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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—“Glory Days”

Leave it to the Boss, Bruce Springsteen for all the juniors reading this, to help me decide on a topic for this month’s newsletter (my first contribution after the recent elections). While contemplating subjects I found myself going back to a certain period of time in life where volleyball was my obsession. Many of you will remember this era, some of you will not. The AVP ruled Sunday afternoons on NBC with a cast of colorful characters. Iconic names like Karch, Sinjin, and the “Hov”...McPeak and Reno on the women’s side dominated the action, and Mike Dodd was my American idol. Indoors the 1992 Olympic Games were right around the corner and little did I know they would eventually hold a special place in my heart. Just weeks before the opening ceremony my brother and I had a chance to meet bald Bob Samuelson and Lori Endicott two valuable components to Team USA’s medal chances. Seeing the Red, White and Blue up close and in person was certainly awe inspiring for both of us. This was not however what makes this particular Olympic Games stand out in my mind’s eye. Staying up into the wee hours of the night, watching live coverage in Myrtle Beach at my longtime friend Ranse Jones grandmother’s condo, undoubtedly marks the beginning of my passion for



the game. A few other of our Junior teammates had already succumbed to the sandman, but Ranse (who was taken far too early from us in 2010) and I powered through. No way we were missing this. We would break down plays, critique defensive highlights and wear out the rewind button on the VCR replaying Ka-Boom hits-and yes that was a Super-Spike Volleyball reference. Despite our best efforts from Myrtle the Men’s team could only secure the Bronze Medal. But those matches... in that condo...will never be forgotten. I’m not sure if it was just the electricity surrounding the Olympics or simply the Buffet music playing out of the one working speaker in his white convertible Volkswagen bug that for me defines some of the fondest memories of my High School years and more importantly when I officially became a volleyball junkie.

I take you on this stroll down memory lane for a few reasons. One being that this is in fact an Olympic year. And two during this time period (early 90’s) Adult Volleyball in NC was as strong as I can remember. In those days each independent division

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## Officials Corner

*Marilyn Thompson*  
Officials Program Director

Summer is finally here and I hope all of you will be able to participate in outdoor volleyball around the state. Congratulations and good luck to all the teams representing the Carolina Region at Nationals.

As Officials Program Director I want to thank all of the juniors who attended clinics and then officiated for their teams. I had lots of feedback from the adult officials about players that did an excellent job on the stand. Good players want to be good officials and I appreciate all your hard work. Many teams had excellent referees and scorekeepers and that always makes the tournaments more enjoyable. It also makes the job of the adult official a lot easier when the teams are good at officiating. Hopefully the adult officials are doing a good job in teaching the players.

Also thanks to the coaches for being at the score table to help when there is a problem. The adult officials cannot cover all of the court at the same time so we need the coaches to help. That is why we require coaches to go to the clinics and learn how to keep score. Again, thanks for helping.

Please remember that you can contact me at any time if you have any concerns or suggestions about the officiating program. The email address is [officials@carolinaregionvb.org](mailto:officials@carolinaregionvb.org). The Carolina Region is always striving to improve our officiating standards.

Have a great summer and we will see you on the courts next year.

## Regional Achievements

Here's some accomplishments that Deserve Regional Recognition!

- **Amanda Wagoner**, Matthews, (Carolina Union VBC) was invited to train at the Girls' Select Holiday Camp which trained December 26-30, 2011 in Colorado Springs..
- **Donna Wigton**, Colorado Springs, was honored with the George J. Fisher Leader In Volleyball Award during the annual Boyce Banquet on May 25 in Salt Lake City, UT. The former Donna Friesen was a standout player at UNC-Greensboro from 1970-1973 and is a member of the UNCG Athletic Hall of Fame (inducted in 2003). She also was head coach at UNC-Charlotte in 1976,
- **Heather Erickson**, formerly of Fayetteville and former Junior player in the Carolina Region, has been selected to represent the USA as a member of the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Women's Sitting Volleyball Team. The 2012 Paralympics will take place August 29—September 9 in London.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Heather Erickson**



**Ronnie Mutter & Jeff Hoppen keeping score at the USA-Netherlands Sitting Volleyball Exhibition match in March.**

# 2012 Junior Beach Tour Results

## Junior Beach Tour Results (1st Place)

- ◆ **April 28, 2012**—vh1vball—Cary
  - U12—Holli Smith / Avery Bugg
  - U14O—Meghan Gasper / Grace Irvin
  - U14C—Emily Durham / Nora Smith
  - U16O—Hailey McFadden / Meghan Wilkinson
  - U16C—Marie Smaek / Morgan Smith
  - U18—Sasha Karelov / Christina Vucich
  
- ◆ **May 5, 2012**—Bearfoot Jrs - Bunker Hill HS
  - U12—Crystal Bordeaux / Savannah Stewart
  - U14—Madison Crump / Kylee Gomilla
  - U16—Katherine Fisher / Kenzie Pierce
  
- ◆ **May 12, 2012**—Catawba River Complex—Concord
  - U12—Crystal Bordeaux / Savannah Stewart
  - U14—Lauren Morgante / Sophia Purut
  - U16—Olivia Loeffler / Dakoda Hawkins
  - U18—Anna Messisco / Emily Messisco
  
- ◆ **May 12, 2012**—Wilmington
  - U12—Emily Curtis / Kara Adams
  - U14—Raquel Rooney / Taylor Warnock
  - U16—Mia Fradenburg / Katja Ethlers
  - U18—Brandi Thomas / Jillian Born
  
- ◆ **May 19-20, 2012**—Carolina Open—Cary
  - U12—Sarah Gasper / Kara Adams
  - U14—Kylie Grandy / Genna Simpkins
  - U16—Kylie Grandy / Genna Simpkins
  - U18—Christina Vucich / Megan Gravley
  - U18 Boys—Kyle Warfel / Benjamin Hutsell
  
- ◆ **June 2, 2012**—Blue Sky Volleyball—Cary
  - U14—Maggie Hollow / Shelby Casey
  - U16—Kenzie Pierce / Katherine Fisher
  
- ◆ **June 9, 2012**—vh1vball—Cary
  - U12—Holli Smith / Avery Bugg
  - U14O—Meghan Gasper / Raquel Rooney
  - U14C—Brynn Carrick / Fallon Stevens
  - U16—Mia Fradenburg / Katja Ethlers

Additional Results and pictures of 1st and 2nd place finishers can be found here:

<http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/jrtourresults2012>



## 2012 Olympic Games LONDON

We are under 50 days until the Olympics begin in London!

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## From the Top—"Glory Days"

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fielded more adult teams than we now have registered region wide. Outdoor tournaments would draw thousands and actually had sponsors donating money and prizes. Volleyball just seemed bigger. Over the years for whatever theory you subscribe to, Adult participation has dwindled. But now, seeing the sheer numbers of juniors falling in love with the game I feel we are well positioned for a return to the "Glory Days".

I challenge each of you leading up to the London Games to encourage someone you know, advanced or beginner, Adult or Junior, boy or girl, to follow the televised matches. Let's parlay their bubbling interest with the excitement and patriotism that overwhelms each of us every four years. With the success and nationally recognized growth of our Juniors program we need to embrace this opportunity. You never know who may be watching at home or maybe even in a friend's grandmother's condo.

## CEO Report

Where has the time gone? It seems the each season passes by quicker and quicker! But we are truly fortunate that we live in a part of the country that we do not have to stop playing volleyball when the indoor season ends. The outdoor game is becoming more popular and we are seeing evidence of that in our Junior Beach Tour.

We began the Junior Beach Tour last season in an effort to introduce juniors to a whole new dimension of the sport played outdoors. We had a few events and it was a good start. This season, we were more ambitious. We have a tour event on every weekend (sometimes two in different parts of the state) through July 21. These tournaments are filling to capacity and it is great to see the players enjoying the sport.

The 2012 indoor season also went well for the Carolina Region. Our junior girls grew by over 360 members and we added 44 more girls teams. We added a new division in several age groups in order to

## 2012 Officials Advisory Board Meeting

The 2012 Officials' Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2012 in Room 109 of Fetzer Gym on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. The meeting will begin at 5 pm and run no longer than 6:30 pm. Known topics for the Advisory Board meeting are: Online training for officials, Professionalism, tournament procedures, and the Officials Rep to the Carolina Region Board will be elected.

The Officials Advisory Board Meeting is held in conjunction with the MAVOB OTP clinic (9 am—1:30 pm). The Carolina Region is also sponsoring a Sensitivity Seminar that will be held from 2 pm—3:15 pm. All Professional officials working Carolina Region events will be required to view the Sensitivity Seminar in order to be eligible to work Carolina Region events in 2013. Officials may attend this seminar to meet the requirement. We will also be taping the seminar and officials that are not able to make this in person will be able to view the video to meet the requirement.

MAVOB also offers training for officials (mainly for collegiate officials but also appropriate for USAV officials) on Sunday, July 29. For additional information about the Officials Advisory Board meeting and USAV requirements, contact Marilyn Thompson at [officials@carolinaregionvb.org](mailto:officials@carolinaregionvb.org) For additional information about the MAVOB training and OTP clinic, contact Brian Jones at [midatlanticvb@gmail.com](mailto:midatlanticvb@gmail.com)

accommodate that growth. My thanks to the many tournament directors that stepped forward to host so these players have a place to play!

Our board is already making plans for the 2013 season. It should be a great one! The next newsletter will round out the results of the summer Championships and prepare us for the new season.

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

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

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



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# High Performance Report-Sheila Holloway

Hello from Carolina Region High Performance. It has been a fast paced year already, and we are looking forward to an exciting summer. We hosted a National Tryout for USA Volleyball in March, and it went very well. It is always fun to see all the dedicated athletes coming out to show their skills. The results from this tryout (boys and girls), and the Region tryout that was held on Dec 30th (girls only)-- were used to establish Training Teams in each of the three divisions of competition.

There is always the need to determine if we have players that will be competitive in a given division at the HP Championships. We try to establish this early on, so families can plan accordingly. The High Performance National Championships (HPC) are recruited by some of the top colleges in the country and the teams that participate have to be at the top of their game! Both the girls and boys that play in the oldest division (Juniors), have to play in the International Division; exciting and tough matches!

Our High Performance Training Teams (Select-born 1998, 1999; Youth-born 1996, 1997; Juniors-born 1994, 1995) met for some practices, and it was determined that we will be sending only the Youth team to the High Performance National Championships in Iowa (July 23-29). The Youth Training Team is listed in the right column. The final travel team will be announced on the Region website after the final selections are made.

For High Performance Beach events, we hope to coordinate with the Junior Beach events to offer some specific skill check-ups during the events, and/or invite the top 2 finishers in each age division to a High Performance Tournament of Champions. The winners will receive a paid entry into the High Performance Beach National Championships (travel & lodging not included). Check out the High Performance Page for more information to be posted soon!

Have a happy summer!

## Carolina Region YOUTH Training Team

### SETTERS

- ◆ CAROLINE WELLS                      Piedmont VBC
- ◆ JENNIFER HART                         Carolina Union VBC
- ◆ OLIVIA STEWART                      Twin Rivers Volleyball Club
- ◆ BRIE SAUR                                Carolina Union VBC

### DS

- ◆ KIMBERLY HOVEY                     Club Red Volleyball Club
- ◆ CAYCE BELL                             Club Red Volleyball Club
- ◆ ANNA ECKSTEIN                       Club Red Volleyball Club

### MB

- ◆ REBECCA HAYES                       Club Synergy Volleyball

### MB/RS

- ◆ CASSIDY STEPHENSON               Cape Fear VBC
- ◆ CALLISTA BROWN                     Piedmont VBC

### OH

- ◆ ASHLEY MUENCH                      Jammers Volleyball Club

### OH/RS

- ◆ ROBIN CORNEL                         NC Elite Volleyball Club
- ◆ KATHRYN JOHNSON                    Warrior Volleyball Club
- ◆ ALYSSA ZUPAN                         Cape Fear VBC
- ◆ ADRIA JOHNSON                        Triangle VBC
- ◆ CHYENNE PUMP                        I.C. Stars
- ◆ SYDNEY GILLIAM                       Biltmore Volleyball Academy

### COACHES:

Head Coach—Patrick Nicholas  
Assistant Coach—John Brannon  
Assistant Coach—Tina Reading



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# National High Performance Update

Each season, USA Volleyball holds tryouts for their national High Performance Programs. Athletes from all over the country attend these tryouts hoping to be offered spots in the various training opportunities available within the USAV HP Program or just to see how they measure up against the top talent in the country.

USA Volleyball has provided us with a list of Carolina Region athletes that tried out during the season and which program they were invited to train with. Congratulations to these rising stars!

Boys FSL	FS National Camp	James Hartley	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Callista Brown
Boys Junior	A3 Camp	Joseph Lucido	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Annie Carter
Boys Junior	A3 Camp	Brendan Smith	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Robin Cornel
Boys Youth	Training Camp	Matthew Cook	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Olivia Daley
Boys Youth	Continental Team	Yize Dong	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Addison Garrigus
Boys Youth	Training Camp	Alexander Labranche	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Sydney Gilliam
Boys Youth	Training Camp	Billy Morgenlander	Girls Youth	A2 Program	Madison Gunning
Boys Youth	Training Camp	Dustin Rhodes	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Katrina Hartley
Girls FSL	A2 Camp	Luisa Lyons	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Meghan Henry
Girls FSL	A2 Camp	Khoury May	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Keimaya Hunter
Girls Junior	A3 Camp	Kiley Lawrence	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Adria Johnson
Girls Junior	A3 Camp	Quincy Leech	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Madeline Lippy
Girls Junior	A3 Camp	Elizabeth Ouzts	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Andie Mckinnon
Girls Junior	A3 Camp	Emily Steele	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Erica Partridge
Girls Select	Training Camp	Allyson Davis	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Daria Robinson
Girls Select	Development Camp	Skyler Farrell	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Tomoko Rooker
Girls Select	Training Camp	Dale Rogers	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Juliana Rube
Girls Select	Development Camp	Mackenzie Smith	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Briana Saur
Girls Select	Continental Team Alt	Gala Taylor	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Kati Smith
Girls Select	Continental Team	Amanda Wagoner	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Cassidy Stephenson
Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Annaka Beatty	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Mereze Visagie
Girls Youth	Training Camp	Micayla Bedoian	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Hannah Wheeler
Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Cayce Bell	Girls Youth	Training Camp	Meghan Wilkinson
Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Gabrielle Benda	Girls Youth	A3 Camp	Alyssa Zupan

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## 2012 BOARD ELECTIONS

The Carolina Region held its 2012 Annual Meeting on May 6, 2012. During the meeting, officer elections were held. Each team rep in the Region had an opportunity to vote on the three Officer positions up for elections.

We are pleased to announce the following were elected to the Carolina Region Board of Directors for a three-year term.

PRESIDENT Michael Spillman

TREASURER Daniel Colleran

SECRETARY Charita Stubbs