and the tournament, visit www.FloridaFest.org.

February 2-3, 2013

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 1, 2013

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Ocean Center Lobby



INDOOR IMPACT CLINICS

Want to become a USAV certified coach this season? Attend one of 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

Jan 6, 2013

District 1 Course
Leon High School (Portable #8)



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550 E. Tennessee, Tallahassee, FL 32308

Time: 3:00pm-7:00pm

Instructor: Larry Sparkman

Jan 11, 2013

District 4 Course

Lake Worth Christian School

7592 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

Time: 6:00pm-10:00pm

Instructor: Nancy Cothron

HP VOLUNTEER COACHES WANTED

If you are a USAV coach and are interested in volunteering for the **2013 Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star Tryouts**, please email Krissy@FloridaVolleyball.org with your t-shirt size and tryouts you are interested in volunteering at. Volunteer Coaches will assist the staff coaches with running drills and helping staff with checking in the athletes. 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)



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

ATHLETES: Tryout Registration will be announced soon – check the region website for updates!

2013 JUNIOR WORK TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Junior Team Officials are the members of a Juniors team who will be part of the work crew during a team's assigned work matches at a tournament. Florida Region policy requires that these Junior Team Officials be trained before they participate in a match as part of the work crew. The requirements for training have changed this year based on some new training materials that are now available from USA Volleyball. Please note that **at least one of the work team members AT THE TABLE must be a USAV registered & rostered adult**. This person may or may not be a coach, but must be a registered USAV member, must be on the team roster, and must have completed the required training for the work team responsibility they are performing (Scorer, Asst. Scorer, Flipper, or R2). The Florida Region BOD has voted unanimously that the **adult at the score table MUST be performing one of the work duties** (see exception below). Duties do **NOT** include texting, carrying on a phone conversation, or otherwise providing additional distractions at the table.



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For the 2012-13 season, if a team has a Junior Qualified Scorer* working as the scorer AND a Junior Qualified Referee* working as the R2, the requirement for an adult to be working at one of the work team positions is waived. The rostered adult would still need to be courtside. The Scorer and R2 must display proof of certification to the first referee for the match in order for the waiver to apply. This would include the card or patch they were given when they were certified. If the proof cannot be displayed courtside before the match begins, the requirement is not waived.

Visit www.FloridaVolleyball.org to view the different ways to complete this training. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please contact the Florida Region Officials Chair, Darin Clark at darin@floridavolleyball.org or the Officials Coordinator, Sue Wainio-Oato at sue@floridavolleyball.org.

USAV MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- For her strong game all over the court and for leading Martin County to the regional semifinals, where it lost to eventual Class 7A state champ Venice, **Madisen Lydon** has been named the **Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers 2012 Volleyball Player of the Year**. Lydon played club last season with **Sham-Roxz VBC**. Congrats!
- **Gaby Rubeis** (Ocala Power VBA) was named the **“Big School” Player of the Year** by the *Gainesville Sun*. Rubeis did a little bit of everything on the court — 115 kills, 171 digs, 34 service aces and even had 12 blocks.
- **Lindsey Owens** (OVA) was named the **2012 Florida Dairy Farmers Miss Volleyball** after finishing the season at Bishop Moore with 469 kills, a .434 hitting percentage, 297 digs, 41 service aces, 50 assists and 415 service receptions for the Class 4A state champions.
- Following a season where it advanced all the way to the NCAA Division II national championship match, the **University of Tampa** finished the year at **No. 2** in the final **American Volleyball Coaches Association of America (AVCA) national poll**. The Spartans were ranked in the top-10 for the entire 2012 season and are coming off the program’s third consecutive NCAA South Regional title while also winning the eighth straight Sunshine State Conference crown.
- **McKenna Foster**, Vanguard High School senior and Ocala Power VBA standout, had one of the greatest single-season showings in any sport in Marion County history, as evidenced by her leading the Knights to the first state volleyball title in Marion County history, and by her being named the state’s **Class 6A player of the year**. The Stetson commit slammed a state-best 573 total kills while adding 300 digs and 65 aces. In Vanguard’s two state tourney wins, she had a tournament-best 60 kills along with 40 digs.



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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

As of January 1, 2013, the Florida Region has **8,988** 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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