



## **Digs – Summer 2015**

### **From the President**

*Rebecca Ruiz-Johannes, President*

The summer has arrived and the new season is quickly approaching. I want to first say thank you to all members that voted in this year's election. Our voting numbers increased from the past but still need to grow. Please vote again next year when the time comes.

I would like to thank everyone who ran for the Board and congratulate the incumbents, Julie Briggs, Chris Cant, Charles Ezigbo, and Brian Pitkin, and welcome the three new members, Jose Gonzalez-Rodriguez, John Hartranft, and Ryan Hollm. I would also like to thank the outgoing Board members, Ken Huntsman and Mike Laker, for their service. Your hard work was very much appreciated. I would especially like to thank Eugene Yee. He was a member of the Board for more than 20 years. During that time he served the Region in many positions including Finance Chair, four years as President, and seven years as the Vice President. He will be sorely missed.

I have been overwhelmed with support and encouragement since being elected as your President for this year. It is with great pride and honor that I hold the position. I hope I can execute and fulfill the expectations.

There are many new things in the works for every facet of CHRVA. We are making changes to existing programs as well as bringing in new projects. As we go to press with this issue, the Board is getting ready for the summer meeting where we will discuss these changes and outline implementation. Make sure that you read the falls Digs. We will be announcing these changes and how they will affect you.

As a region I would like to grow as a community and come together to create exceptional events for our athletes, families and friends. I am always open to new ideas so feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to working for and with you.

Have a great summer!



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### Commissioner's Corner

*Lisa DiGiacinto, CHRVA Commissioner*

It's Summer Time! Exciting times for the Chesapeake Region!

Each year our region recommends names of individuals to USA Volleyball for the Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Award. This award recognizes members whose countless hours of work in the region has made our volleyball experience so wonderful. Our 2015 award winners for the Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Award are: Lynette Muller, Joan Ryan, Natasha Claxton, Brent Bursey, and Brian Pitkin. Please join me in congratulating them for their endless commitment to their work in the region.

Our outdoor junior opportunities have grown tremendously this summer especially for beach! As many of you know our region once again hosted the USAV High Performance Junior Beach Tryouts and our CHRVA Regional Junior Beach tryouts in May. There were more than 90 courts of junior beach players as far as the eye could see at Rehoboth Beach! [Info for this and all our outdoor volleyball can be found on our website.](#)

For the second time we hosted the USAV Junior Beach Tour on the beach in Ocean City, MD.

Continuing our outdoor junior tournaments again this year CHRVA has partnered with [Fairfax Volleyball Club](#), [Mid Atlantic Volleyball](#), and [No Panic Volleyball](#) (just to name a few) to offer tournaments and clinics to run alongside some successful adult tournaments. Mom and dad can play at the same tournament site as the kids; when was the last time that happened?! Outdoor volleyball is a great way to stay in shape, it's relaxing, fun, and it improves your indoor play. So, c'mon out and support our tournaments. [For more information, go to our award winning website.](#)

When you are not playing outdoors, remember to support our teams playing at the USAV National Championships. Our adult teams just came back from a successful championship in Detroit with 27 teams participating. Our two semi-pro teams, Chesapeake Rising Tide, competed at the Premier Volleyball League Championship in Detroit. And what a successful time it was for our women's and men's teams. More about this later in this DIGS.

Now it's time for our Junior Girls, Junior Boy's, and Girl's High Performance Indoor Teams and HP Junior Beach teams to travel for their championships. As you can see we have volleyball year round, always something to do in CHRVA!

Can you believe this time next year will be the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio! Stay up on all the news of our USA National teams at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

Have a great volleyball summer!



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### Adult Program Update

*Julie Briggs, Adult Program Director*

The 2015 season flew by and seemed to go well. If you are looking for results for the regional championships, [go to the CHRVA website](#) and click on Adults and then the division.

Twenty-seven division and senior teams went to Detroit to compete at the US Open National Championships. I didn't hear from many of the teams, but those that contacted me or posted on Facebook seemed to have done well. Start planning now for 2016. Orlando has been announced as the host city.

There will be changes next season both in the adult program and officiating. For the changes to officiating, see *From the Ladder*. The one that will probably cause the most confusion involves uniforms. Please, I can't urge you enough to bring a copy with you when you order new uniforms. Below is a list of the possible changes under discussion for the playing program:

- Two players splitting the day in one position (like job sharing). This would allow a team borrowing outside players to count two players as one player as long as those two players do not play in the same match.
- In a mixed division tournament, allow the lower level teams to borrow from the higher level. For example, if it is an AA/A tourney, allow the A teams to borrow AA players
- Change the Adult Player Ref certification maintenance to make the process simpler than Provisional. When the new online certification became available, there was no way for regions to customize the training. Bryan Strong, CHRVA Ref Chair, is going to work with the officials' committee and the National Office to "loosen things up."
- Ask the officials' committee to give more time for scorer's to get rated when there are no Fellowships.
- Hold Adult Regionals on the third weekend in April each year (when Easter doesn't toss a wrench into the schedule) and alternate holding them in Maryland and Virginia.
- Create a pilot program of "just for fun" tournaments to be held during the regular season. The formats could include coed, reverse coed, fours, and anything else we can think of. The only requirements would be that all players must be USAV members (and can prove it at check in) and any jersey with a unique number from the other team members. These will be self-officiated.
- We asked Lisa D, CHRVA Commissioner, to get clarification on what balls will be required. We also asked if it would be possible for the women to use the Molten FlicTastic balls for divisional play, and allow the senior teams to play with the Molten Super Touch.

Please note that NONE of these changes have been implemented. They are only under consideration and will be discussed at the next Board meeting this month. All approved changes and pilot programs will be announced and detailed the fall issue of Digs.

Our Registrar, Barb, ran some reports for me on the adult player population in our region earlier this week. I am giving that information to two CHRVA junior boys' members, Grayson Boese and Griff Baily, who are interning at Great-Circle Technologies this summer. They are going to geocode the data to prepare maps and other analysis to see where we all live, as well as other reports. I will post their reports and maps on the website at the end of the summer and provide a summary in the next Digs.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer full of good times, relaxation, fun, and of course, volleyball! See you next season.



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### **Juniors News**

*Dado Singer, Juniors Program Director*

### **Coming This Fall – Parent Membership**

We have a new category of membership debuting the 2015/2016 season. It is geared to those parents who sit on the sidelines of their children's matches and wonder how they can help. You know the ones – they want to shag the ball during warm ups, but get chased off the court because they are not CHRVA members. That is about to change. Junior parents, we have a membership just for you. The cost is \$25 and registration can be done online using the same system as player registration. A Parent Membership allows a parent or guardian of any Junior player to shag balls at practice or tournaments. They may also call lines upon completion of the Line Judge Clinic, which can be accessed via WebPoint, the same website used for registration. The Line Judge Clinic is free. If you would like to help at the scorer's table, a background screening is required. The cost is \$17.50 and can be done through the same system. Please note that the Parent Membership does not replace the Regular Membership requirement to be a Chaperone or Team Rep. You still need a Regular Membership in order to be on a team roster.

### **Indoor High Performance**

During the first two weekends after Memorial Day, tryouts were held for the CHRVA Girls' Indoor High Performance teams. Congratulations to the following girls who will be competing for CHRVA in the USAV High Performance Championships in Des Moines, IA:

#### **Select Team (born in 2000 and 2001)**

- Chloe Adam
- Katie Buckalew
- Amanda Chew
- Olivia He
- Julia Oravec
- Abigail Koeller
- Nalani Lyde
- Maggie Wang
- Emily Speciale
- Lisa Zoch
- Alternates: Molly Ayres and Reilly Vitalos

**Youth Team** (born in 1998 and 1999)

- Lauren Ashwell
- Hannah Aycock
- Megan Conger
- Sarah Manderson
- Vanessa Marinelli
- Lauren Montgomery
- Lubna Mostafa
- Megan O'Hara
- Hailey Olsen
- Elayna Williams
- Alternates: Maria Gonzalez and Milleysha Molina

**Boys' Regional Championships**

Congratulations to the winners of the Boys' Regional Championships held in March:

**14's**

- 1st Place - MVP 14-1
- 2nd Place - BRYC 14 National

**15's**

- BRYC 15 National

**16's**

- 1st Place - BRYC 16 National
- 2nd Place - MVP 16 Black

**17's**

- 1st Place - NVVA 17 Fire
- 2nd Place - BRYC 17 National

**18's**

- 1st Place - Annapolis 18's
- 2nd Place - BRYC 18 National

**Girls' Regional Championships**

[Congratulations to the winners](#) of the Girls' Regional Championships held in April!

## **Girls' Juniors Staff Changes**

Long time Junior Staff member, volleyball player, and coach, Jackie Krampf, has stepped down from her CHRVA positions due to a move to London. Jackie's contributions as Girls' Administrator, Girls' Tournament Chair, creator of the tournament coordinators' computer program, and Indoor High Performance coach are innumerable. We will all miss her and wish her the best across the pond. Let me introduce the new and revised Girls' Juniors staff:

- Girls' Administrator – Gina Trinsey
- Girls' Tournament Chairs – Peggy and Scott Van Lowe
- 10/11/12 Age Group Coordinator – Roxanne Massarelli
- 13/14 Age Group Coordinators – Peggy and Scott Van Lowe
- 17/18 Age Group Coordinator – Fran DuVall

## **Outdoor**

Summer is in full swing and our outdoor program is experiencing unprecedented levels of participation. There were more than 100 nets at First Rites in Rehoboth Beach over Mother's Day weekend. Beach High Performance try outs were held during the same weekend. The teams have been named and are preparing to head off to California. Former Olympian Stein Metzger gave two clinics to junior players in Ocean City. Congratulations to our Beach HP teams:

### **Future Select U15**

- Jackson Friedman
- Peyton Gray
- Emily Krasic
- Amber Oliver
- Annika Stevens
- Jessica Twilly
- Caroline Paroby – alternate

### **Select U17**

- Jordyn Beans
- Maxine Friedman
- Melanie Handlich
- Jordan McKinney
- Savannah Siegrist
- Alison Thomas
- Sophia Macklin – alternate
- Lilly Reilly – alternate

## Youth U19

- Kelly Anderson
- Giovanna Borgiotti
- Sylvie Rosenwald
- Caroline Skaff
- Isabelle Paci – alternate

Our Junior Beach Tour stop in Ocean City was so competitive that not even an appearance by the Blue Angels could cause our players to lose focus. The winners earned bids to the Junior Beach Tour National Championships being held this year in Virginia Beach late in July.

[Click here for all Junior Beach Tour results.](#)

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## Girls Nationals!

*Gina Trinsey, Girls Administrator*

The Girls Junior National Championships! What an honor and privilege to be able to win a bid to and get to play against the best teams in our country! And of course, to represent our CHRVA Region. Here at Brandywine Volleyball Club we were lucky enough to win two National and two American bids and to have an additional one of our teams (our 11's) commit to attending in the Patriot Division. I say lucky, but I would like to give our players and coaches the credit they deserve for working as hard as they did to get there.

For CHRVA I would say that I think this year might have been one of the best showings (finishes) that as a Region we have ever had over all with some of our teams finishing in the Gold, Silver, and Bronze brackets and generally speaking even finishing well in the Flight Brackets.

Our congratulations go out to Metro American 18's team, 1st place finisher in the Gold Bracket of 18's National! An unprecedented feat from CHRVA to my knowledge. And congratulations to a couple other top finishers: Metro's 16's team that finished in 2nd place in the Gold Bracket of the 16 National Division and Brandywine 13's that finished tie for 5th in the Gold Bracket of 13 National!

I worried initially about the fact that Nationals were being held in New Orleans this year. Certainly an expensive and wild place, I thought, but to be honest with you it was a great place to hold Nationals. Speaking for my club only, I would say without question that it was one of the most fun Nationals we have ever attended. The city itself was very welcoming and they certainly had experience in handling large crowds of people. The food was amazing and there was plenty to do in the off time. I know many of the families from my club extended their stay to be able to take advantage of the area and to have a little extra vacation!

Going to New Orleans for Nationals this year was also very nostalgic for me because the last time that Nationals were held in New Orleans was 1999, which was the very first year that we



at Brandywine VBC won a bid and got to go to Nationals. It was an eye opener to be sure! Coming from what then was a smaller region (we have grown so much since then!) to play teams from all over the country really made us realize that we needed to "up our game" if we ever wanted to be able to compete at that level at all. It truly gave us a new perspective on playing at a higher level and a great thirst to get our players there! We have been fortunate to have been able to win at least one (or more) bids to Nationals every year since then and hope to be able to work hard this year to get to 2016 Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana!

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AGE	DIVISION	1ST	2ND
12	OPEN	MVSA Vortex	Columbia Falcons
	Gold	Delaware United 12 Navy	EPAN 12 Blue
	Silver	NVVA 12 Loudoun White	MOJO Elite Sparks 12
	Bronze	Alexandria Titans 12	BRYC 12 National
	Flight 1	GSA VB 12-1	Columbia 12 Owls
13	OPEN	Brandywine Blitz	MVSA Wahoo!
	Gold	Arlington Elite 13	Virginia Elite 13
	Silver	MVSA Fire	CVVC 13 Boas
	Bronze	Vienna Elite 13-2	NVVA 13 Loudoun Black
	Flight 1	NVVA 13 Select Red	MOJO Elite Flames 13-2
14	OPEN	VA Juniors 14 Bottorf	Brandywine Bandits
	Gold	WCJRS 14 Cyclones	Virginia Fusion 14-1
	Silver	WLVBC 14 Crush	Virginia Fusion 14-2
	Bronze	PVBDE 14 Black	COT 14-1
	Flight 1	Club Delaware 14	Arlington Elite 14-2
	Flight 2	FVBC 14s	SMJ 14 Storm
	Flight 3	NOVA Hokuleas (14E)	NVVA 14 Loudoun White Blackburn
	Flight 4	NV Premier 14	Annapolis Volleyball Club Girls 14U
15	OPEN	Brandywine Blackout 15-1	MAVBC 15 Travel
	Gold	NVVA 15 Loudoun Black	Arlington Elite 15-1
	Silver	Columbia 15 Typhoon	BRYC 15 American
	Bronze	No Panic 15 Reloaded	NVVA 15 Select
	Flight 1	Quest 15 Black 2.0	MBVB 15 Crush
	Flight 2	BAVA 15 Blaze	PVBDE 15 Pink
	Flight 3	NVVA 15 Loudoun Gray	MVA 15-2
16	OPEN	MAVBC 16 Travel	Brandywine Bobcats 16
	Gold	Club Delaware 16	SOMD 16 Black
	Silver	MDJRS 16 Elite Yellow	American 16-1
	Bronze	BAVA 16 Breakers	MVA 16-1
	Flight 1	MBVB 16 Phoenix	Firebirds 16s
	Flight 2	Mason Dixon 16 Cyclones	COT 16-1
	Flight 3	Velocity 16-2	NV Premier 16
	Flight 4	Evolution 16-3 Adidas Green	Cecil 16 Xplosion
17	OPEN	MAVBC 17 Travel	NVVA 17 ICE
	Gold	PEVBC 17 Blue	MVSA 17 Sparks
	Silver	NOVA Stars (17W)	Baltimore Elite 17 Navy
	Bronze	MOJO Elite Burn 17	Maryland Elite 17UA
18	OPEN	MAVBC 18 Travel	Delaware Juniors 18 ACE
	Gold	Baltimore Elite 18 White	CCJRS 18 Thunder
	Silver	Arlington Elite 18	SMJ 18 Shark
	Bronze	Velocity 18-1	MDJRS 18 Open Black

Chesapeake Region Beach Bunnies

Place	Division	First Name	Last Name	City	State	Partner First Name	Partner Last Name	Partner City	Partner State
1	Boys 14 Under	Seth	Fine	Allentown	PA	Rylan	Nemesh	Allentown	PA
1	Boys 16 Under	Andirs	Germanis	Oakton	VA	Blake	Dryden	Stafford	VA
1	Boys 18 Under	Parker	Mikesch	Xenia	OH	Ryan	Remington	Dunkirk	MD
2	Boys 18 Under	Liam	Rumell	Cherry Hill	NJ	Kyle	Baker	Cherry Hill	NJ
3	Boys 18 Under	Brennan	Adams	Maidens	VA	Anthony	Jennings	Colonial Heights	VA
1	Girls 12 Under	Kendall	Phillips	Virginia Beach	VA	Riley	Zell	Virginia Beach	VA
2	Girls 12 Under	Jordan	Daniel	Virginia Beach	VA	Natalie	Mieczkowski	Virginia Beach	VA
3	Girls 12 Under	Makala	Thompson	Mt Airy	MD	Rayah	Burge	Ijamsville	MD
4	Girls 12 Under	Sarah	Murphy	Manassas	VA	Sidney	Fitch	Gainesville	VA
5	Girls 12 Under	Jaelyn	King	Owings	MD	Alissa	Jester	Chesapeake Beach	MD
6	Girls 12 Under	madison	wood	glen mills	PA	Ellie	Fisher	glen mills	PA
7	Girls 12 Under	Amanda	Oliver	Bethesda	MD	Michelle	Humphrey	Virginia Beach	VA
7	Girls 12 Under	Sydney	Younger	Moyock	NC	Alyssa	Humphrey	Virginia Beach	VA
9	Girls 12 Under	Thaissa	Peixoto	Fairfax	VA	Alexandra	Lin	Springfield	VA
1	Girls 14 Under	KAMRYN	JOHNSON	Moyock	NC	ASHLEY	THOMPSON	Virginia Beach	VA
2	Girls 14 Under	Peyton	Gray	Herndon	VA	Jackson	Friedman	Leesburg	VA
3	Girls 14 Under	Kristian	OMalley	Vienna	VA	Nikole	Corey	Reston	VA
4	Girls 14 Under	Izzy	O'Bryan	McLean	VA	Christianna	Stephenson	Leesburg	VA
5	Girls 14 Under	Abigail	Hayes	Virginia Beach	VA	Abbey	Stiles	Norfolk	VA
5	Girls 14 Under	Maddie	Sachs	Wilmington	DE	Madeline	Matheny	Wilmington	DE
5	Girls 14 Under	hannah	wright	wilmington	DE	mia	caporellie	downingtown	PA
5	Girls 14 Under	Ashton	Dunnigan	LEESBURG	VA	Sammy	Rodriguez	Leesburg	VA
9	Girls 14 Under	Jessie	Twilley	Ijamsville	MD	Caroline	Paroby	Ijamsville	MD
9	Girls 14 Under	Danielle	Conover	Purcellville	VA	Tristen	Isaac	Oakton	VA
9	Girls 14 Under	Mackenzie	Meehan	Crofton	MD	Sydney	Heatley	Crofton	MD
9	Girls 14 Under	Jacqueline	Camponelli	Lincoln University	PA	Olive	Twumdanso	Bear	DE
9	Girls 14 Under	Jessica	Falasco	Wilmington	DE	Jade	Bryant	Lester	PA
9	Girls 14 Under	Kenley	Cook	Hartly	DE	Alexandra	Faragher	Clayton	DE
15	Girls 14 Under	Caitlin	Iley	severna park	MD	Emily	Krasic	millersville	MD
16	Girls 14 Under	Isabella	Jontz	The Plains	VA	Lexi	Propheter	Warrenton	VA
17	Girls 14 Under	Katie	Parks	Fairfax	VA	Sarah	Parks	Fairfax	VA
17	Girls 14 Under	Isabella	Motsco	Towson	MD	Annika	Stevens	Oak Hill	VA
19	Girls 14 Under	Sierra	Chamberlin	Corapeake	NC	Caroline	Jones	Chesapeake	VA
19	Girls 14 Under	Kayleigh	Reagan-Smith	Moyock	NC	Natalie	Hardwicke	Chesapeake	VA
19	Girls 14 Under	Emma Kate	Zimmerman	South Riding	VA	Amber	Oliver	Ashburn	VA
23	Girls 14 Under	Samantha	Doudna	Davidsonville	MD	Lindsay	Robertson	Davidsonville	MD
23	Girls 14 Under	Courtney	Maxwell	Middletown	DE	Chloe	Jackson	Bear	DE
23	Girls 14 Under	Grace	Fedor	Middletown	DE	Gianna	Corbett	Middletown	DE
23	Girls 14 Under	Hanna	Humprey	Chesapeake	VA	Austin	Younger	Moyock	NC
23	Girls 14 Under	SAGE	BARNEDO	WOODBRIIDGE	VA	REAGAN	TURNER	ALEXANDRIA	VA
23	Girls 14 Under	Jenna	Evans	Ashburn	VA	Samantha	Carroll	Gainesville	VA
23	Girls 14 Under	Lauren	Hansel	Warrenton	VA	Chelsea	Dodson	Warrenton	VA
23	Girls 14 Under	Camyrn	Barringer	Ocean City	MD	Kathryn	Parlor	Ocean City	MD
31	Girls 14 Under	ALLISON	TASHIMA	SPRINGFIELD	VA	ASHLEIGH	TAYLOR	LORTON	VA
31	Girls 14 Under	Madisen	Kikut	Ocean City	MD	Rylie	Jones	Ocean City	MD
1	Girls 16 Under	Jordan	McKinney	Aldie	VA	Jordyn	Beans	Millersville	MD
2	Girls 16 Under	Emmaline	Walters	Warrenton	VA	Maxine	Friedman	Great Falls	VA

3	Girls 16 Under	Juliana	Campbell	Wilmington	DE	Amy	Thomson	Wilmington	DE
4	Girls 16 Under	Peyton	Washington	Virginia Beach	VA	Celia	Greco	Virginia Beach	VA
5	Girls 16 Under	Kristiana	Witte	Arlington	VA	Camryn	Allen	Ellicott City	MD
5	Girls 16 Under	Alison	Thomas	Haymarket	VA	Melanie	Hanclich	Haymarket	VA
5	Girls 16 Under	Tara	Wulf	Burke	VA	Claire	Nagelhout	Bethesda	MD
5	Girls 16 Under	Bemany	Salapek	Ocean City	MD	Sydney	Yant	Ocean City	MD
9	Girls 16 Under	rachel	garratt	chesapeake	VA	lacey	klooster	chesapeake	VA
9	Girls 16 Under	Grace	Bullock	Beaverdam	VA	Anne Madison	Shockley	Richmond	VA
9	Girls 16 Under	Alison	Gillespie	Raleigh	NC	Molly	Dalton	Raleigh	NC
9	Girls 16 Under	Chloe	Prejean	Clear Spring	MD	Mikaylah	Hoy	Sharpsburg	MD
13	Girls 16 Under	Alexis	Stoner	Hagerstown	MD	Emma	Lorenzen	Hagerstown	MD
14	Girls 16 Under	Maxine	Felker	Berwyn	PA	Laryssa	Terleckyj	Berwyn	PA
15	Girls 16 Under	Lisa	Zoch	Clarksville	MD	Alexa	Welch	Ellicott City	MD
15	Girls 16 Under	Katharine	Ligos	Newtown	PA	Sarah	Weeden	Monmouth Junction	NJ
17	Girls 16 Under	Samantha	Stiles	Norfolk	VA	Jordan	Reynolds	Moyock	NC
17	Girls 16 Under	Natalie	Comer	Newark	DE	Madison	Keller	Newark	DE
21	Girls 16 Under	Erin	Hood	Colonial Heights	VA	Madelyn	Lent	Powhatan	VA
21	Girls 16 Under	Sarah	Manderson	Davidsonville	MD	Oksana	Fesz	Stevensville	MD
21	Girls 16 Under	madeline	subasic	Ellicott city	MD	julia	McKenna	Ellicott city	MD
21	Girls 16 Under	Allyson	Angelucci	phoenixville	PA	jenna	plitnick	collegeville	PA
21	Girls 16 Under	alexis	conte	wilmington	DE	morgan	truitt	hockessin	DE
26	Girls 16 Under	Brooke	Corbett	Middletown	DE	Grace	Fрати	Newark	DE
1	Girls 18 Under	Brynn	Carrick	Raleigh	NC	Vanessa	Richards	Fayetteville	NC
2	Girls 18 Under	Jessica	Stansfield	Manasquan	NJ	Maria	Pansari	Whitehouse Station	NJ
3	Girls 18 Under	Caroline	Skaff	Haymarket	VA	Holly	Carlton	Sterling	VA
4	Girls 18 Under	Savannah	Siegrist	Davidsonville	MD	Trang	Nguyen-Christensen	Mullica Hill	NJ
5	Girls 18 Under	Kelly	Anderson	Fairfax	VA	Sylvie	Rosenwald	Rockville	MD
5	Girls 18 Under	Emily	Griffith	Bridgeport	WV	Rachel	Gantzer	Morgantown	WV
5	Girls 18 Under	Isabel	Paci	Ellicott City	MD	Megan	Conger	Rockville	MD
5	Girls 18 Under	Victoria	Falasco	Wilmington	DE	Kirsten	Longueira	Wilmington	DE
9	Girls 18 Under	TATIANNA	PITCHER	ALEXNDRIA	VA	CATHY	SCANIFFE	SPRINGFIELD	VA
10	Girls 18 Under	Maranda	HardWicke	Ocean City	MD	Madeline	Wheeler	Ocean City	MD
11	Girls 18 Under	Kasey	Bost	Eldersburg	MD	Nicole	Venturelli	Eldersburg	MD
12	Girls 18 Under	Megan	McCormack	Annandale	VA	Elizabeth	McCormack	Annandale	VA
13	Girls 18 Under	Carly	Smith	Ellicott City	MD	Peyton	LeConte	Ellicott City	MD
13	Girls 18 Under	KELLY	HUGHES	WOODBIDGE	VA	PEYTON	BOYD	DUMFRIES	VA
13	Girls 18 Under	Jaila	Bell	Hagerstown	MD	Tana	Mckinsey	Hagerstown	MD



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### **From the Ladder**

*Bryan Strong, Referee Chair*

Happy summer and we're already thinking about this fall. There are several things I need to make sure everyone knows about. We will be getting a new edition of the Domestic Competition Rules this fall so be prepared to read!

There will be a new net rule in effect this fall. Essentially it will be a fault to touch any part of the net or the antenna while in the act of playing the ball. Touching the net tape and mesh will be a fault. For those of you who know what the NCAA rule is, the USA rule will be exactly the same. Touching the net outside the antenna will not be a fault.

The adult program had a one year extension on enforcing the solid-color jersey rule. That extension has now expired and the rule will be enforced this fall. Please plan ahead when purchasing your jerseys. Send me pictures of the uniforms you are considering if you have any question about what is legal or considered a solid color jersey. Remember there are portions of the rule that pertain to trim placement and width of that trim. Don't rely on the salesman on the phone telling you that a uniform combination is compliant. Ask before you spend any money.

I sincerely hope to minimize the amount of recertification requirements for referees this fall. Remember, I can only work within the clinics provided by USA Volleyball.

Lastly, I want to thank Tracy Shadle for his many years as one of our referee assigners. Tracy is retiring from his current job and moving to Kansas. Tracy, I hope you succeed in all your endeavors and I hope you get all the Division I matches you want from now on.



## Digs – Summer 2015

### CHRVA Assists at 2015 Warrior Games and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games

*Rebecca Ruiz-Johannes, President*

Two Olympic-like events were held in our Region this year: Warrior Games and World Police and Fire Games, and CHRVA assisted by providing officials and other volunteers for the volleyball events.

Marine Corp Base Quantico in Quantico, Virginia hosted the [Warrior Games](#) and one of the sports played was sitting volleyball. CHRVA had a great team of officials that came out to support the athletes and work the matches. (At right: CHRVA referees who worked during the Warrior Games.)



As the sport of sitting volleyball grows I encourage teams to try it out and experience the challenges with sitting volleyball. In the end Army won the tournament in an exciting final against Air Force.

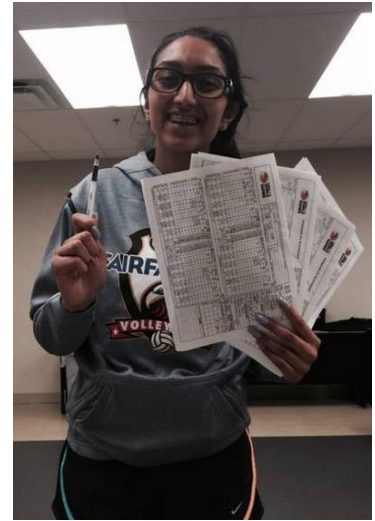
Adaptive sports and athletic reconditioning activities play a fundamental role in the recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration of our service members and veterans. The events of the Warrior Games promote the resiliency and warrior spirit of our wounded, ill, and injured service members, veterans, caregivers, and families.

Check out the [Wounded Warrior Project](#), which operates year-round and is committed to raising awareness and enlisting the public's aid for the needs of injured service members; helping injured service members aid and assist each other; and providing unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

Fairfax, Virginia was the host for the [2015 World Police and Fire Games](#). This entire event can only be described as a mini Olympics. For example, about 9500 police and fire members from around the globe competed in these games. By comparison, there were roughly 11,000 athletes that competed in the 2012 Olympics held in London.

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CHRNA members helped to execute the indoor volleyball and beach events. A special thanks to all the players and coaches that answered our call for volunteers. I was honored to be the lead official and assist with helping to make it a successful event for the athletes, volunteers, spectators, and families. My club teams came out to help score, line judge, and ball shag. Special thanks to NVVA, which provided equipment for the indoor and outdoor volleyball events.



Clockwise at right:

1) Graciela Ruiz-Johannes was one of our volunteers, presenting awards during various ceremonies.

2) Kajal Chandrabhatla, a No Panic Volleyball member and student at South Lakes High School in Reston, Virginia, scored from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. four days in a row!

3) The Russian volleyball team is photobombed by Kajal.

