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Carolina *Volleyball Review*

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:

I want to congratulate everyone for another job well done. Reviewing the Regional results and pictures of the champions and finalists posted on the Carolina Region website, one can't help but notice the unconditional pride on the coaches' faces and the sense of accomplishment expressed by each player. I want to communicate that the Region shares the same emotions and satisfaction for another successful season of indoor volleyball. Again, to each of you, job well done.

Turning the page, outdoor volleyball in the Carolinas is already off to a roaring start as this year's Bash triples tournament had an astonishing 121-teams. For me, this tournament signifies the transition from indoor to outdoor. I want to offer a special thanks

to all who helped make this event the biggest outdoor tournament in North Carolina. Additional information and outdoor tournament schedules can also be found on the Carolina Region website. One tournament I would like to specifically "highlight" is a charity sand tournament at Capitan Bill's held each year in honor of my longtime friend Ranse Jones. Links for each of the tournaments mentioned above can be found at the end of this column. Best of luck this summer. I hope to see you on the grass or in the sand.



ymcanwnc.org/bash

[Ranse Jones Charity event](#)



CR President, Mike Spillman, with some new friends at the Bash!

Regional Achievements

Here's some accomplishments that Deserve Regional Recognition!

- **Taylor Rowland**, Charlotte, (Lake Norman VBC) was selected for the 2014 USA Volleyball Girls' Select High Performance Holiday Camp.
- **Judi Briggs & Kristi McCall** received Carolina Region/USA Volleyball Prize packs from among all our Facebook Page fans! We randomly chose two followers to receive the Prize Packs after passing 1500 Page "Likes". We will give away THREE more Prize Packs after we pass 2000 "Likes" (We are at 1963 now!). Go to our [Facebook page](#) today and "Like" us for a chance to win!
- **Sue Moon**, Hendersonville, (North Valley VBC) will receive an "Eight Who Make a Difference" Award by the NC High School Athletic Association at their Annual Meeting in Chapel Hill on May 7. Sue is the Volleyball and Girls Basketball Coach at North Henderson High School.
- The following Juniors received a Junior Regional Rating this season for their Outstanding Officiating Skills!

Cathleen Delano	Set Point 18 Black
Cameron Dubuc	Slammers 18's
Meghan Gasper	Triangle 17 Blue
Haley Hawkins	
Anna Heinz	LAVA Flames 18
Meredith Humphreys	Champion 18-1
Kaitlan Krivdo	Brick City 18's Blaze

Christine Ngeve	Champion 18-1
Kennedy Paine	Academy 18 Diamond
Drew Royster	Piedmont 16 White
Katelynn Stovall	FAVA Attack
Marissa Thomas	Apex Stars 16
Caroline Wells	Piedmont 18 Mizuno
Shira Wells	NC Elite 18 Cardinal

CONGRATULATIONS!



2015 Beach Season Arrives Mark Nalevanko, CR Beach Director

Spring is in the air and in addition to warmer temperatures and longer days, beach volleyball season starts to kick into high gear. In fact, activities already revved up during the month of March as the third season of club sand volleyball in North Carolina High Schools kicked off. With 46 schools from across the state spread out in 5 conferences and over 500 girls and over 60 boys involved (see pic),

it's an



inexpensive and fun sport for schools to pick up as a club activity. Follow the action at a newly launched [NC High School Sand Volleyball Club](#) Facebook page. If you're at a school without a sand club, visit the [association's website](#) and get ready to add one when school starts in the fall.

Also in recent months the [NCAA](#) [officially elevated sand volleyball](#) as a women's collegiate championships sport for DI, DII, and DIII starting in Spring 2016. This is a huge step and will spur on more colleges than ever to jump in and field programs. There are well over 70 schools within NCAA, NAIA and community college arenas with programs.

The Carolina Region/USA Volleyball is starting its 5th year of organizing an NC-based tour of events from early April to early August with hosts from Hickory to Wilmington. Check out the [Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour page](#)

for more details. This tour is among many across the country, ranging from national tours such as the [USA Junior Beach Tour](#), which by the way has 2 stops here in NC this year, to regional tours like the Carolina Region's and Kids Gone Beach (a Mid-Atlantic based tour) for juniors to get involved in.

The last weekend of April saw a combination of activities at the 10 sand court facility in Apex managed by Southern Sand Volleyball. On Friday evening, over 40 boys and girls participated in USA Beach's HP program (see pic on page 4). On Saturday, a BCAP I course was held alongside a juniors tournament event as well with 16 coaches of the sand game taking part in working toward getting certified. The course was led by Beach Cadre staff members Tyra Turner and Jon Aharoni (see pic below).

There is certainly a lot of opportunity going on for sand aficionados in the Carolina area. If you haven't gotten involved, give it a try! You may find yourself finding a new passion in life.



Keep up with Carolina Region Beach Events and Link to Results

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook Page!

www.carolinaregionvb.org/jrbeach & <https://www.facebook.com/CarolinaRegionVB>



**USA Volleyball Beach High Performance Tryout Participants
April 25, 2015—Apex, NC**

CEO Report

I am writing this article after finishing up my preparations for the Carolina Region's Annual Meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors and our Junior Advisory Board Meeting. My preparations for those meetings always give me a chance to reflect on the past season to see what went well and what we can improve on for the future. I am pleased to report that we had another successful season in the Carolina Region! We surpassed over 9000 members in the Region for the first time this season! Our Junior Girls' program continues to lead the way with more players and more teams registering with us this season. We also were able to have a positive impact on Men's volleyball this season by introducing many College Club teams to the Carolina Region. We hope to continue to get college club teams involved in our Adult program.

We still do have some challenges to meet and areas of growth that we can focus on. Our Adults program is still something we would like to see growing each year. We had more Junior Boys teams playing this season but still have a long way to go with that

program. Finally, we will need to continue to find more facilities to host tournaments as well as identify and train more Professional Officials to work our Juniors tournaments. Our Junior Advisory Board and Board of Directors will begin work on these areas and more in the coming weeks as we already start preparing for the 2016 Season!

Our Junior Beach Tour is underway as we wind down the indoor season. If you have not tried a Beach/Outdoor tournament, I encourage you to sign up for an event near you! It's a great way to maintain and improve your skills and more importantly, it's FUN!

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

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

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



Official Indoor Volleyball of the Carolina Region



Official's Corner

*Marilyn Thompson
Officials Program Director*

Congratulations to all teams who are continuing their season. I hope you do great at your postseason play. I know you will represent the Carolina Region in a positive manner both in ability and sportsmanship.

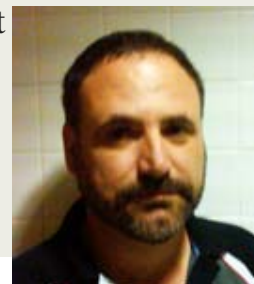
Thank you to all the junior players who worked as paid officials for this season. I got many great compliments about your work and professionalism. It is a good reflection on our system of training officials as well as your ability to work.

For any other junior player who would like to officiate for pay next year, please make sure you get in contact with me early in

September. All the information will be on the website, but we want to start the education with the clinic early so we can set up the training sessions. I can always be reached at officials@carolinaregionvb.org. Feel free to contact me at any time even during the summer with questions. For those of you who are graduating and going to college, this could be a great part-time job to help with expenses and spending money. (Does anyone ever have enough money for “incidentals?”)

Again stay in touch and I hope you have a great summer!!

*Ronnie Mutter
Indoor Referee Chair*



The 2015 season is coming to an end and I would just like to thank all the referees who have worked so hard to make this season a success! Next season we will be in a new cycle of our rules, so be ready for a couple of rule changes. We added a new certification last year for High School age members: Junior Regional and have had great growth and success!

Next year we will institute a new Officials training program in the Carolina Region. This program is a fast track and intense learning program for entry level officials with the desire to advance their skills and knowledge of Volleyball officiating.

The Officials Advancement Program is designed to provide training and feedback from top-level officials in the Carolina Region, in order to prepare you for your

certification up to the level of Regional 2. Acceptance into the program is not guaranteed, nor is attaining a specific certification. This program offers three years of classroom sessions and on-court training/evaluations to improve your officiating skills. Within this three year period, you will have the opportunities to advance your certification level in the Carolina Region/USAV. The program will accept up to 12 participants per season with a max of 24 in the program at any given time.

We are finalizing the program details over the summer. Check the [Officials Section](#) of the Region's website in the Fall for the application and more information on this program.

Have a great summer and see you next fall.