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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:

Who needs spring anyway? It seems like yesterday we were canceling school for “wintery” weather and praying for warmer temperatures. Careful what you wish for because they’re here and it’s time to enjoy what I’m predicting to be the most exciting outdoor season the Carolina Region has ever experienced. Now more than ever we’re spoiled with playing options. Beach volleyball continues its amazing growth and each week provides numerous events across the state. Grass tournaments remain popular attracting record participation. Even casual recreational play and weekly leagues seem to be re-energized.

Shameless Plug- No surprise here as I do it every season but there are three special tournaments close to my heart that I would like to bring to everyone’s attention. Please take a few minutes to read about all of the good that comes from supporting these select events.

[BASH Volleyball Tournament](#) - Clemmons, NC- Supports Area Y – Grass Triples Saturday, Doubles Sunday

[Ranse’s Beach Jam](#) - Wilmington, NC- Supports Stroke Awareness

[Charity Beach Volleyball Tourney to Benefit Megan Paton Smith](#) - Charlotte, NC

As stated, these are three tournaments that have special meaning to me on a personal level and hopefully speaks, in some part, to the exceptional culture within our volleyball family. This being, the last article I will be writing as your President, I want to end the final edition with a heartfelt thank you to volleyball. What a long

strange trip it’s been... Without taking a stroll down memory lane I’ll simply say this. Next time you’re on the court, in the sand or on the grass take a look around. Look across the net, on the benches, in the crowd. You may not realize it, but you are a part of a very special community. A community that can admittedly get a little heated at times in competition but will always come together when needed. Volleyball has given me my closest friends, a wife, a son, and countless memories that can never be replaced. What more can you expect from a sport?

So thanks again to everyone who has been a part of this journey and to everyone in our volleyball family. It has been a great pleasure.



CEO Report

The Carolina Region has enjoyed a tremendous amount of growth over the past several seasons, and the 2018 season continued that trend. As of early May, we had 339 more Junior players registered with the Region this season over last. This resulted in 39 more teams than last season. For the first time, we had over 800 Junior teams registered with the Region!

With growth comes challenges and we are fortunate to continue to meet those challenges. We are thankful for all the tournament hosts that step forward every season to host events for all these teams. We are aware of several new multi-court facilities being built in North Carolina, all with an interest in hosting events. This is great news for us and will allow us to continue to have as many teams participate on a given weekend as we can.

Another group that is critical to grow as the number of players and teams grow are professional officials. We are fortunate that many junior players show an interest in working on their off weekends

and we also get many new high school and college referees each year. We will highlight many of our outstanding referees in this issue of *Carolina Volleyball Review*! It is often a thankless job to be an official. Let's reverse that sentiment! Be sure to thank our officials at your next tournament! They love this great sport as much as the players and coaches, and we all play a role in promoting the sport to others.

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

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

Regional Achievements

Here's some accomplishments that Deserve Regional Recognition!

- **Aisha Boyd** (Durham, pictured at right) earned her National Referee certification at the USA Volleyball Girls' 18's Junior National Championships in Anaheim, CA.
- The following Carolina Region referees earned their Regional certifications during recent their rating sessions offered at various events this season:
 - * **David Bryant** (Pinetops)
 - * **Jim Frey** (Raleigh)
 - * **Victoria Ivie** (Murphy)
 - * **Paige Madtes** (Raleigh)
 - * **Kennedy Paine** (Clayton)
 - * **Jake Patrick** (Wake Forest)
 - * **Wade "Dusty" Rhodes** (Jamestown)
 - * **Jamie Stancliff** (Advance)



CONGRATULATIONS!

Recent Officials' Accomplishments

We are pleased to announce the newest Local Beach Referees from the Carolina Region. Training and Ratings were held during two recent Junior Beach events in April. Congratulations to **Michael Holder**, (Wilmington), **Sydney James** (Stokesdale), **Courtney King** (Raleigh), **John Nguyen** (Raleigh), **Betsey Smith** (Black Mountain), and **Randy Smith** (High Point).



Courtney King, Betsey Smith, Randy Smith, and Sydney James with Carolina Region Beach Referee Chair, Ronnie Mutter



John Nguyen and Michael Holder pictured with Carolina Region Beach Referee Chair, Ronnie Mutter.

OAAP Graduates First Class



The Officials Accelerated Advancement Program or (OAAP) was created during the 2016 season. Applicants are expected to stay in the program for three seasons. Our first graduating class of officials concluded their time in the OAAP with the end of the 2018 indoor season. Congratulations to the members of that first class for completing the program: **Kyle Smith, Dusty Rhodes, Jeff Hutcherson, Rex Hart, Glenn Horton, Stephen Koehler, & Jim Frey.** Also pictured Stephen Shepherd, CR Ref Chair

Officer Elections 2018

The Carolina Region will be holding elections for three Officer positions this summer: President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Officers of the Association sit on the Executive Committee and play a key role in administering the mission and vision of the organization. Officers serve a three-year term and will begin their terms after the July 14 Annual Meeting when the election results will be announced. Special qualifications to be eligible to run for each position are:

- **President**—Must have been a Board of Director at least two of the previous four years.
- **Treasurer**—must have served as a voting member of either the Board of Directors OR one of it's Advisory Boards for at least one of the three years prior to the election.
- **Secretary**— must have served as a voting member of either the Board of Directors OR one of it's Advisory Boards for at least one of the three years prior to the election.

In laymen's terms, this means nominees for the President position can only come from individuals that have served on the Board of Directors at least two of the previous four years. However, nominees for the Treasurer and Secretary positions can come from any Team Rep or certified adult Referee from the past three seasons as those roles would have qualified you to be on the Junior Advisory Board or the Officials Advisory Board. Any qualified individual that is interested in running for Secretary or Treasurer should send an [email to the Region Office](#) by **May 31**. The ballot will be finalized at that time and voting by all teams reps will begin in June.

What Are YOU Doing This Summer?

The eighth 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.

This season many of our events will be offering Regional Qualification bids to the USA National Beach Tour Championships. This is the Official Beach Tour of USA Volleyball and is a new tour for 2018 that occurred with the merger of the old Regional Volleyball Association tour and the USAV Junior Beach Tour. The goal of the merger was to take the best of both tours and offer the preeminent National tour for all participants. Check out the schedules and we will see you on the courts this summer!

