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LONE STAR REGION

NEWSLETTER



*In loving memory of Madison "Bing" Bingaman
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COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Will Vick, Commissioner

With the closing of the 2006/07 season, it's again time to recognize some of our outstanding members for their many contributions to the Lone Star Region and USA Volleyball. This season, I had the pleasure of nominating five hard working members for the **2007 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award**. Each year, USA Volleyball recognizes a maximum of five members from each region for contributing outstanding participation, motivation and other services, in the promotion of volleyball. I am extremely happy to announce our 2007 recipients: **G. Michael Carter**, Coach for Alamo Juniors; **Victor A. Clifford**, Club Director and Coach for Gulf Coast Volleyball Association; **Katy L. Garza**, Coach and Club Director, Absolute Volleyball Academy; **Rose K. Ketner**, Club Director, Waco Volleyball Club; and **Emily Strickland**, National Referee, National Scorekeeper, Team Representative and Coach with Texas Tornados.

2007 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Again this season, we were well represented at each of the USA Volleyball National Championship events. I would like to offer my congratulations to our Regional teams, that I'm aware of, who won a National Championship. Their pictures are displayed on the home page of the Region Web Site, www.lsvolleyball.org. In Austin, at the 2007 Open National Championships, we had two Regional teams win national championships. First, in the **Women's U-Volley Division** the **San Antonio Diggers** took the gold. And, in the **Women's 70 and Over Tournament**, the **Texas Kickers** won their National Championship. Shortly thereafter, at the Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships, **Houston Juniors - 15 National** took the gold, in the **American Club Tournament**. In addition to our gold medals winners, we were well represented by many other Region teams at the Adult and Junior Boys and Girls National Championships. I'm certain that we had many members who were appropriately recognized at each of these events. However, I must

rely on our team and club representatives, coaches, and officials' chairs to provide us with the names of those honored in these areas. In addition to these, and other team pictures, you can get the complete results for each of the national championships by going to the USA Volleyball Web Site, www.usavolleyball.org/Events.

2007 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Our registration figures, for the most part, have been finalized for the 2007 season. We have registered 10,472, for the 2007 season. Again, this season we will delete a number of members who remain in our database and are listed as **UNPAID**. By the time we finally close out the season we will have deleted approximately 300 members who did not complete the registration process. Although this is better than the 600 deleted last season, it's still far too many. The on-line registration can only be completed when the data is entered into the system, and the required documents and fees are provided to the Regional Office. Many of these **UNPAID MEMBERS** had practiced with the clubs, and some had actually participated in sanctioned tournaments, without registering. This we can't have.

2008 SEASON

For the 2008 season, we are currently working on eliminating the need for the actual forms to be printed and provided to the club directors and the Regional Office. As it now stands, members will register on line, with the appropriate data items checked by the adult member, or the parents of the junior members. The forms may still be printed, if desired. The fees will then be collected by the club directors, and they will then make the required payments to the Region Office. For those not affiliated with a club, the appropriate fees should immediately be provided to the Regional Office for finalization. Remember, the registration is not complete until it has been updated at the Region Office. Club directors must continuously review their **CLUB MGMT AREA** and keep their data up-to-date. If a member is listed as **UN-**

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PAID, that means the fees have not yet been received and posted in the Region Office. Unpaid members are not eligible to participate in any way with a club.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2008 SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER 1ST. Read the "How to Register" article for step-by-step instructions on registering.

REFEREE AND SCOREKEEPER CLINICS

Check the Schedule of Events on our web site very closely as clinics are scheduled. The dates and locations of each clinic will be included. Remember, if you attended a clinic last season and completed all requirements for certification, you need not attend a clinic this season. However, to maintain your certification you must complete a renewal application and pay the renewal fee. **This is required each year.** For those of you who did not receive referee/scorekeeper cards last season, then you must start all over this season. The entire certification process can be accomplished at one of the October clinics. **This is a great opportunity for those who plan to referee or keep score for Junior clubs.** Get everything completed before the season starts. Also, when you plan to attend the October clinic be sure and bring your playing equipment. Those attendees will be asked to form teams and play while others are receiving their practical evaluations.

Reminder

ALL teams must have a certified Scorekeeper and Certified Referee on the roster.

DON'T

PROCRASTINATE

October Referee and Scorekeeper Clinics

Austin Area

October 21st— 9 am start at **Austin Sports Center**

Houston Area

October 13th— 8 am start at **Jersey Village High School**

San Antonio Area

October 28th—9 am start at
University of Texas at San Antonio

IN MEMORIAM

The Austin Junior Volleyball Financial Assistance Program has been renamed the Madison "Bing" Bingaman Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of the late Madison Bingaman (Stony Point and AJV Class of '07) who tragically died in a car wreck on her way to UMBC for her freshman season.

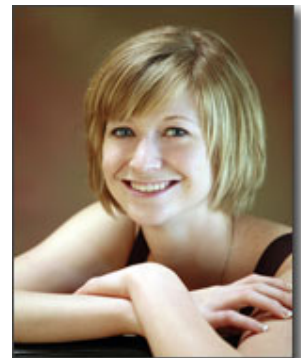
Madison played for Austin Junior Volleyball for 6 years and was a true friend, teammate, and competitor. She loved volleyball and loved life.

AJV Scholarship Fund Mission Statement

To provide an opportunity for young girls to participate in Austin Junior Volleyball, helping them to achieve their full athletic potential while promoting leadership, teamwork, friendship, character, goal setting and self discipline.

Tax-exempt Donations

Donations made to the scholarship fund are tax-exempt as allowed by law. If you are interested in making a donation or have questions, contact the AJV scholarship committee—donise@austinjuniors.com



Madison "Bing" Bingaman
AJV Class of '07

ABOUT REGISTRATION

Will Vick, Commissioner

Registration instructions for the on-line system are currently being updated, and will be on our web site. Individuals will be expected to register themselves by simply logging on to our web site (www.lsvolleyball.org) and clicking on "Registration". This will take them to the registration instructions, which will include examples of registrations, for them to view. After reading the instructions they will find a link for renewal of membership (if registered in the Lone Star Region, since 2005). Any member who was previously registered with another region should contact the Region Office before trying to register through the on-line registration system. Contact can either be made via email or phone; the contact information is on our web site. For new members, or those who were not registered since 2004, they will use the link for new members. New members will not be required to have a User Name and Password for their registration. These will be provided upon conclusion of the initial registration.

We are currently changing the registration links on our web site, and will only have two links. The first, will be used for **Login, Request A Login, or Forgot Password**. One thing each of you should remember, **keep a record of you Log-In Information**. With your User Name and Password you can logon to your record, view, and maintain your data, at any time. For Lone Star Region members who were registered in either 2005, 2006, or 2007 you can logon to your record and renew your membership, after **September 1, 2007**. If you were registered in 2004, but have not renewed your membership through the On-Line System, you may be able to use the **Request A Login** option, and the system will provide you with the information necessary to complete your registration. And finally you may need to use the **Forgot Password** option, if you do not remember your User Name and Password. The second link will be used is for all new member registrations. When using this link, if you make a mistake or get knocked off the system, contact the Region Office before trying to proceed. Hopefully, this will help to keep from creating two records on the same individual. Any time you have a problem with the registration system contact either of the two addresses listed on the web site, but please do not contact us both with the same problem. Give each of us time to get back with you. Remember, the season doesn't actually start until after November 1st.

For any member who does not have the capability of registering through the on-line system, we have updated the Data Collection Form on the Region Web Site. This form can be downloaded, completed, and sent to the Region Office along with the \$40 fee. The on-line registration will be completed by someone in the Region Office. Keep in mind, this will not complete the registration. The Waiver & Release of Liability will be mailed back to the member and must be signed and returned before the registration is complete. Until the signed Waiver is returned the member will be placed on the "Pending" list and will not be permitted to participate in any sanctioned events until the registration is complete.

Background screening requirements will remain the same for the 2008 season. All screenings are recorded in the on-line system and those members who are required to be screened will be prompted to do so at the time of registration. The computer generated Background Screening Form should handled the same as the Waivers, and hopefully by the time we start registrations, it will not be necessary to print this form. You should be able to simply complete the form on-line and provide the fees to your Club Director or the Region Office.

For those of you **starting new clubs/teams**, you should first contact the Regional Office in order to create the club. This should be the first step in the registration process. This can be done via email and provide the following information: **CLUB NAME; CLUB ADDRESS; NAME OF CLUB DIRECTOR; CLUB PHONE NUMBER; and CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS**. Once the club has been created and listed in the On-Line System, your will be notified and the club members may start their registrations. All



Clint Smith (Team DPH) attacks a ball at USAV Nationals — CoEd Tournament

Photo by Kevin Gliner

DID YOU KNOW...

there is an astronaut among the Lone Star Region? Lt. Col. Charles Hobaugh was the pilot for the Space Shuttle Endeavour, which launched on Aug. 7 for a mission to the International Space Station. He is also a volleyball coach and referee from the Lone Star Region.

Read more on the Lone Star Region Website.



Lt. Col. Charles Hobaugh

Photo from
<http://www.jsc.nasa.gov>

FROM THE REFEREE STAND

Thomas Hoy, Referee Chair

Congratulations to all of the referees that made the effort to get certified or re-certified this year. It means more players/coaches/officials are familiar with the rules and have been observed as they put the rules into practice.

There are some who might complain about the process, but there are many more that recognize that one of our region's strengths is the knowledge of the rules and mechanics of officiating that our membership has in place. Keep up the good work and keep getting certified at higher levels.

Speaking of higher levels, I have three comments to make. One, thanks to all the referee raters and clinicians that spent hundreds of hours watching, preparing, presenting and reviewing the work of referee candidates so that they would do well in the certification process. This is huge!

Second, a big kudos to all the Lone Star referees that were selected to call the playoffs at our national-level and even international events. At the Lone Star Classic, National Qualifiers, USAV Open Nationals, Junior Girls Opens, AAUs, VolleyFestival and Junior Boys Opens, we were well represented.

Third, congratulations to **Mary Lou Flink**, **Andy Strickler** and **Charlie Tamez** for being certified this year as Junior National Referees--all well deserved. Also, accolades to **Connie Brennan** and **Tim Craft** for being certified this season as National Referees--well done.

It has been a good season for referee certification, and it promises to get even better in the future.

ON THE SCOREKEEPER'S TABLE

Steve Crane, Scorekeeper Chair

Good News! There have been almost no changes in the scorekeeping process for this upcoming season. Yea!

With the online registration process we have been using, you may now find your scorekeeper (and referee) status by simply logging into your record. If it says anything but "Current", then you are missing something. Contact me if you have any questions (contact Thomas Hoy for referee questions). All of the forms may be downloaded now on the Lone Star website — lsvolleyball.org, in the Reference section. Please download the latest versions of the scoresheets, line-up sheets, etc. from the website before running a tournament this season.

Once again, I ask a little indulgence from those who spend their hard earned spare time running tournaments. Once scores are officially tallied on a central board there is no need to retain the scoresheets. Please allow those trying to achieve certification to take these sheets. It is difficult enough for the clubs to deal with the mountains of paperwork and details of keeping up with players. We don't need to add to that by unnecessarily hindering the persons working toward certification by not letting them have the scoresheets. As an alternative, you could have a policy where the scorekeepers mark them in a certain way to identify them as rating scoresheets. You could then send those sheets to me after the tournament. Thanks in advance.

There is another way to get your ratings done. On the website you will find a Scorekeeper Rating Sheet. Any Regional or above rated Scorekeeper that is not associated with your team or club can rate you while you are scorekeeping a match. They will complete the rating portion of the form and review the rating with you. Then you just mail me two of those and you are done with the rating part. No more trying to talk tournament directors out of their scoresheets. Now, for all those who are working toward that certification... get all the requirements done as early in the season as you can. Don't wait until three days before Regionals! Your team is counting on you—don't let them down!

KNOW THE RULES!

Roster Freeze Date

Registered players must compete with the same team during the entire season, except as outlined below for *Team Affiliation and Association (Co-registration)*.

Players may not change teams without the expressed written consent of the Regional Commissioner.

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No player may be added to a roster for the regional championships after the deadline for entries has passed.

All members must be registered and compete in at least one Lone Star Region sanctioned tournament **prior** to competing in the regional championships or a National Qualifying tournament.

All team rosters must be frozen as of the team's last tournament prior to the Regional Championships. After that date, players must play only with the team on which their team representative has placed them. Associations with more than one team must designate on which team their players will participate for the remainder of the season.

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JUNIOR'S SPOTLIGHT

Dick Kappel, Junior Development Director

2007 Junior Nationals

Congratulations to all the teams that represented the Lone Star Region at Junior Nationals. Among the 51 girls teams from the Lone Star Region at Atlanta, top finishers in the Gold Division were:

Girl's 2007 Jr Nationals Minneapolis

AUSTIN JRS - 18 Mizuno— 3rd 18 American
 EXTEC - 17 National—3rd 17 National
 TX TORNADOS - 17 Mizuno— 3rd 17 National
 WILLOWBROOK - 17 Asics— 3rd 17 American
 TX TORNADOS - 15 Mizuno—3rd 15 National
 HOUSTON - 15 National—1st 15 American
 BRAGGIN RIGHTS - 141— 3rd 14 National
 AUSTIN JRS - 12 Mizuno— 3rd 12 National
 WOODLAND STARS - 12 Gold— 3rd 12 American

All Tournament Team Selections

Bianca Sauls— Austin Juniors 18 Mizuno
 Elizabeth Graham— Austin Juniors 18 Mizuno
 Brittanie Wallace— Austin Juniors 18 Mizuno
 Shelbi Irvin— Club Texas 18 Black
 Sidney Stewart— TX Tornados 17 Mizuno
 Hannah Fort—TX Tornados 17 Mizuno
 Lurne Waclawcsyk—Extec 17
 Christie Dorch— Willowbrook 17 Asics
 Michele Williams— Willowbrook 17 Asics
 Bethany Yeager— TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
 Desiree Elliott— TX Tornados 15 Black
 Amy Moyer—Houston 15 National
 Courtney Warren—Houston 15 National (**MVP**)
 Angela Peyton—Houston 15 National
 Lexi Erwin— Woodland Stars 15 Gold



Pretty Betty
 Women's A Team
 USAV Nationals

Photo by Kevin Gliner

2007 -2008 Team Registration Packages and On-Line Registration

The Lone Star Region will be using the USA on-line registration system and registrations for the 2008 season will begin 9/1/07.

REGION ROUND-UP

From the Houston Rep, Gordon Morrison

As many of you have noticed, the 2007/08 season is right around the corner. It is time to start planning for all aspects of your season. Most of you will think about the practices and the uniforms and getting your entry turned in for the first tournament. All of you will think about getting your teams in shape for the tournament season. Few of you will think about getting your referees and scorekeepers in shape for the new season.

I was the referee assignor for the first tournament in Houston at Willowbrook. I am also the Houston area rep. I had about 20 complaints last year about the teams that showed up at the court and expected the referees to teach a 3 hour scorekeeping clinic in the 10 minute warm up period. After the referees attempt to get the scorekeeper enough knowledge to get by, the person that was supposed to be the R2 asked how to do the refereeing. Now in the 2 minutes left before the match, the referee is supposed to do the 3 hour refereeing clinic, too.

As you prepare for the season, you need to get everyone prepared. There will be at least 4 clinics in the greater Houston area before the first tournament in Houston. I know Austin and San Antonio will have at least one clinic before the season starts. Check the Lone Star web page under Official's Clinics and Info link and then the Clinic Schedule to find the clinic in your area.

The Saturday all day clinic in October is an ideal chance to get everything done before the season officially starts. In Houston, it will be Saturday, October 13th at Jersey Village High School starting at 9AM. We will be teaching the refereeing clinic in one room and the scorekeeping clinic in another room. Once the classroom part of the clinic is done, we will give the test. After a lunch break, we will meet to do the practical part of the clinic. The scorekeepers will follow a script and will turn in those 2 scoresheets to finish their certification. The referees will head to the gym and will be the line judges and referees while people are playing. Raters will observe the work of the referees. The referees will turn in those 2 ratings to finish their certification. All of the clinics after October will have the classroom part of the clinic with the test. There will not be any practical portion. You will have to turn in the scoresheets and the referee ratings at another time. Many people do not follow up and finish their certification. **Please try to take advantage of the all day clinics.**

DID YOU KNOW...

If you watch Top Chef (on Bravo cable channel), you know 6'8" Chris "C.J." Jacobsen. But did you know Chris played with SoCal Riptide in the 2007 U S A O p e n Championships?



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LONE STAR ON THE WEB

Steve Crane, Webmaster

Visit the Lone Star website for news, schedules, forms and various reference materials at www.lsvolleyball.org

Web Enhancements and Reminders:

- The Junior players in the Team Finder are now organized by geographic area. Hopefully, this will make it a bit easier for the teams to find players in close proximity.

If you want to be listed in a particular area, just note that in the "Special Qualifications" field in the submission form.

- Now is a great time to check out the Lone Star Region Team Finder. Look for teams looking for players or players hoping to find a team.
- The Reference section of the website provides forms, playing sites and our handbook. Make sure you know the rules!
- Check the "Official's Clinics and Info" area for certification
- Adult Tournament Schedule for the 2007-08 Season is now available. Friendship begin in late August

There are changes made almost daily to the website, so don't forget to check schedules for the latest tournaments and clinics and to verify dates, locations and times.



CONTACT US

We are always looking for stories to share with the Lone Star region— from recent victories or milestones, to photos of tournaments or even fun trivia.

To submit a newsletter article or photos, please contact Annell Neale, Media Director.

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Additional contact information is available on our website.