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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:

Hard to believe another indoor Club season is in the books already. Hopefully those of you who play in the sand (or grass, or any other surface) are enjoying the transition to doubles or triples events and continue to play throughout the summer months. The Carolina Region sanctions many events for juniors, and there are plenty of adult events offered throughout the state and beyond. If you're looking to play during the summer and don't know where to find an event, look on our website or contact the region office for assistance.

Hopefully you all saw the great pictures from our recent Hall of Fame inductions. Rick Bardolph and Tere Dail, two of the original founders of the Carolina Region of USAV, were recognized for their contributions to the sport and to the creation and growth of the Carolina Region. This is a great honor to be sure. If you missed it, be sure to see page 4 for more details.

We also recently offered an online/telephonic Junior Advisory Board meeting on May 6. We offered it telephonically to try and reach as many interested Junior coaches and club directors as possible, as this is a great opportunity to share your thoughts on how things run in the region, and make suggestions for changes if you think they are warranted. Unfortunately we only had 6 club participants join the call – but we hope that is a sign that most of our coaches and club directors feel things are running well and don't have many changes they

would like to see. We will continue to look for ways to involve as many clubs as possible in the process of improving the way we do things in the Carolina Region. Thanks to those who were able to join the call on May 6.

Kudos to the Long Beach State Men's volleyball team, under the direction of Coach Alan Knipe, for winning the 2019 NCAA Men's Championships over a strong Hawaii team. Alan played for LBS when they last won the championship in 1991, and now has another championship banner for the school as their head coach.



Congratulations also to the UCLA Bruins Women's Beach team for defeating USC in the finals of the Women's NCAA Beach Volleyball championships in Gulf Shores, AL. The event has only been sanctioned for four years, and USC won the first two titles, while UCLA has won back to back titles in 2018 and 2019. That should be a challenge to all the East Coast women's teams to try and take the title from those folks on the West Coast. Enjoy the summer, and don't forget to wear sunscreen....

## CEO Report

Another indoor season is in the books! Once again, the Carolina Region saw significant growth in our junior division. To date, we grew over 600 girls and 36 boys in the program. This resulted in a growth of 58 girls teams and 2 boys teams. Our outdoor memberships are also seeing a significant growth even at this point of the summer (+107 so far). It is great to see so many kids getting into the sport and enjoying it.

Our thanks to all the tournament hosts and officials that partner with us each season so these players have a place to play in a safe and fair environment. Be sure to thank these unsung individuals the next tournament you attend!

The Region Board will be meeting June 7-8 to plan for the future. Look for the 2020 schedule to be posted shortly after that weekend!

One big change coming for the 2019/2020 season is the transition to a new Member Management System. USA Volleyball has chosen

SportsEngine to provide a new database solution for USAV and the Regions. There will be a lot more about this as we approach Sept 1. New things can often be scary and I am sure there will be some hiccups along the way, but we are excited about the new technological advances this transition promises.

Have fun this summer. Check out our Beach/Outdoor events. See you on the courts!

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

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



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## Regional Achievements

**Here's some accomplishments that Deserve Regional Recognition!**

The following Carolina Region referees received an upgraded certifications during recent rating sessions offered during OAAP tournaments and at our Regional Championships:

### New Provisional II Referees:

- \* **Irene Better** (Charlotte)
- \* **Tony DeRubeis** (Durham)
- \* **William Elliott** (Coats)
- \* **Greg Gooch** (High Point)
- \* **Maggie Graham** (Charlotte)
- \* **Sarah Lankford** (Mt. Airy)
- \* **Makaila Linnens** (Shelby)
- \* **Mackaulie Prescott** (Union Mills)
- \* **Julio Santana** (Fayetteville)

### New Regional I Referees:

- \* **Rick Bass** (Ramseur)
- \* **Cameron Dubuc** (Broadway)
- \* **Pat Paine** (Clayton)
- \* **Tessie Ruff—Starnes** (Belmont)

### New Regional II Referees:

- \* **Victoria Clark Ivie** (Murphy)
- \* **Kennedy Paine** (Clayton)
- \* **Jake Patrick** (Wake Forest)
- \* **Robert Webb** (Chapel Hill)

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## More Officials' Accomplishments

We are pleased to announce our newest National Referees from the Carolina Region! Congratulations to **Darryl Buck**, (Cameron) for receiving his National Referee certification during the 2019 Girls 18's National Championships in Dallas, TX. Congratulations to **Betsey Smith** (Black Mountain) and **Ronnie Mutter** (Carolina Beach) for receiving their Beach National Referee certification during the USA Volleyball Collegiate Beach Championships at Hermosa Beach, CA. Congratulations also to **Aisha Boyd** (Durham) who was selected as First Referee for the 18 Open Championship match at the 2019 Girls 18's National Championships in Dallas, TX.



Wade Brence (CR Program Director), Darryl Buck, and Stephen Shepherd (CR Referee Chair)



Betsey Smith and Ronnie Mutter.

## Young Players get Net set up at their School

Two members of the NC KAT Volleyball Club were instrumental in joining fellow students at Holly Grove Elementary School in Holly Springs, NC in successfully lobbying their principal in adding a volleyball net to their playground. It began with four players who shared a love for volleyball passing a ball back and forth on the playground for fun. They were eventually joined by more and more players.

Eventually, the students composed a letter to their principal letting her know how great it would be to have a net on the playground. The students suggested a fundraiser to raise money for the net. Their principal used this as a learning opportunity and had the students research net systems that could be put in. Shortly after, a net system was found that they could use and sand was purchased for the playground. The net system was set up on February 8th and the students behind the project were the first class to play on the new court!





## NC Volleyball Hall of Fame Inducts Two



The North Carolina Volleyball Hall of Fame inducted two more individuals into its ranks on Saturday, April 13. A celebration was held at the Kau Restaurant in Greensboro in front of family, friends, and colleagues from across the state (and one from California)!

Teresa (Tere) Dail and Rick Bardolph were both inducted under the FOUNDER category into the NC Volleyball Hall of Fame. Both Tere and Rick were one of three individuals listed on the Articles of Incorporation used to establish the Carolina Regional Volleyball Association in 1981. Tere



served as the Associate Commissioner for the Region from 1981-1985. She also served as the first Registrar and Treasurer from 1981-1984. Tere was also a highly successful volleyball coach at Wingate University and UNC-Greensboro.

Rick served as the first Eligibility Chair for the Carolina Region. In 1982, he took over the Referee Chair position and held it until 1984. Rick was also an outstanding indoor and outdoor player. He earned multiple All-Region honors during his career.

Both Rick and Tere were always willing to do the hard work necessary to get the Carolina Region established in the days before computers, credit cards, and other modern-day conveniences. Their sacrifices set the standard to allow volleyball to take hold and thrive in North Carolina.

The North Carolina Volleyball Hall of Fame was established in 2013 to honor those that have helped promote the sport of volleyball in the state. For more information on the Hall, visit its page on the web—

<https://www.carolinaregionvb.org/nc-volleyball-hall-of-fame/>

## What Are YOU Doing This Summer?

The ninth season of the Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour is well under way. This popular outdoor tour has grown in both events and participants every year, and we expect more of the same this summer!

Events are organized across four sub-divisions of the state on most weekends. Teams can choose the event they want to participate in. Entry is direct to the tournament through the contact info listed on our schedule.

Check out the schedules and we will see you on the courts this summer!



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