



Bermuda Volleyball Association

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Dear BVA Members,

2007-08 was another successful year for the BVA, highlighted by upgraded organization and expansion of our winter, spring & summer leagues, along with the summer volleyball tournament series.

At the 2006-07 Annual General Meeting the BVA welcomed Georgina MacDonald as to the BVA executive committee as Public Relations Officer. During the year the Executive Committee appointed a replacement VP in Blaise Ting (for Kelly Ross), Katarina Carnicka (for Rebecca White) and Lianne Leonardi as Equipment Manager. We also said farewell to Georgina MacDonald. The BVA continues to be a member in good standing with Norceca & FIVB, where we were present for the Congress held in Dubai 2008 and will attend the NORCECA congress later in 2008.

BVA Leagues were once again in high demand in 2007-08. The winter indoor league continued with 3 divisions held at Mount St. Agnus Academy. The same sex, 6-a-side league had one men's league & two women's leagues, for a total of 20 teams, which ran over 2 nights from October through February.

The BVA's A, B & C Divisions of Spring League held its 2nd year at Saltus Field which was even more successful; having 30 teams for B 4's, 7 for A 4's and 18 teams for the 6 a side C league. Yet again, registration was full to capacity. The BVA is always looking at ways to better use the space and purchase additional nets to accommodate the enthusiasm of Spring League.

The 16th Annual Corporate Volleyball Tournament was held in May at Saltus field with an excellent turnout of 44 teams and 11 net sponsors which was a new addition this year. This is a co-ed grass tournament where companies, schools and community clubs get a chance to compete against each other in a friendly event. We would like to thank Barritts for their continued sponsorship of this event!

As expected, the BVA Summer Leagues proved to be the most popular of all BVA leagues. In order to respond to the high demand, the venue was changed exclusively to Horseshoe Beach, 5 days a week, from Elbow Beach. The co-ed, 4-a-side Leagues consisted of 1 A division, 2 B divisions & 2 C divisions, as well as King & Queen of the Beach Leagues (same sex, 2-a-side) with a total of 120 league teams plus 26 King and Queen participants. The BVA would like to thank Amstel Pulse for their sponsorship of the BVA Summer leagues and their commitment all summer long!

Over the last couple of years the BVA has focused efforts on growing the summer volleyball tournament series. Sponsorship & new tournament structures have been enabled the BVA to offer music, food, drinks and many more prizes thereby creating a better weekend tournament experience on our ever-so-beautiful beaches. We would like to extend a special thanks to all of the sponsors for our summer tournament series:

- 5th Annual Makin' Waves Beach Crap Shoot Tournament - Sponsored by Makin Waves
- Corona Beach Volleyball Tournament – Sponsored by Corona
- Amstel BeachVolley Cup – Sponsored by Amstel Pulse
- 2nd Annual SPIKE-Fest – Sponsored by Sol

The BVA also supports various other programs including youth, referee, coaching and national team programs.



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A Youth Development Program was developed for a High School Player of the Year (“HSPY”) Award where the 2 winners (1 female and 1 male) obtained \$1,000 bursary each towards an overseas volleyball camp this past summer. In addition to the HSPY Program, a skills development training camp for Bermuda’s youth is also in the works for the coming season.

An informative referee theory clinic was held this past September. Currently the participants are progressing with the practical portion in order to qualify as Bermuda Certified referees. After receiving qualifications, referees will be eligible to earn cash when refereeing the BVA Winter League.

The National Team (“NT”) Program is an independent, self-funded branch of the BVA. The NT host many fundraising events including tournaments, wine tastings and boat cruises to raise funds. The continued success of the National Team Program is directly attributed to the National Team Committee & Coaches. The BVA would like to thank them for the dedication and commitment to the program.

Overall, 2007-08 has seen great improvement in the administration of the BVA and another year of steady growth in membership, sponsorship and media coverage. In an attempt to improve the administration the executive introduced an online web-based sports management system that has facilitated the on-line registration process.

In 2007-08, the BVA embarked on a Strategic Planning exercise in which a 3 year plan was developed under the direction of the BVA Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. In addition, the BVA utilized feedback from the membership via the BVA On-Line Member Survey. The outcomes of this strategic planning exercise will be seen in the upcoming year, including a co-ed indoor leagues, referee programs, etc.

Overall, 2006-07 has seen the sport of volleyball continue to grow in popularity and become a bigger part of the Bermuda community.

We would like to thank all league directors who assisted the committee in various leagues throughout the year. Without their assistance, the BVA leagues would not be possible:

- Richard Jansen
- Mike Pinto
- Catherine Vu
- Bill Bucci
- Alyson Nicol
- Christina Nguyen
- Maxime Desroaches
- Steve Houle
- Mandy Palsat
- Ashleigh Leeson
- Laryssa Yuel
- Chris Walton
- Andrew Soares
- Mike Bengson
- Darren Maksymetz
- Teresa Gallant
- Elisabeth Rae
- Gary Leblanc
- Karl Travis

Most importantly, we would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Their commitment, energy and passion for the sport of volleyball are examples to all of us in the volleyball community.

Thanks and see you on the court!

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