

**MARCH 2003**



# **AVF NEWSLETTER**

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**General Manager**

As a result of the Special General Meeting held in Canberra, in February, the Australian Volleyball Federation is set to establish a new charter with all States and Territories committing their full support to a stronger and more united National body. President Chris Schacht praised all member States and Territories at the conclusion of the weekend meetings. The Special General Meeting also filled a vacancy on the AVF Board with former AVF Vice President Tony Sprlyan being successful.

As advised in the previous newsletter the AVF has appointed Adam Sachs as the new High Performance Manager. Adam has an impressive background in sport administration, including working as HPM of Gymnastics Australia leading up to and including the Olympics, General Manager of ETSA Park, Adelaide and Senior Project Officer/Manager with Sport and Recreation Victoria.

“Adam will bring to the National Teams and the AVF a broad background to review existing systems and implement change in this difficult time for all sports. With the ASC and AOC looking more and more at results only the National Teams need to achieve results and demonstrate clear pathways and Adam will work tirelessly to deliver these outcomes”, said Andrew Scotford, General Manager.

## **Volleyball Australia Development Squads**

The second part of the Special General Meeting concerned the establishment of new pathways for the National Team Programs. All Programs presented their “gold medal” development pathways to the member States and Territories. The most common request from all National Programs was the

development of Volleyball Australia Development Squads around the country, to maximize training and competing opportunities for potential National Team athletes in both disciplines.

The Federation staff is now working in conjunction with the National Team Programs and all stakeholders to establish a blue print for these development-training centres. Meetings involving the National Team Programs will continue through March and April.



**FIVB**

## **Beach Volleyball World Tour 2003**

The Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) and SWATCH, the world's leading designers and manufactures of timing devices and wristwatches, have signed a major sponsorship agreement whereby SWATCH becomes title sponsor for the Beach Volleyball World Tour. In keeping with Swatch's innovative reputation, the deal goes beyond mere financial support to include timing and technical innovations like the supply of electronic scoreboards and electronic measurements of speed of service, features that that will increase public and media interest in the rapidly growing summer sport.

## **Beach Volleyball 2003 World Championships Supporters Tour (6-15 October, 2003)**

Further to the information in the last newsletter, the FIVB have changed the dates for the Men's and Women's World Championships (for full calendar go to [www.fivb.ch](http://www.fivb.ch)). Hence the following news flash from Sandstorm and Gullivers Travel.

*The dates for the Women's Beach Volleyball World Championships have changed. They will now be held separately to the Men's competition, starting the week before. Everything else is the same though - same excitement, same travel plan and tour. Hosted by Natalie Cook, the Tour to Rio is a fantastic opportunity to take in the culture of Rio, Brazil - the home of Beach Volleyball and Samba. Cheer on the Aussies - can they once again defeat the Brazilians on their own home soil? Be part of the 50,000 screaming fans and fiesta by checking out details at <http://www.sandstorm.com.au/2003worldchampionshiptour.html> or email [michelle@gulliverstravel.com.au](mailto:michelle@gulliverstravel.com.au).*

### **New FIVB Sports Events Department Coordinator**

Mr. Bob Clarke, formerly FIVB Technical Coordinator, has been appointed to take over the role of Sports Events Department Coordinator at the Lausanne Secretariat. Mr. Clarke, who joined FIVB staff in 2001, takes over from Mr. Andy Burdin from Australia, who resigned for personal reasons at the end of January. The Australian Volleyball Federation proudly recognizes Andy's work for the world body.

### **Argentina and their World League participation**

In order to facilitate Argentina's participation in the 2003 World League, the FIVB has decided to appoint a Reorganizing Commission of Argentinean Volleyball and of the Argentina Volleyball Federation (FAV). Mario Goijman, former president of FAV, was suspended from organizing volleyball both at international, continental and national level by the FIVB on November 7, 2002 because of various offences, including insulting remarks expressed to the Argentine press against the FIVB, before the World Congress and during the World Championship Argentina 2002.

### **The World Cups for Men and Women in 2003**

The Men's and Women's World Cup tournaments will be held in November. The top three place-getters in the men's and the women's tournament directly qualify for the Athens Olympic Games in 2004. The prestigious quadrennial event will be again hosted by Japan, which brings to the tournaments a wealth of organizational experience, media coverage and sponsors.

The 12 teams (for men and for women) are made up of Japan, as the host country, the five 2003 Continental Champions and four best Vice-Champions, plus two wild card teams nominated jointly by FIVB and JVA. Teams play a single-round robin format, in two parallel groups, some of which cross to the opposite group half way through the tournament during their journey across the islands that make up Japan.

## **Volleyball Team Australia Programs**



### **VTA Men**

The Men's team headed off to Melbourne on the 2nd March and played matches during the week 3 – 7 March with Monash University, Southern Cross and Falcons. All results are on the AVF website. (Thank you to those teams who hosted our team).

On the 8 & 9th March the AIS men's team competed at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Seaside Volleyball Tournament in Warrnambool.

Team Members were:

Shane Alexander (QLD), Phil Austin (SA), Zane Christensen (QLD), Phillip DeSalvo (VIC), David Ferguson (WA), Andrew Grant (QLD), Nigel Pangopka (NSW), Travis Moran (SA), Nick Patorniti (QLD), Nathan Roberts (SA), Joshua Urbanski (SA) to be joined by Tom Bawden (VIC) and Paul Sanderson (VIC) Youth squad members.

### **VTA Women**

The AIS youth athletes plus current Victorian youth squad members competed in the Wangaratta Tournament recently.

Team Members were:

Jessica Peacock (AIS/SA), Caitlin Thwaites (AIS/VIC), Christa Vogel (AIS/NSW), Anne Ehrenberg (AIS/VIC), Rebecca Walter (AIS/VIC), Melanie Hopkins (Junior Athlete)(AIS/SA) to be joined by Tarsha Praski (VIC), Shayla Chalker (VIC) and Rhiannon Watt (VIC).

The AIS Senior athletes headed to Warrnambool on the weekend of March 8 - 10 to compete in the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Seaside Volleyball Tournament. Full results on the AVF website.

Team Members:

Jacinta Debnam (TAS), Melanie Hopkins (SA), Tolotear Lealamanua (NSW), Adrienne Marie (QLD), Anna Maycock (SA), Christie Mokotupu (NSW), Rowena Morgan (NSW), Brie Rattray (TAS).

On the 15th & 16th March the AIS Youth team competed in the NSW State Cup No. 1 in Wollongong.

AIS Youth athletes Jessica Peacock (AIS/SA), Caitlin Thwaites (AIS/VIC), Christa Vogel (AIS/NSW), Anne Ehrenberg (AIS/VIC), Rebecca Walter (AIS/VIC), and Junior athletes Brie Rattray (AIS/Tas), Jacinta Debnam (AIS/Tas) to be joined by QLD & NSW youth squad member Justine Mowen (QLD), Natalie Frostick (NSW) and Jenny Baldwin (NSW). The team was coached by Sue Jenkins and Amanda Fielding.

## National Junior Program

### World Championships Year for Junior Players

This year the FIVB hosts four World Championships for Under 18 and Under 20 women and girls in Kenya and Malaysia and for Under 21 and Under 19 for men and boys in Iran and Thailand, plus two Junior World Championships for Under-18 and Under-21 in Beach Volleyball. These events represent an investment for the future of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball and present young players with a chance to play the world's best and gather important competition experience.

The Qualification Tournaments for the indoor World Championships will be held in April and May and our teams are currently preparing at the AIS in Canberra.

## Sport Development Report

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### Introduction

As the recently appointed Sport Development Manager of the AVF it will be my responsibility to develop programs and initiatives that will hopefully provide support to all of you in your delivery of the sport within your club, district and state.

To give you an insight into my background, I was born & bred in New Zealand, where I have taught Physical Education at high schools. I left teaching to establish my own business in sport management and offered consultancy services to sports associations & clubs in South Canterbury for three years. I departed New Zealand in search of employment with a national sport organisation in Australia. The AVF has offered me the opportunity I was seeking. If I can be of any service to you please contact me.

## Level II Coaching Course

The big news for this month is that the Australian Sports Commission has finally approved the Level II Coaching Course. The AVF is hoping that two states will run this course before July, and another two before the end of this year. At present resources for the course are being produced. The AVF will attempt to arrange for a national program coach to be one of the presenters at every course. Anyone interested in obtaining this qualification should approach their state association to register their interest.

## National Sport Information Centre

The National Sport Information Centre is the sports library at the ASC. In the past month the AVF has offered each state association the opportunity to access a membership to this library. If there are any journal articles/conference papers or books that you may wish to receive to assist you in your service to volleyball, please contact either your state association or me.

## Sport Needs More Women Forum 2003

The Australian Sports Commission is running a two day forum in Sydney, starting May 20, addressing issues surrounding development and participation opportunities for women and girls in sport. Anyone interested in more information should go to:

[www.ausport.gov.au/events/womensforum2003](http://www.ausport.gov.au/events/womensforum2003)

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