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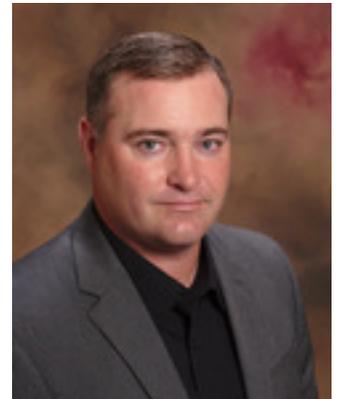
USA Volleyball believes that volleyball has so many positive things to offer those who participate. First, and most importantly, whether one is a gifted athlete or a recreational player, volleyball is FUN!

From the Top:

Weren't we just writing about the excitement surrounding the start of outdoor season? As difficult as it is to accept we already find ourselves sitting in the bleachers attending High School and Collegiate matches. Best of luck by the way to all players, coaches and parents enjoying this special time for our young athletes.

While we were all taking our summer vacations the Region's wheels continued turning diligently working to enhance this year's indoor season. Most notably, efforts to form an alliance with our existing intercollegiate community are now being finalized. This partnership will undoubtedly offer a new and exciting experience to our adult members while exposing everything USA Volleyball has to offer to the latest crop of student athletes. It is no secret adult participation has been steadily declining over the last several years. This issue is not isolated to our immediate area but a widespread concern. This year your Board of

Directors decided to take a more proactive direction rather than accepting another season of decline. This plan of action was created largely from the "much appreciated" ideas suggested by our members. Please call the office for all the specific details.



Our junior program however, is more successful than it has ever been. That being said I can feel confident about making the following bold statement:

"This will be the most important season in the history of Carolina Region volleyball" and we're all extremely thankful you're a part of it.

CEO Report

The 2014-2015 Season Registration has begun! We have Early Bird registrations coming in daily and the Junior Tryout period will open up shortly! Good luck to all the players as they begin their club volleyball seasons!

Our Region Staff will look much different this season. We have had to say goodbye to some long-time employees: Betsey Wells (Administrative Assistant for 6 years) and Chuck McCracken (Coaching and HP Director for 6 years) have both had to give up their positions for personal reasons. We thank them for their excellent service to the Region and will miss them (although I have a feeling they both will still be around helping when they can!).

We have hired Wade Brence to be the Director of Programs beginning this season. Wade was our Tournament Administrator last season and did a great job. We have added oversight of the Coaching and High Performance Programs to his duties this year. Congratulate him on his "promotion" when you see him!

We are currently advertising the Administrative Assistant position and already have several applications. I hope to announce our new hire soon (see Announcements on website for details when we make the hire!).

Coaching and Officials clinics are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We are still confirming Region-sponsored clinics, so be sure to check the CLINICS tab on our website frequently for updates.

We are looking forward to another exciting season of Carolina Region Volleyball! See you on the courts soon!



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Regional Achievements

Here's some accomplishments that Deserve Regional Recognition!

- **Wade Brence** (Lewisville); **Johnny Guterwill** (Candler); and **Charlie Yang** (Raleigh) received their USA Beach ZONAL Certifications at the USA Beach Referee Clinic July 11-12 in Wilmington, NC.
- **Edward Carruthers** (Chesapeake, VA); **Glenn Horton** (Apex); and **David Mabe** (Pilot Mountain) received their USA Beach LOCAL Certifications at the USA Beach Referee Clinic July 11-12 in Wilmington, NC.
- **Stephen Shepherd** (Kernersville) was selected as one of 5 Referees to work the main court at the 2014 High Performance Championships in Tulsa, OK. The main court is where USA Volleyball trains up and coming Referees using FIVB/International Protocols and techniques. Many referees that have worked that court have gone on to enter the International Referee Candidate pipeline!
- The following Junior Players from NC made the AVCA 2014 Under Armour (High School) All-America Watch List (Class of 2015): **Ellie Caldwell** (Hendersonville; North Valley VBC); **Taryn Cimbura** (Fayetteville; Maverick VBC); **Julia Forbes** (Wake Forest; Triangle VBC); **Katharine Franz** (Charlotte; Carolina Juniors); **Emily Hulbert** (Cary; Triangle VBC); **Rachel Janson** (Charlotte; Carolina Juniors); **Adria Johnson** (Apex; NC Elite VBC); **Jonnie Petree** (Hendersonville; North Valley VBC); **Taylor Portland** (Charlotte; Carolina Juniors); **Amaya Rousseau** (Raleigh; NC Elite VBC); **Summer Williamson** (Hallsboro; (SC)2).
- The following Junior Players from NC made the AVCA 2014 Phenom List (Class of 2016): **Haley Radford** (New Bern; Triangle VBC); **Genna Simpkins** (Cary; NC Elite VBC); **Kati Smith** (Raleigh; Triangle VBC); **Mallory Swarts** (Mooresville; Carolina Juniors).

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2014 Meritorious Service Award Winners

Each year, USA Volleyball presents Meritorious Service Awards to individuals and/or groups that provide outstanding contributions to the sport of volleyball across the country. Each Region is allowed to nominate and select up to five individuals or groups for this recognition each year. The Carolina Region is pleased to announce the following individuals as recipients of 2014 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Awards. All award recipients will be recognized in the 2015 USA Volleyball Guidebook. A listing of all previous winners of Carolina Region Meritorious Service Awards can be found on the Archives page on our website.

Sherry Fadool – Sherry is the current Executive Director of Triangle Volleyball Club (Morrisville). She was instrumental in developing and promoting the Mid-Atlantic Power League. She also helped bring the first Convention Center tournament to the Carolina Region - MAPL Raleigh - and her tireless efforts during that annual event have made it a success. Triangle VBC has used MAPL Raleigh to promote various causes and themes to raise awareness among the attending teams. Green Initiatives and Sitting Volleyball are just two of the themes Triangle has supported. Sherry is an active participant in the Carolina Region Junior Advisory Board and is always willing to lend her support to the Region.



Tony Hill – Tony is a USA Volleyball National Referee and Scorer. He serves as an Official's Clinician and Rater and has worked hard to share his passion for officiating with players and new officials. Tony works throughout the Carolina Region and the East Coast during the USA Volleyball season!

Patrick Nicholas – Patrick worked in the Carolina Region High Performance Program the past three seasons. He gave held many clinics and tryouts each season and served as the Head Coach to HP Teams traveling to the USA Volleyball HP Championships. In 2013, he Coaches the CR Youth team to a 3rd place finish at the HP Championships, the highest finish for a Carolina Region team in that event. Patrick has moved out of the Carolina Region now for other Volleyball opportunities, but the Region appreciates his support to improving the playing level in the Region.



The Carolina Region Thanks these Individuals for their Service to the Sport!

Carolina Region and Triangle Volleyball Club sponsor Sitting Volleyball Outreach

The Carolina Region and Triangle Volleyball Club (Morrisville) sponsored a Sitting Volleyball Outreach Clinic on September 24, 2014 at the Triangle Volleyball Club facility in Morrisville. The clinic, which was open to the public, specifically targeted the Durham Veterans Affairs Amputee Support Group. Members of that group were invited to come learn Sitting Volleyball Skills, play some friendly Sitting Volleyball matches, and learn about additional opportunities to play Sitting Volleyball in the future. The group was joined by Bill Hamiter, Head Coach of the USA Volleyball Women's Sitting Volleyball National Team. After the clinic, all participants were treated to a catered lunch sponsored by the Carolina Region.



The clinic was a result of a recent partnership between the Carolina Region, Triangle Volleyball Club, Bridge II Sports, and the Durham VA with the goal of promoting more sitting volleyball opportunities as a beneficial recreational activity for people with physical disabilities.



Representatives of each organization recently traveled to a Sitting Volleyball Summit hosted by USA Volleyball at the National Sitting Volleyball Training Center at Central Oklahoma University.

This was a great first initiative of the partnership. Plans are being made for additional playing opportunities in other areas of the state and a sitting volleyball tournament at a future date.

RVA Buying Alliance

The Carolina Region has joined with several other Regions of USA Volleyball to form a Buying Alliance with major companies across the country that provide volleyball equipment and apparel. The goal was to pool together the collective purchasing power of the Regions' members to access greater discounts on the products our members buy annually. The companies were very receptive to this alliance and we were able to get very good prices on many of the products you will need for the coming season.

As you begin the 2014/2015 Season, check out the Buying Alliance Link below to see if you can save some money on your uniforms, apparel, and equipment this season! You can save 15-25% on things you are buying each season!

[Carolina Region Buying Alliance Link](#)

Social Media

Be sure to follow us on our social media outlets below to stay up to date with the Carolina Region!

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/CarolinaRegionVB>

Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/#!/CarolinaRegion>

YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CarolinaRegion1>





Officials Program

Marilyn Thompson, Officials Program Di-

Greetings from the Official's Stand!

I hope your volleyball season is going great. The staff is already working on this season's schedule and clinics. We are offering online clinics again for all members. USA Volleyball is expanding the number of users that can be online at any time so hopefully all the problems of the past will be eliminated. Once you finish the online clinics it goes into your Webpoint member record automatically. We will still be offering in-person clinics for those clubs that would prefer to have them.

There will be an informational junior officials meeting for those junior officials 16-18 who have experience on the stand and would like to be paid to officiate on the weekends they do not play. We have a registration link up in WebPoint (login to your member record—Go into the USAV & Region Events Menu on left—Choose “Other Region Events” and the Informational Meeting is listed and available to pre-register (free). Please feel free to contact me at officials@carolinaregionvb.org with questions about the meeting. The meeting will be October 5 from 4-6 at the Fairfield Inn/Brier Creek, 10040 Sellona Street, Raleigh NC 27617.

Clubs can also start to set up Club-hosted clinics. [Go here](#) to request a Club-Hosted clinic. A preliminary Clinic schedule for Officials and Coaches is below. Each team can send five members to the Region-sponsored clinics. Preregistration is required for all clinics. Go to the CLINICS tab (then choose applicable clinic type) for updates on the clinics and instructions on how to register for the clinics from within your member record. The online clinics will be LIVE and ready to take by the time you read this article!

Keep practicing and enjoy the sport!!!

Preliminary Clinic Schedules

Pre-register for all clinics from within
your Member Record

Coaches

IMPACT Clinic—November 8, 2014
SITE: Triangle VBC & Fairfield Inn,
Morrisville
TIME: 9 am—5 pm
More to be scheduled-check website

Officials

Junior Officials Clinics:

Nov 1—Triangle VBC, Morrisville
Dec 6—Barber Park Greenboro

Both clinics 8:30—1:30 pm

Professional Officials Clinic (<=3
years experience) - Nov 23, 2014
Barber Park, Greensboro.
9:30 am—1:00 pm



Mark Nalevanko

Beach Director

NC 2014 Jr Beach Championship Season Recap

In the last newsletter we were fast approaching the final weeks of the 2014 junior beach season. I am pleased to announce that the “championship season” of mid to late July that has since transpired was full of highlights. The Carolina Region Jr Beach Tour Championships on July 19th was contested for the 3rd year in a row at Emerald Isle on the Crystal Coast of NC. This year’s event was changed to an invitational which meant teams had to earn bids at Region Tour events from April to early July. Sixty-six teams, 61 girls and 5 boys teams, spread across 4 divisions (18U, 16U, 14U, and 12U) competed.

The temperatures were comfortable and the wind and rain stayed away which helped support a high level of play and some very closely fought matches.

In Girls 12U, a 3 set match was won by Carson Elliott/Gracie Ballard over Leighton Johnson/McKenzie Ray.

Elliott/Ballard was also named 12U Beach team-of-the-year as part of season-ending awards after the tournament’s conclusion.

In Girls 14U, Skylar Buckley/Logan Mosley won another 3 set match over 14U Beach team-of-the-year Kara Adams/Sarah Gasper. Girls 16U was won by the beach team-of-the-year in that age group, Raquel Rooney/Tiana Butler.

The Girls 18U division was won in another 3 set finals with Kimberly Hovey/Katie McCullough prevailing. The Girls 18U beach team-of-the-year, Kenzie Pierce/Katherine Fisher, finished tied for 3rd. And the Boys 18U division was won by Camden Diggs/Hunter Gray.

After competition on July 19th concluded, attention the following weekend turned to national championship events hosted by USA Volleyball in Milwaukee, WI and AAU in Hermosa Beach, CA. History was made at the USA Volleyball Jr Beach Tour Championships where the NC team of Genna Simpkins/Kylie Grandy became National Champions by winning the 16U Open division (see them wearing medals along with other NC teams in attached photo). There were also strong finishes by 18U NC team Kimberly Hovey/Katie McCullough (tied for 3rd) and 16U NC team Raquel Rooney/Tiana Butler (tied for 9th). At the AAU championships, the 18U NC team of Ashley Muench and Mary Scott finished 5th.

Congratulations to all these top finishers and thanks to everyone that helped make 2014 another great Junior beach season. Plans are already in the works for 2015!

