



## **Digs – Summer 2015**

### **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!