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WELCOME NOTE

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Welcome to August 2014!

I trust that your summer beach season here in the Florida Region has been enjoyable and rewarding. With over 35 beach tour stops across the state so far, there have been plenty of playing opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels. Early last month we held the grand opening of our new 21-court Hickory Point Beach sand volleyball complex in Central Florida (Tavares). We had participants attend from 59 cities and 4 states to help us break in the new complex. It was truly a great kickoff and we are very excited about our many upcoming Hickory Point Beach events. You can find info at www.HickoryPointBeach.com.

Another big event for us in July was the 2nd Annual ROX East Coast Beach All-Star Championships. This event had all-star junior beach teams from Florida, Texas, and California. We awarded the top teams in 5 divisions on day 2 and then crowned the junior king & queen of the beach on day 3 of the event. The feedback from all attending was very positive.

Coming up next on the outdoor scene here in Florida is the 1st Annual Sunshine State Games Grass Volleyball Series. We will offer competition for coed teams in both competitive 4's and recreational 6's. Our first stop of seven will be in Jacksonville on August 16th at Jacksonville University. We hope that you will make plans to join us at a grass tour event near your hometown. A full list of tour stops can be found in this edition of Vol-eNews.

As we gear up for the indoor junior club tryouts, I want to point out that we have changed the rules for the 2014/2015 season and clubs may now hold tryouts at any time during the year. Please note that athletes may officially select and commit to a USAV club on November 1st of each year. You can find the entire tryout policy on the Florida Region website.

Let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance in the coming months. We consider it an honor to serve you!

Best regards,

Steve Bishop

Executive Director/President

Proudly serving our members since 2005!

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HICKORY POINT BEACH FALL SCHEDULE...

Hickory Point Beach sand volleyball complex is open and we're happy to release our fall schedule! Whether you're interested in our next tournament, joining a Monday or Thursday night league, or simply grabbing your friends to take advantage of open & public court play...Hickory Point Beach has something for everyone!



2014 UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Divisions
7/5	NVL & ROX Beach Series (Grand Opening)	Adults & Jrs.
7/16 - 7/18	ROX East Coast Beach All-Stars	Juniors
7/19	NVL & ROX Beach Series	Adults & Jrs.
7/22	Hickory Point Beach Sand League 1	Men & Women
7/24	Hickory Point Beach Sand League 2	Coed
8/9	FloridaVolleyball.org Fall Series	Adults & Jrs.
8/30	FloridaVolleyball.org Fall Series	Adults & Jrs.
9/13	FloridaVolleyball.org Fall Series	Adults & Jrs.
9/27	FloridaVolleyball.org Fall Series	Adults & Jrs.
10/7	Hickory Point Beach Sand League 3	Men & Women
10/9	Hickory Point Beach Sand League 4	Coed
10/18	FloridaVolleyball.org Fall Series	Adults & Jrs.
11/15	FloridaVolleyball.org Fall Series	Adults & Jrs.
12/13	FloridaVolleyball.org Winter Series	Adults & Jrs.



www.HickoryPointBeach.com

LEAGUE INFO

MONDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS UNDER THE LIGHTS!

MONDAYS

Hickory Point Beach Sand League 1

Men/Women (Competitive & Recreational)
This will be an 8 week Monday league beginning on Aug 4th.
King/Queen Format, No Partner Needed
Cost: \$20 per person, Show Time: 6:00pm
Register [HERE](#)

Hickory Point Beach Sand League 3

Men/Women (Competitive & Recreational)
This will be an 8-10 week Monday league beginning on Oct.6th
Registration coming soon

(Continued...)

HICKORY POINT BEACH FALL SCHEDULE CONTINUED...

THURSDAYS

Hickory Point Beach Sand League 2

Coed (Competitive & Recreational)
This will be an 8 week Thursday league beginning on Aug 6th
Team Format, Partner Required
Cost: \$20 per person, Show Time: 6:00pm
Register [HERE](#)

Hickory Point Beach Sand League 4

Coed (Competitive & Recreational)
This will be an 8 -10 week Thursday league beginning on Oct. 9th
Team Format, Partner Required
Cost: \$20 per person, Show Time: 6:00pm
Registration coming soon

OPEN COURTS/PUBLIC PLAY INFO

MONDAYS

Every Monday from 5:00pm until dark
Skill Levels: **Competitive Doubles** for AA/A/BB; **Recreational 4's or 6's** for Beginners
Cost: FREE, No Partner/Team Needed

WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday from 5:00pm until dark
Skill Levels: **Competitive Doubles** for AA/A/BB; **Recreational 4's or 6's** for Beginners
Cost: FREE, No Partner/Team Needed

SATURDAY

Check the website for Saturday events

For more info on Hickory Point Beach events, please visit www.HickoryPointBeach.com.

FLORIDA REGION COMMISSIONER TO ATTEND SITTING VOLLEYBALL SUMMIT...

Florida Region Commissioner, Mary Andrew, will be attending the Sitting Volleyball Summit August 7th - 9th in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Earlier this year, USA Volleyball's Sitting Volleyball Program was awarded a grant from the V.A. to support a Sitting Volleyball Summit in an effort to educate, discuss, and develop programming opportunities of sitting volleyball in communities across the country.

The Florida Region is looking forward to the opportunity to learn more about developing sitting volleyball within our region and will keep you updated on the progress!

2014 USA VOLLEYBALL HP CHAMPIONSHIPS...



For more pictures, follow this [link](#).

The Florida Region is proud to announce that four out of their six Team Florida teams brought home medals from the 2014 USA HP championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma! Gold medals were awarded to the Girls International Youth & Girls National Select teams. Bronze medals were awarded to the Women International Juniors & Boys International Youth teams.

This is a record for Team Florida, with four medals being the most they have received in one event since entering into the championships in 2001. Congrats to all of our athletes and coaches, way to represent our state!

Girls International Youth – GOLD MEDAL

Head Coach: Lynze Roos (Lynn Univ.)
1st Assistant Coach: Brian Goodhind (Webber International Univ.)
2nd Assistant Coach: Chris Nook (Florida Gulf Coast Univ.)

Allison Marble (Davie, FL)
Jac'cara Walker (Gainesville, FL)
Bailey Williams (Royal Palm Beach, FL)
Samantha Mueller (Gainesville, FL)
Ashlyn Roberts (Marianna, FL)
Melanie Canfield (Panama City, FL)

Riley Coonan (Jacksonville, FL)
Cassidy Fisher (Pembroke Pines, FL)
Sorrel Houghton (Osteen, FL)
Savannah Murray (St. Augustine, FL)
Alejandra Rodriguez-Lopez (Doral, FL)
Kimeko Bennett (Hollywood, FL)

Girls National Select – GOLD MEDAL

Head Coach: Flavia Siqueria (College of Central Florida)
1st Assistant Coach: Tony Cothron (Manatee Area VBC)
2nd Assistant Coach: Giovanni Delevry (Indian River State College)

Lauren Bandera (Pembroke Pines, FL)
Valeira Castro (Hialeah, FL)
Angela Grieve (Tequesta, FL)
Lindsey Pliapol (Port Orange, FL)
Jaquiline Mueller (Gainesville, FL)
Lindsey Walker (Jupiter, FL)

Emily Charbonneau (Flemming Island, FL)
Emma Lange (Ocean Ridge, FL)
Jolie Neeley (Jupiter, FL)
Vanessa Davila (Tampa, FL)
Derry Costigan (Lighthouse Point, FL)
Gabrielle Curran (Naples, FL)

Women International Juniors – BRONZE MEDAL

Head Coach: Brian Imperiale (Univ. of Tampa)
1st Assistant Coach: Travers Green (Univ. of South Florida)
2nd Assistant Coach: Rachel Farrell (Mojo VBC)

J'ena Baker (Cocoa, FL)
Haley Coulter (Bradenton, FL)
Mallory Mattingly (Sanford, FL)
Kassandra Akouri-Trejedor (Miami Beach, FL)
Molly Burkhardt (St. Augustine, FL)
Alexandra Geary (Lake Helen, FL)

Valerie Gonzalez (Naples, FL)
Rakaya Neely (Lake Wales, FL)
Logan Holanchock (St. Augustine, FL)
Kaylie McHugh (Davie, FL)
Brittany Smith (Orlando, FL)
Ashley Quero (Hialeah, FL)

Boys International Youth – BRONZE MEDAL

Head Coach: Greg Villareal (Florida WAVE/Barry Univ.)
1st Assistant Coach: Ashley Schinzing (Orlando Gold VBC)
2nd Assistant Coach: Semei Tello (Mojo VBC)

Devin Decker (Palmetto Bay, FL)
Sean Mullen (Longwood, FL)
Kevin Rocklein (Orlando, FL)
Nick O'Grady (Orlando, FL)
Noah Roman (Altamonte Springs, FL)
Luke Almond (Windermere, FL)

Christopher Moore (Lake Mary, FL)
Danny Sainz (Miami, FL)
Corey Krystkowiak (Tampa, FL)
William Sapp (St. Augustine, FL)
Logan Czyzewski (Windermere, FL)
Manuel Panchame Pavon (Ellenton, FL)

2014 ROX EAST COAST BEACH ALL STAR CHAMPIONSHIPS...

The Florida Region hosted this year's event July 16th through the 19th at the new Hickory Point Beach sand volleyball complex in Tavares, FL. Athletes had a great week, including a fun trip to Wet N' Wild in Orlando!

Florida teams qualified for this event based on their NVL & ROX Beach Series rankings. Athletes had the opportunity to play in front of collegiate sand volleyball coaches.

Congratulations to all of the athletes who placed, as well as the King & Queens of the Beach!

Girls 12U

1st Place: Brianna Diaz & Isabella Lizaso
2nd Place: Jordan Benoit & Carly Richards
3rd Place: Jenna McNamara & Jessica Buis

Girls 14 U

1st Place: Aly Freeland & Madi Daum
2nd Place: Paige Canevari & Mariah Walker
3rd Place: Shae Henson & Maylin Bouffard

Girls 16 U

1st Place: Tessa Colden & Carlee Baxter
2nd Place: Casey Justice & Sarah Eaton
3rd Place: Layne Thompson & Mackenzie Walker

Girls 18 U

1st Place: Ashley Allmer & Nicole Grant
2nd Place: Nicole Mejias & Macallen Kennedy
3rd Place: Ashlan Cunningham & Paige Panter

Boys 18 U

1st Place: Parsa Rezvani & Joel Kitchen
2nd Place: Hector de Castro & Ryan Dunnington
3rd Place: Noah Beane & Clay Messenger

King & Queen of the Beach Results:

Girls 12 – Jenna McNamara (Orlando, FL)
Girls 14 – Aly Freeland (Tallahassee, FL)
Girls 16 – Carlee Baxter (Daytona Beach, FL)
Girls 18 – Julia Lewkowicz (Coral Springs, FL)
Boys 18 – Clay Messenger (St. Augustine, FL)



For more event pictures, be sure to like us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/floridaregion

2014 SUNSHINE STATE GAMES GRASS VOLLEYBALL SERIES...



The Florida Region has partnered with the Florida Sports Foundation and area sports commissions to bring you the 2014 Sunshine State Games Grass Volleyball Series. There will be six tour stops leading up to a state championship in November. All proceeds will benefit a local charity in the host community.

All ages and skill levels are invited to register. The divisions include:

- Recreational Adult Coed 6's
- Competitive Adult Coed 4's
- Junior 6's (Girls/Boys 16 & Up Only)

SCHEDULE (Register by clicking on the city's name)

- **Aug 16:** Stop 1, District 1 - [Jacksonville](#)
- **Aug 23:** Stop 2, District 1 - [Gainesville](#)
- **Sep 6:** Stop 3, District 3 - [Clearwater](#)
- **Sep 20:** Stop 4, District 3 - Ft. Myers
- **Oct 11:** Stop 5, District 4 - Sarasota
- **Oct 25:** Stop 6, District 4 - Ft. Lauderdale
- **Nov 8:** Championships in Central FL - Tavares

Click on this [link](#) to find out more info about the tour.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE...

For the 2013/2014 season our membership goal is 13,000 members.

As of August 1st, 2014, we have 12,483 members, which puts us at 96% of our goal!

Please let others in your area know about the program opportunities offered by the Florida Region of USA Volleyball.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT...

FLORIDA SPORTS FOUNDATION

The Florida Sports Foundation, Inc. is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation, serving as the Sports Industry Development Division of Enterprise Florida, Inc. The mission of the Florida Sports Foundation is to:

- Assist Florida's communities with securing, hosting and retaining Sporting events and sports related business that generate significant economic impact and Sports Tourism for the state of Florida through the Foundation's grant programs, legislative initiatives and Industry Partner service, recognition and development.
- Provide the citizens of Florida with participation opportunities in Florida's Sunshine State Games and Florida Senior Games events.
- Serve as Florida's leading resource for Sport Tourism research and facts.
- Assist in the promotion of targeted leisure sports industries in Florida.
- Assist National and Florida State Governing Bodies to promote amateur sport development through Florida's Sunshine State Games and hosting events in Florida.

The Florida Region is honored to partner with the Florida Sports Foundation for the 2014 Sunshine State Games Grass Volleyball Series!

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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT...



Name: Alejandra K. Rodriguez-Lopez

Nickname: Ale

Club: S. Dade Volleyball Club

Hometown: Doral, FL

Position: Libero

We would like to welcome Alejandra K. Rodriguez-Lopez to our Athlete Spotlight! Alejandra or "Ale" belongs to the South Dade Volleyball Club and has been playing non-stop since she was 6 years old, both in the Miami area and in Puerto Rico. Her drive to compete landed her in the 18 U age division at only 14 years old (and she was the only libero for the team!) Other accomplishments include being named to the Second Team All Dade County for the 2013-14 season.

Most recently, Alejandra made the Team Florida High Performance team for the third year in a row...helping her team bring home a GOLD medal in July!

Congratulations Alejandra, we're excited to see what you accomplish next!

To nominate someone for Athlete Spotlight, please email their name, club, accomplishment(s) and a picture to ashley@floridavolleyball.org.

JUNIOR CLUB SPOTLIGHT...



Club: Sand Crabs Volleyball Club
Hometown: Cocoa Beach, FL
Director: Coco Wood
Founded: 2009
Programs For: Beach & Indoor
Website:
www.sandcrabsvolleyball.com

Florida Region got the chance to ask Sand Crabs Volleyball Club Director, Coco Wood, a few questions about her club and her career!

How did you get started in volleyball?

I started coaching in the early 80s when I was still playing myself and trying to make volleyball a varsity sport at Old Dominion University - we got really close, even playing the schools we would have been in league with, but something happened and we were denied the opportunity. Meanwhile, I played 3 years of varsity women's lacrosse at the university. I took a few years off from coaching when I got married, and got back into coaching when I moved to Florida.

As far as beach goes, I played about 15-17 years, early 80's to 90's, mostly on the east coast. I also played grass events in DC, Maryland and North Carolina. I never really ventured into the pro area - I got into collegiate coaching and growing the sport, started and ran two separate juniors programs, ran camps and clinic, and helped make it a varsity sport in the public schools for boys and girls in Virginia Beach.

What awards or recognitions have you received?

Conference Coach of the Year; Women's Sports Foundation Award; member of the All-Region Selection Committee for the NCAA III South Region for three years; member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association; USAV CAP 1 and II certification; USAV Beach CAP certification; Levels 1-3 of the Positive Coaching Alliance certification with AAU; and numerous coaching clinics.

Also, as a player I was invited to try out for the World University Games in 1983.

What is your coaching philosophy?

Teaching and developing the fundamentals first to build a strong foundation of knowledge and skills is paramount.

Ok, time to brag about your club for a little bit!

I founded Sand Crabs Volleyball in 2009 to provide opportunities for organized training and competition for boys and girls in an effort to grow the sport specifically in the Brevard County area of Florida. The emphasis is on quality instruction and training that includes match experience through league and tournament play. Children are taught the fundamental skills first to provide the foundation for their progression into intermediate and advanced skills and match strategy. Focus is on developing players who understand and can apply the principles of teamwork, discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship. Character development is fostered in all who participate. Focused on providing a positive experience for all program participants!



JUNIOR NATIONAL OFFICIAL WINS SILVER PEN AWARD...



Rachael Stringer of Jacksonville was recognized by USA Volleyball at the 2014 Boyce Awards Banquet and the Official's Assembly at the Open National Championships in Phoenix, Arizona. She received the Silver Pen Award for her hard work and dedication to the sport of volleyball.

Congratulations, Rachael!

FLORIDA REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION UPDATE...

Congratulations to the following Board Members on their re-election to their respective positions. Terms began August 1st, 2014 and will run through July 31st, 2018.

- Darin Clark – Official's Chair
- Donna Beasley – Secretary/Treasurer
- Nancy Cothron – Outdoor Chair

Florida Region got the chance to ask both Donna and Nancy a few questions about this past year and the upcoming goals of the Board:

What do you feel was the biggest accomplishment for the Florida Region Board of Directors this past year?

Donna: Supporting the Region with the Hickory Point Beach sand complex.

Nancy: The Board is very efficient and gets decisions made- they are a group of individuals who are dedicated to the growth of volleyball in Florida

After your re-election, what are some things that you are looking to accomplish in the upcoming year?

Donna: In the coming year, I'm looking forward to assisting our Commissioner, Mary Andrew with the roll out of the SafeSport Initiative. SafeSport is a new program adopted by the US Olympic Committee to help create a healthy setting for all sports by raising awareness of potential misconduct and providing training and open dialogue regarding keeping our sport safe for all.

Nancy: Work more with the Region office to improve what is offered outdoors. I'd like to put together a contact list to possibly get more feedback from members about outdoor programs.

EVENT SHOUT-OUT...



The Brevard County Starlings held a Volleyball Fun Day on July 19th at the Butler Center in Cocoa, FL. There was a lot of one-on-one time with the little girl/big girl match ups...the "little" girls even got to pick their own "big" girl to practice with! Everyone had a blast! A special thank you goes out to these athletes & coaches who continue to grow the sport of volleyball!

To submit an event for "Event Shout-Out" please email the event info and a picture to ashley@floridavolleyball.org.

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Donna Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer
Sam Skelton, Indoor Chair
Nancy Cothron, Outdoor Chair
Darin Clark, Official's Chair
Steve Bishop, Executive Director/President

Plus two JAB members from below.

Junior Admin Board (JAB) Representatives:

***Lori Eaton**, District 4, Clubs I-O
***Carrie Prewitt**, District 1, Clubs T-Z
Landon Thomas, District 3, Clubs A-H
Russel Williams, District 2, Clubs P-S

**Designates voting Board member*

INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE...

Internships are available for the following:

- Office/Administrative Intern
- Events Intern (Indoor)
- Events Intern (Outdoor)

Individuals interested in an internship should contact Michele Sisser, Office Manager at Michele@FloridaVolleyball.org.