

VOLLEYBALL

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"Pssssst!
Pages 8 and 9 have
secret information
about the
Road to the
Yankee Championships.
The fewer people
who know,
the better.
If you know what I mean.
And you didn't hear it from me..."



YANKEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY JOE LOYALL, YANKEE SECRETARY

Wednesday, September 4, 2002. The meeting started at 7:12 p.m.

Board Attendees: Judy Katalina, Joshua Wachs, Debbie Finnigan, Joe Loyall, Ray Labbé, Art Palmer, Ann Riedl

Other Attendees: Dave Castañon, Tom Farmer, Lora Loyall

Secretary Report (Joe)

• We reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and noted two minor changes. The minutes were accepted with these changes.

Treasurer Report (Judy for Josh)

• Dan had to go to Rome for a couple of weeks. Judy got the financials a few days ago. There are some problems that need to be fixed before they are ready to be released. Will have this cleaned up before next meeting and ready to go.

Registrar Report (Judy)

• We discussed putting a box on the application to allow people to opt out of the paper newsletter. It is going to be a lot more work to track those people as members but remove them from the mailing list. This is not going to be worth it if only a few people do it. We discussed how this would satisfy notifying the membership about things that the Yankee Volleyball Association By-Laws require (such as notice of the annual meeting). We agreed that it would, if we e-mailed the newsletter to those members that opt out, which would require even more administration, maintaining two distribution lists and having someone in charge of e-mailing the newsletter upon publication. We did an informal poll of the attendees to see who would opt out if the option existed and two attendees indicated that they would. No one chose to make a motion.

• Art asked whether a stack of membership forms could be available at the draft for TDs that run early tournaments. Judy indicated that the form is on the website. Art will print a bunch to bring to the draft.

TD Report (Debbie)

• The Fall draft is next Tuesday, Sept. 10. Art, Judy, Debbie and Ann will be there. Debbie will take notes for Joe, who will be out of town.

Referee Recruitment Update (Ann)

• Ann would like to continue to offer incentives for new referees. Judy and Dave need to get straight who is paying for the shirts for new referees. Steve needs to provide enough clinics, even if there aren't going to be but 4 people there, because Yankee will cover the cost. Steve is hesitant to offer clinicians for clinics in November, because he says the clinicians won't commit. Art wants to run one in RI. He's going to contact Steve to try to get a clinician. Western Mass and NH would also like to have clinics. Ann has gotten e-mail from people in these areas expressing interest. Ann has a clinician available for Western Mass, but needs a place to have it.

Ratings Report (Judy)

• All of the ratings letters went out. Two were returned. She posted them to the BAVP.

Newsletter Report (Tom)

• The newsletter is set except for schedule. He is ready to drop the schedule in and send it out when it is done. It is currently 24 pages. He will have a slip in page for the registration form.

• Tom had trouble getting Nationals photos from Judy's webpage, but got a bunch from some other people.

Web Editor Report (Judy for Tom Sweeney)

• Tom has received lots of e-mails asking for the new schedule.

• The hits on our summer tournament page was down about 40% this year. Generally we've seen about 5K hits, this year only 3K. I think a good chunk of that is due to the fact that many tournaments now have their own sites, so people are going directly there instead of using ours for directions and the like.

• Work has started on the on-line referee tests again. They were very well received last year by the regions that used them, and this year most if not all of the regions will be using them and paying us for their use. This year, for the first time, National and Junior National referees will be able to take the test on-line too.

• We're also working on the on-line scorekeeping test, but with less success due to the format of the test which is not at all web friendly.

• The web page has been up and running without any problems. The page is up-to-date except for some link requests from other new volleyball related sites.

• Tom Farmer asked where he can we get Nationals results that are not on the Nationals site, such as Coed. Tom Farmer is going to contact Tom Sweeney to see if he has them.

NERVA Report (Judy/Dave)

• Rulebooks are in. Dave brought a bunch to the meeting.

• Insurance is going up.

• NERVA is still debating whether to break off from the national organization. The biggest impact is that we would have to run our own championships (i.e.; in place of Nationals).

Old Business

Championships - Judy thinks we have 3 choices: What we did last year (possibly with some tweaking); 2 weeks or some variation; No championships at all.

• Judy thinks we shouldn't have championships at all. It's just for bragging rights and people don't remember. Ray thinks championship tournaments are more memorable. Judy would prefer not to run championships, but Tom Sweeney has volunteered to do so. However, it's important for him to receive a stipend. Dave asked whether there was a lot more work with 2002 championships over 2001 championships. Judy responded that there was. In previous years, it was a couple of weekends of work and then not a lot of work during championship seasons. In 2002, the work started before the first qualifier and then there was a lot of work steadily through the qualifying and championship seasons. The biggest problem was having to take checks for two full months. The administration was too much.

• Dave presented a fourth option: Go back to the system of 2001, but with drafting of qualifier tournaments. This option eliminates two problems: that of forming championship teams too early and that of not being able to run tournaments during qualifiers. We discussed the pros and cons of this option. All checks for championships would have to be in by March 1, so that would eliminate much of the administration of 2002, but qualifiers would be drafted allowing additional tournaments to be drafted throughout the qualifier and championship seasons. The key is to try to keep what is good from the systems of the last two years and get rid of what wasn't good. Good: Extra tournaments in the spring. Bad: Taking checks over a long period of time. We decided to address the fundamental parts of the options and decide on the most important parts.

Motion (Art/Ann): We do have championships. (5 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstain). *Motion carries.*

Motion (Art/Ray): Championships happen over 2 consecutive weekends. Discussion: Art's reason for liking 2 weeks is a reduction in administration. He believes that any system that spans over a long period will limit playing time. Dave and Judy believe that the administration burden would be greater with the 2 weekends, because you have to guarantee a spot for any team that shows up. There's a large possibility of having an odd number (for

pools) of teams and of having enough teams that championships would have to be run in multiple sites. (1 for, 5 opposed, 1 abstain). *Motion fails.*

• Dave asks whether it is necessary to have a March 1 cutoff for all levels or can we have different deadlines for different levels, i.e., only those that we know will have several qualifiers? Art would like to have an April 1 date.

Motion (Judy/Joshua): No qualifiers will begin before March 1. (7 for, 0 against, 0 abstain). *Motion carries.*

• Judy will look at things off-line with Tom Sweeney to work out a skeleton, team numbers, dates, etc. and come back with some recommendations.

Fall Tournament Draft

• Art will send a note to YankeeTDs and to the BAVP to remind about the draft next week. The draft will be held in a classroom at Lincoln Sudbury. Debbie and Judy will look at the skeleton for the draft before the draft on Tuesday.

Ratings Conversion

• Dave's concern is that our team definition is very loose. Our conversion between B teams and National's B are redone every year, as we see what other regions do. So it is misleading to say a BB team is a bunch of BB players, because it's not every year. Separating the teams and player ratings is a good thing because the player ratings will stay the same, even while the team levels change.

Motion (Joshua/Judy): We keep the individual player rating levels and the team rating levels as they are now. (6 for, 1 against, 0 abstain). *Motion carries.*

Motion (Joshua): Make the player ratings match the tournament ratings one year from now. *No second.*

Rules and Policies

Motion (Art/Judy): Accept the 2002 Yankee Rules & Policies as the 2003 Yankee Rules & Policies. (7 for, 0 against, 0 abstain). *Motion carries.*

Grass Roots

• Debbie would like to revive the scramble tournaments and provide T-shirts with numbers. Don and Judy will supply gym space. The TD would run the tournament, but the Grass Roots committee would put together teams and collect money. Art has some questions, e.g.; will Yankee guarantee that scrambles fill? Ray liked the clinics before. Ann indicated that they are time intensive and they will have to find clinicians. Dave asked when were they looking to run these tournaments. Ann replied that they would like to run them early. They want to run one in September, because they have to join Yankee. They would bump past Yankee members in favor of newbies. Judy will donate prizes. She has a lot left from last year. Yankee will compensate if the gym doesn't fill. We discussed whether referees will and should donate their time and whether the scrambles could be used to allow new referees to practice. But if that were the case, then we would have to wait until November to run them. Debbie will put together a proposal. She will ask Don, Judy, and Art about gym costs. We could start the tournament at 11 and have a mini clinic from 9-11. Dave mentioned that if we run these as leagues (in the eyes of the USAV) then it would reduce the costs, because it would only cost \$6 per person for the USAV membership. If people want to join Yankee full time by the end of the day, then they just pay \$26 more and become full members. We decided to post a note to the BAVP to ask people about designing and providing T-shirts. Maybe have a design contest. We discussed advertising the scrambles to reach new members. We are looking at BSSC, colleges and YMCAs. We discussed how to draft scrambles. People that want scrambles will get the first pick and we will have no more than two in this skeleton.

Rick Pierce

Rick Pierce nominating committee: Pauline Juraski, Daryl Bullock, Tom Sweeney, Ann Riedl and Patty Desmaisons.

Next meeting will be November 4, site TBD. Adjourned 9:15 p.m.

2002 RICK PIERCE



Photo courtesy Mark Roberts

Rick Pierce was one of the finest individuals that New England Volleyball has ever known. Even though he was one of the greatest competitors on the court while playing volleyball at its highest level, players on both sides of the court would consider Rick their friend. He exemplified the meaning of sportsmanship by always playing hard, but with a smile on his face. But that was not enough for Rick when it came to volleyball. Rick dedicated countless hours to the promotion of the sport he loved. Coaching, organizing and volunteering were a way of life for Rick.

Unfortunately, while driving home from the NE Regional Tournament in 1987, Rick's car was struck by a drunk driver. In a split second, New England Volleyball lost one of its greatest assets.

Every December a tournament is held in Rick's name. There NE Volleyball acknowledges one female and one male player who embody his spirit. Melrose High School also recognizes a student volleyball player with the Rick Pierce Memorial Scholarship.

This year's Melrose High School student recipient of the Rick Pierce Scholarship Award goes to Marianne Foley. Marianne is a junior at Melrose High and an honor student who plays both Basketball and Volleyball. She played middle hitter, was tri-captain and MVP of this year's volleyball team. Her coach reports that there was no question that Marianne should receive this year's award. Throughout the season, Marianne exemplified dedication, team leadership and good sportsmanship.

MEMORIAL AWARDS

This year's male Rick Pierce Award recipient demonstrates leadership and sportsmanship on every team with which he is involved. Whether it's coaching or playing with his club team, or his many coed teams, he gives 100% every time he steps on the court. But it's never at the expense of fun, or someone else's enjoyment of the game.

He has coached high school ball and been the coach and mentor of a high level women's club for several years. As a coach, he motivates players in practice, pushing them to improve their skills. He is a true student of the game. He designs multiple offensive and defensive strategies for teams with very different strengths and weaknesses, and is truly invested in seeing all these teams succeed.

He not only coaches, but helps recruit as well, bringing in women that may never have known of organized ball after college, or of Yankee. And, of course, he helps organize his men's team

Besides playing, organizing and coaching, he has also served the Yankee community as one of the members of the Men's Ratings Committee and on the Yankee Board.

But this person is more than his volleyball resumé. He's competitive and does everything he can to help his team win, but does so while demonstrating sportsmanship and respect for the other team. He is the calm, "level-headed" one out there. He excels at quietly motivating his own players without "talking trash" to the other team.

Though he plays with some of the top players in the region, you can often find him at other tournaments alongside players with a wide range of abilities. He is always anxious to help bolster another's self-confidence. He simply loves to play, and loves to play with others who share his passion for the game.

This year's male Rick Pierce Award recipient has a heart and soul that reflects sportsmanship and a love of volleyball. Please join us in applauding:

BRETT CRANDALL

This year's female Rick Pierce Award recipient is well respected as both a player and a coach. Win or lose she is always gracious on the court and after the game. Through her countless years of involvement in New England volleyball, she has consistently exemplified the finest sportsmanship on so many levels.

She has not played as much of late, due in part to her numerous coaching commitments. She currently coaches a high school girls team; and for many years was assistant coach for high school boys, before taking on the head coaching position. She has coached at the Bay State Games and for a Junior Olympic Boys team for years, as well as serving as the club's director.

This year's female recipient always goes above and beyond when help is needed. She was instrumental in getting her JO's to out-of-state tournaments. This involved coordinating with high school coaches to allow players to participate during their high school season. With little support, she would rent vans, get airline tickets, confirm hotel reservations and even feed the team three times a day!

One of her former players said, "She was the most dedicated and sportsman-like person I have ever played for or with. She taught me the rules of the game and the proper etiquette. She brought her knowledge, passion and competitive ethics to every team she ever coached."

Parents of a former player said, "She was both a teacher and a friend. She had immeasurable energy and patience. Her interest in her players extended to their careers long after they left her teams."

All you have to tell her is there's someone out there that can't play volleyball because there's no one to coach them or to organize things and off she goes. She is now secretary for the New England Collegiate Volleyball League. Once again she answered a call for help!

We salute her boundless energy and compassion. Please help us thank and congratulate this year's female Rick Pierce Award recipient who exemplifies sportsmanship and dedication to the sport of volleyball:

JANE CURTY

RICK PIERCE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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SATURDAY,
~ DECEMBER 14 ~
AT MIT
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Men's USAV AA

Quarters: Wanda VBC Slow Hand def Northshore... 30-26 Del Fuego def Creole... 30-23
Semis: Wanda VBC Yucca def Del Fuego... 25-22; 25-13
 Rhode Island def Wanda VBC Slow Hand... 19-25; 25-15; 15-10
Finals: **Rhode Island** def Wanda VBC Yucca... 26-24; 23-25; 15-12

Men's USAV A

Semis: Shot Block VBC Flynn def Harpoon Young... 31-29; 28-26
 Hurricanes def Spicy Tuna... 22-25; 25-20; 15-7
Finals: **Shot Block VBC Flynn** def Hurricanes... 28-26; 25-22

Women's USAV AA

Semis: Whomp def Too Much... 25-14; 25-19
 Set Me Julie def Hit List... 25-18; 25-19
Finals: **Whomp** def Set Me Julie... 25-18; 25-22

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Sunday, February 2, Women's A, West Newton ArmorySemis: Team Phoenix def Set Me Beth; Set Me Julie def Hit List
Finals: **Set Me Julie** def Team Phoenix**Sunday, February 2, Women's C, West Newton Armory**Semis: Full Speed II def Full Speed I
Finals: **Stray Cats-Howl** def Full Speed II**Sunday, February 2, Coed C-, Saint John's Gym**Semis: Emersons def Mental Lapse; Spiked Punch def Team Zeke
Finals: **Spiked Punch** def Emersons**Saturday, February 1, Women's C+, Pine Manor College**Semis: Bayside Diggers def Full Speed; Sugarcanes def MIT
Finals: **Sugarcanes** def Bayside Diggers**Sunday, January 26, Men's C-, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: Mental Lapse def SDVC
Mad Dawgs Bark def Bouncing Tiggers
Finals: **Mental Lapse** def Mad Dawgs Bark**Sunday, January 26, Women's USAV A/AA, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: Whize def NVC-NB; Hit List def Too Much
Finals: **Whize** def Hit List**Saturday, January 25, Men's USAV A/AA, Kennedy Jr. HS**Semis: Wanda's VBC Yucca def SET ME Mark
Zdoh def SET ME Joey
Finals: **Wanda's VBC Yucca** def Zdoh**Saturday, January 25, Men's B, West Newton Armory**Semis: Zip Car def Pleasant Hill; ASC Reunion def Kung Pow
Finals: **Zip Car** def ASC Reunion**Sunday, January 25, Coed C+, Northmeadow Health Club**Semis: Avengers def Team Randy; Mental Block def Mango
Finals: **Avengers** def Mental Block**Sunday, January 19, Men's C, Saint John's Gym**Semis: Volleyholics Won def White Horse
Mental Block def Unsung Heroes
Finals: **Volleyholics Won** def Mental Block**Saturday, January 18, Men's BB, West Newton Armory**Semis: NVC def Superheroes
ShotBlock def Courtside Spicy Bangers
Finals: **NVC** def ShotBlock**Saturday, January 18, Men's C+, West Newton Armory**Semis: 5 Giants & a Sprout def Nice Dink
KP-Old School def Spicy Squid
Finals: **KP-Old School** def 5 Giants & a Sprout**Saturday, January 18, Women's BB, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Alize def Team Kitty; Dodge This def Floor Play
Finals: **Alize** def Dodge This**Saturday, January 18, Women's C+, Kennedy Jr. HS**Semis: FSFC-Tanya def FSFC-Kathy; DKM def NVC
Finals: **FSFC - Tanya** def DKM**Saturday, January 18, Coed C-, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Let The Wookie Win def Cats and Dawgs Snarl
Finals: **Safe Sets** def Let the Wookie Win**Sunday, January 12, Men's C, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: NVC-Hammerheads def SDVC
Get A Wife/J.D.M. def All Sets Are Off
Finals: **Get A Wife/J.D.M.** def NVC-Hammerheads**Sunday, January 12, Women's A, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: Hit List def Too Much; Set Me-Julie def Alize
Finals: **Hit List** def Set Me-Julie**Sunday, January 12, Coed C+, Northmeadow Health Club**Finals: **Volleyholics** def Half & Half**Sunday, January 12, Women's B, Northmeadow Health Club**Semis: Volleyholics def MIT; Floor Play def Tsunami
Finals: **Volleyholics** def Floor Play**Saturday, January 11, Men's BB, West Newton Armory**Semis: Courtside Spicy Bangers def C.O.R.E.
Shorty's Angry Pirates def Harpoon
Finals: **Shorty's Angry Pirates** def Courtside Spicy Bangers**Saturday, January 11, Men's B, West Newton Armory**Semis: Harpoon def Pleasant Hill
Finals: **ZipCar** def Harpoon**Saturday, January 11, Men's C+, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: All for One def Avengers; KVA def Mental Block
Finals: **All for One** def KVA**Saturday, January 11, Men's C-, Orchard Hills Athletic Club**Semis: Boston Volleyball def Mad Dawgs Woof
Finals: **Mad Dawgs Scratch & Sniff** def Boston Volleyball**Saturday, January 11, Women's C-, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Digxie Chicks def EZ Pass
Finals: **Stray Cats Meow** def Digxie Chicks**Sunday, January 5, Men's C+, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: Granite State def Zip Car; Shot Block-Daviau def Spicy Tuna
Finals: **Shot Block-Daviau** def Granite State**Sunday, January 5, Women's USAV A/AA, West Newton Armory**Semis: WHOMP def Set Me Beth; Set Me Julie def Creole
Finals: **WHOMP** def Set Me Julie**Sunday, January 5, Women's USAV BB, West Newton Armory**Finals: **Sugarcanes** def Dig This**Sunday, January 5, Women's C+, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: Yea Me! def Ugh!; MIT def Nasty B's
Finals: **Yea Me!** def MIT**Saturday, January 4, Men's USAV A/AA, West Newton Armory**Semis: Wanda Slowhand def Set Me Joey
Old Guys def Set Me Mark
Finals: **Wanda Slowhand** def Old Guys**Saturday, January 4, Men's USAV BB, West Newton Armory**Finals: **Flying Tigers** def Harpoon IPA**Sunday, December 29, Men's C+, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Volleyholics def Volleyholics Won
Endless Summer def 5 Giants and a Sprout
Finals: **Volleyholics** def Endless Summer**Sunday, December 29, Women's B, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Volleyholics def Mass Express
Finals: **Volleyholics** def Tsunami**Saturday, December 28, Women's C-, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Stray Cats Meow def Safe Sets
Finals: **Stray Cats Meow** def Stray Cats Strut**Saturday, December 28, Coed B, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: FSFC2 def Casual Sets; Spicy Bob def Clash
Finals: **Framingham Sports & Family Chiro. 2** def Spicy Bob**Saturday, December 28, Coed C, Pine Manor College**Semis: Team Double Trouble def Avengers CHET
Cats & Dogs WOOF! def Bulletproof
Finals: **Team Double Trouble** def Cats & Dogs WOOF!**Sunday, December 22, Men's C+, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Endless def KVA; High Point def Volleyholics Won
Finals: **High Point** def Endless Summer**Sunday, December 22, Women's C+, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Dig This def Avengers
Finals: **Twizzlers** def Dig This**Saturday, December 21, Men's C-, Orchard Hills Athletic Club**Semis: Funky Bunch def Mad Dawgs Woof
Finals: **Funky Bunch** def Orchard Beach**Saturday, December 21, Women's B, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Tsunami def Volleyholics
Finals: **Tsunami** def Enigma**Saturday, December 21, Coed C, Lincoln-Sudbury HS**Semis: Avengers def Volleyholics Lite; Pandemonium def Turn it Up
Finals: **Avengers** def Pandemonium**Sunday, December 15, Men's C+, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: Beer Bong Boys def WANGSTA
Shot Block VBC def Outside Chance
Finals: **Beer Bong Boys** def Shot Block VBC**Sunday, December 15, Women's C, Pine Manor College**Semis: DKM def Full Speed I; Yea Me! def High Spirits
Finals: **DKM** def Yea Me!**Sunday, December 15, Coed B, Endicott College**Semis: Clash def UGH !!; PeachBaskets 2 def Casual Sets
Finals: **PeachBaskets 2** def Clash**Saturday, December 14, Men's USAV AA, MIT**Semis: Wanda VBC Yucca def Del Fuego
Rhode Island def Wanda VBC Slow Hand
Finals: **Rhode Island** def Wanda VBC Yucca**Saturday, December 14, Men's USAV A, MIT**Semis: Shot Block VBC Flynn def Harpoon Young
Hurricanes def Spicy Tuna
Finals: **Shot Block VBC Flynn** def Hurricanes**Saturday, December 14, Men's C-, Saint John's Gym**Semis: Safe Sets def Pandemonium; Scratch & Sniff def Full Speed
Finals: **Scratch & Sniff** def Safe Sets**Saturday, December 14, Women's USAV AA, MIT**Semis: Whomp def Too Much; Set Me Julie def Hit List
Finals: **Whomp** def Set Me Julie**Sunday, December 8, Men's C, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: NVC-Rich def Volleyholics Won
5 Giants and a Sprout def Avengers
Finals: **NVC-Rich** def 5 Giants and a Sprout**Sunday, December 8, Women's C+, CCRI-Lincoln**Semis: Sugar Canes def Floor Play; MIT def Stray Cats
Finals: **Sugar Canes** def MIT**Saturday, December 7, Men's USAV A/AA, Kennedy Jr. HS**Semis: Wanda's Yucca def Z'Doh
Wanda's Slow Hand def Set Me Mark
Finals: **Wanda's Yucca** def Wanda's Slow Hand**Saturday, December 7, Women's USAV A/AA, Northmeadow HC**Semis: Hit List def Whomp; Set Me Julie def Set Me Beth
Finals: **Set Me Julie** def Hit List**Saturday, December 7, Coed C-, Saint John's Gym**Semis: Mental Lapse def Orchard Beach
Bulletproof def Volleyholics Lite
Finals: **Bulletproof** def Mental Lapse**Sunday, December 1, Men's B, Johnson & Wales University**Semis: Patriots def North Shore Alumni; Spikefest def RIVC
Finals: **Patriots** def Spikefest**Sunday, December 1, Women's B, Johnson & Wales University**Semis: Mass Express def Tsunami
Finals: **Volleyholics** def Mass Express**Sunday, December 1, Women's C+, Simmons College**Semis: Dig This def Team Shana; Full Speed def Turn it Up!
Finals: **Full Speed** def Dig This

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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Saturday, November 30, Men's C+, Lincoln-Sudbury HS
Semis: Mental Block def KVA; 5 Guys & a Girl def Newport Storm
Finals: **Mental Block** def 5 Guys & a Girl

Saturday, November 30, Men's C, Saint John's Gym
1st: **Mad Dawgs** 2nd: Avengers

Saturday, November 30, Women's C, Saint Johns Gym
1st: **Spiked Punch** 2nd: Dig This

Saturday, November 30, Coed C-, Lincoln-Sudbury HS
Semis: Safe Sets def Cats and Dawgs Howl
Finals: **Nomah** def Safe Sets

Sunday, November 24, Men's C, Lincoln-Sudbury HS
Semis: Mental Block def Open Chancres
Wolfpack def Pioneer Valley
Finals: **Mental Block** def Wolfpack

Sunday, November 24, Women's B, Lincoln-Sudbury HS
Semis: Volleyholics def Mass Express
Finals: **Volleyholics** def Tsunami

Saturday, November 23, Men's USAV AA, West Newton Armory
Semis: WVC Yucca def PWD; WVC Slowhand def Set Me Mark
Finals: **WVC Slowhand** def WVC Yucca

Saturday, November 23, Men's USAV BB, West Newton Armory
Semis: Spicy Tuna def Flying Tigers
Finals: **Harpoon** def Spicy Tuna

Saturday, November 23, Men's B, CCRI-Lincoln
Semis: Husky Beavers def Six Pack
NVC-Newport Rental Guide def Furry Monkey
Finals: **NVC-Newport Rental Guide** def Husky Beavers

Saturday, November 23, Women's BB, Pine Manor College
Semis: Team Phoenix def Twizzlers-Red; Hit List def Alize
Finals: **Team Phoenix** def Hit List

Saturday, November 23, Women's C, CCRI-Lincoln
Semis: NVC-Purrfect def Humdiggers; Get-A-Wife def Full Speed
Finals: **Get-A-Wife** def NVC-Purrfect

Sunday, November 17, Men's USAV A/AA, CCRI-Lincoln
Semis: WVC Slow Hand def BNYCE
Set Me def NVC - NewportRentalGuide.com
Finals: **WVC Slow Hand** def Set Me

Sunday, November 17, Women's USAV BB, CCRI-Lincoln
Semis: Team Random def Phoenix; Team Kitty def Twizzlers - Black
Finals: **Team Random** def Team Kitty

Sunday, November 17, Coed C+, Endicott College
Semis: Clash def Volleyholics Won; Avengers def PeachBaskets
Finals: **Avengers** def Clash

Saturday, November 16, Men's B, Johnson & Wales University
Semis: Not As Much def Huskies; Grunt Squad def SBVC Daviau
Finals: **Grunt Squad** def Not As Much

Saturday, November 16, Men's C, Orchard Hills Athletic Club
Semis: Mad Dawgs Woolf def Open Chancres
Finals: **Mental Block** def Mad Dawgs Woolf!

Sat., November 16, Women's USAV A/AA, W. Newton Armory
Semis: Set Me Julie def Hit List
Finals: **Whomp** def Set Me Julie

Saturday, November 16, Women's BB, West Newton Armory
Semis: Volleyholics def Twizzlers
Finals: **Team Phoenix** def Volleyholics

Saturday, November 16, Women's C-, Johnson & Wales Univ.
Semis: Stray Cats Meow def Passing Posse
Finals: **Stray Cats Strut** def Stray Cats Meow

Sunday, November 10, Women's C+, Pine Manor College
Semis: Yea Me def Sugarcanes; Twizzlers Red def Twizzlers Black
Finals: **Yea Me** def Twizzlers Red

Sunday, November 10, Coed BB, CCRI-Lincoln
Semis: Natalie's Team def Spicy Darryl; Hit List def Team Gus
Finals: **Natalie's Team** def Hit List

Sunday, November 10, Coed C-, CCRI-Lincoln
Semis: Cats and Dawgs Growl def Volleyholics
Finals: **Avengers** def Cats and Dawgs Growl

Saturday, November 9, Men's USAV A/AA, W. Newton Armory
Semis: WVC Yucca def Juice Guys Ginko Mango
Superheroes def WVC Slow Hand
Finals: **WVC Yucca** def Superheroes

Saturday, November 9, Men's C+, Saint Johns Gym
Semis: Volleyholics Won def SDVC - Brew Crew
Keene Volleyball Association def Nobody/Spicy Tuna
Finals: **Volleyholics Won** def Keene Volleyball Association

Saturday, November 9, Men's C, West Newton Armory
Semis: ASC def Mental Block
Finals: **ASC** def 5 Giants & a Sprout

Saturday, November 9, Men's C-, Kennedy Jr. HS
Semis: BVA def ASC; Mad Dawgs Growl def Mad Dawgs Snarl
Finals: **BVA** def Mad Dawgs Growl

Saturday, November 9, Women's B, Boston University
Semis: Volleyholics def Mass Express; 976-Babes def Twizzlers
Finals: **Volleyholics** def 976-Babes

Sunday, November 3, Men's C, CCRI-Lincoln
Semis: Get A Wife def NVC - Art; Volleyball Jesus def Mental Block
Finals: **Get A Wife** def Volleyball Jesus

Sunday, November 2, Coed B, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: Los Bandidos def Avengers; Spicy Bob def Juicy Twizzlers
Finals: **Los Bandidos** def Spicy Bob

Sunday, November 3, Coed C, CCRI-Lincoln
Semis: Casual Sets def TBD; Metal Heads def Turn It Up
Finals: **Casual Sets** def Metal Heads

Saturday, November 2, Men's B, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: Everbank def Sixpack; Volleyholics Won def Spicy Tuna
Finals: **Everbank** def Volleyholics Won

Saturday, November 2, Men's C-, Saint John's Gym
1st: **Bates Motel** 2nd: Orchard Beach

Saturday, November 2, Women's C+, Kennedy Jr. HS
Semis: ASC-Full Speed def It's My Birthday
Volleyholics def Mass Express
Finals: **ASC-Full Speed** def Volleyholics

Saturday, November 2, Women's C, Saint John's Gym
1st: **Yea Me!** 2nd: Safe Sets

Sunday, October 27, Men's BB, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: Spicy Tuna def Superheroes; Hurricanes def Sixpack
Finals: **Spicy Tuna** def Hurricanes

Sunday, October 27, Women's A, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: Too Much def 976-BABES
Finals: **Hit List** def Too Much

Sunday, October 27, Women's C-, Marian HS
Semis: Stray Cats Purr def Mustangs
Finals: **Stray Cats Purr** def Bangers

Saturday, October 26, Men's C-, Saint John's Gym
Semis: BVC def Get a Wife; SDVC def KAOS
Finals: **SDVC** def BVC

Saturday, October 26, Women's B, Boston University
Semis: MIT def Twizzler White; Twizzler Red def Mass Express
Finals: **MIT** def Twizzler Red

Saturday, October 26, Women's C+, Lincoln-Sudbury HS
Finals: **Dig This** def Challengers

Saturday, October 26, Coed C, Lincoln-Sudbury HS
Semis: Bulletproof def Volleyholics; Tutulew def Turn It Up
Finals: **Bulletproof** def Tutulew

Sunday, October 20, Women's C+, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: Volleyholics def Turn it up; Full Speed def Twizzlers
Finals: **Volleyholics** def Full Speed

Saturday, October 19, Men's B, Kennedy Jr. HS
Semis: ASC-Johnny G def Spicy Tuna; Shotblock def Juice Guys
Finals: **ASC-Johnny G** def Shotblock

Saturday, October 19, Open Scramble, Saint John's Gym
Semis: Oak def Ebony; Maple def Mahogany
Finals: **Oak** def Maple

Saturday, October 19, Coed C+, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: The Unwanted def RIVC; Avengers def Volleyholics Too
Finals: **The Unwanted** def Avengers

Sunday, October 13, Women's C-, Marian HS
Semis: Avengers def Mustangs
Finals: **Loco Pollo** def Avengers

Saturday, October 12, Men's A, West Newton Armory
Semis: Juice Guys Ginko Mango def Set Me Mark
Juice Guys Half & Half def Set Me Joey
Finals: **Juice Guys Ginko Mango** def Juice Guys Half & Half

Saturday, October 12, Men's C+, West Newton Armory
Semis: Huskies def Juggernaut; Spicy Tuna def Loonie Tunes
Finals: **Spicy Tuna** def Huskies

Saturday, October 12, Men's C, Orchard Hills Athletic Club
Semis: Mental Block def Mad Dawgs Woolf
Finals: **Mental Block** def The Wolfpack

Saturday, October 12, Women's C, Saint John's Gym
Semis: Yea Me! def Volleyholics; Dig This def Safe Sets
Finals: **Dig This** def Yea Me!

Sunday, October 6, Coed B, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: Spicy Bob def Team Focus; Volleyholics def Peach Baskets
Finals: **Spicy Bob** def Volleyholics

Sat., October 5, Scramble Men's B- & under, Kennedy JHS
Finals: **Bruins** def Red Sox

Sat., October 5, Scramble Women's B- & under, Kennedy JHS
Finals: **Warriors** def Breakers

Sunday, September 29, Coed C, Marian HS
Finals: **Volleyholics** def Worst Ever

Saturday, September 28, Men's C, Orchard Hills Athletic Club
Semis: Open Chancres def The Others
Finals: **Open Chancres** def 5 Giants & a Sprout

Saturday, September 28, Coed C+, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: Volleyholics Too def NVC- The Unwanted
Finals: **Volleyholics** def Volleyholics Too

Saturday, September 21, Coed B, Northmeadow Health Club
Semis: Avengers def Team Focus
Finals: **Peach Baskets** def Avengers

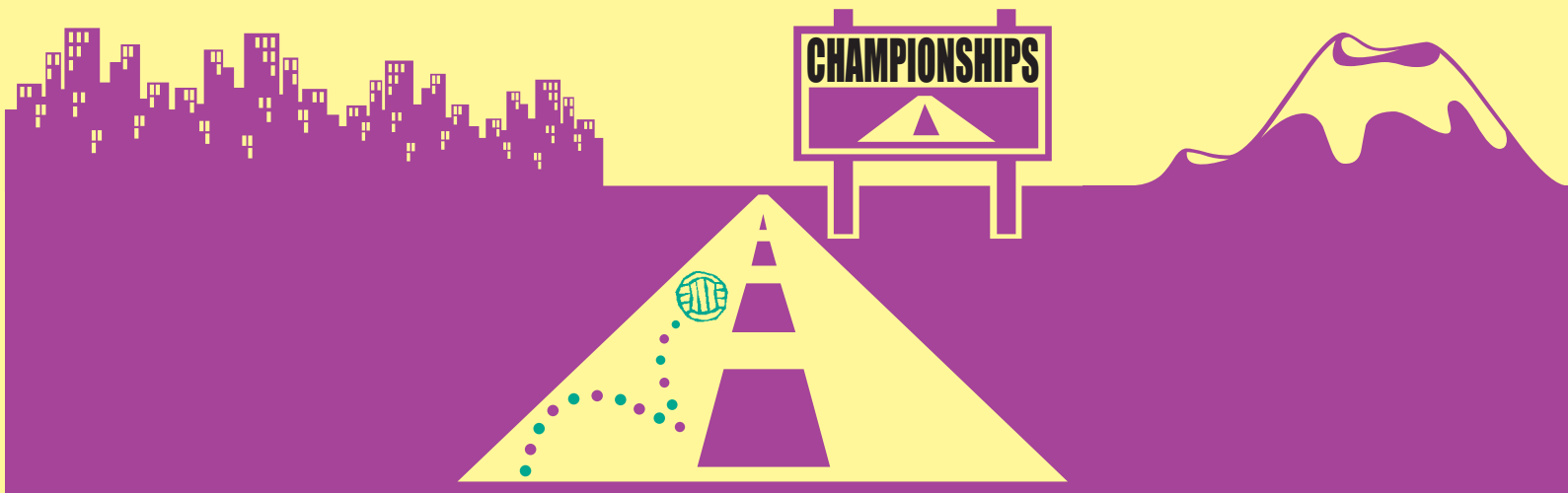
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Yankee
**QUALIFIER
& CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT
PROCEDURES**

BY TOM SWEENEY, YANKEE WWW EDITOR & YANKEE QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



Based on feedback from membership via the championship forum, e-mails, phone calls and courtside chats, the Yankee Board has decided to modify the qualifier and championship process from last year. In summation, the new system is a hybrid between the qualifier process that was used for many years and last year's system.

This year, teams must sign up for their one qualifying tournament by February 14th. Teams can pick a preferred date, but it is not a guaranteed date for them. Shortly after the 14th and on or before February 21st, teams will be assigned to one qualifier during the qualifier period which commences on March 1st and continues through early May. Teams will be able to pull out of qualifiers by February 24th without penalty if they cannot play on the date they are assigned. Teams may also trade places with another team with the approval of the Yankee Qualifier Tournament Director. **On April 1st, checks sent to the Yankee TD will be cashed for the March Qualifiers. On May 1st, the checks sent to the Yankee TD for the remaining qualifiers and championships will be cashed.**

If a qualifier tournament is not filled with teams as of February 21st, the individual tournament directors can then backfill their tournaments with non-qualifying teams. Teams wishing to vie for those non-qualifying spots must register with the individual tournament directors.

Due to the earlier date of registration, the Yankee rating freeze date has been moved back as well from March 1st to February 14th. Players can be re-rated up until that date and their ratings will go into effect on or before February 28th. These rating changes will be posted to the Yankee website and letters will be sent to the effected members. Members joining after February 14th

will be subject to re-rating through the remainder of the season.

The championship tournaments will commence on April 12th and continue through May 18th. Please refer to the Yankee Tournament Schedule for the dates, and when they are determined, the locations of the championship tournaments:

<http://www.yankee.org/scheds/yankshed.html>

Teams will qualify for the championships in the same manner as they did last year. At qualifier tournaments teams will be ranked based upon their performance and qualifier teams will be awarded Yankee Championship Points (YCPs). The teams with the most YCPs will qualify for their championship tournament.

Qualifiers are not being held this year for Regionals, A level or Women's BB. Instead, only a championship round will be held and teams have until March 28th to register for these tournaments.

For details on how to register and other information on the Yankee Qualifier Tournaments, please refer to the following web page:

<http://www.yankee.org/scheds/03quals.html>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either:

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YANKEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY JOE LOYALL, YANKEE SECRETARY

Monday, November 11, 2002.

The meeting started at 7:15 p.m.

Board Attendees: Judy Katalina, Art Palmer, Joe Loyall, Jennifer Nicoletti, Ann Riedl, Debbie Finnigan, Ray Labbé

Other Attendees: Tom Sweeney, Tom Farmer, Lora Loyall, Cathy Kiley

Secretary Report (Joe)

- We reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and accepted them.

Treasurer Report (Judy for Josh)

- Yankee lost \$10K on champs last year, compared to \$6K the previous year. Yankee subsidized more last year. This was a healthy loss since we still have \$31K in retained earnings.
- We are using a new bank, no longer using Fleet. We are looking for a new accountant, and probably a new bookkeeper also.
- We will try to get Dan to come to the next meeting to explain the financial statements.

Registrar Report (Judy)

- Registration is a little ahead of last year, because we started tournaments earlier. There is a little trouble with getting entries from one of the TDs so far. Art had a guy join at one of his tournaments who said that he had played the previous week and not been required to join. Judy will e-mail the TD and tell him to do a better job.

TD Report (Debbie)

- Debbie handed out a tournament report. She will update it with the coeds and e-mail it to the board. Fewer tournaments are canceling this year than before, partially because there are more people, including some TDs, who are pulling teams together like at scrambles.

Referee Report

- We've come up short on refs at quite a few tournaments because of the college season.

Referee Recruitment Update (Ann)

- Planning to have a clinic in NH, one in RI and one in Boston, but haven't scheduled them yet.

Ratings Report (Judy)

- Shirley is no longer head of ratings, but she will remain on the committee. We need a head of women's ratings. Judy suggested that the head should be someone who would be at lower level tournaments since that's where the bulk of the membership is. Judy suggested Ann.

Motion (Judy/Ray): Ann will be made female ratings chair. *(6 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstain (Ann)). Motion carries.*

- Ray mentioned an e-mail that he received from a Yankee member, describing five things that happened at tournaments she was at, but thought that they might not have happened had there been more raters there. Ann said that she would be at more tournaments.

Newsletter Report (Tom Farmer)

- Judy gave Tom kudos for the most recent newsletter (25th anniversary issue). Bob Desmaisons heard from a few of the old-time members who liked the issue.
- Article submission for next issue is November 30. Tom needs articles about the Rick Pierce awards. He will hold the printing until December 15 or 16. Championship information will be in there. Draft information will be in there. It will include a followup article on the scramble.
- The next newsletter will include the announcement of Yankee Election Nominations. The nominating committee will be Jennifer Nicoletti, Joe Loyall, and Ray Labbé.
- Tom Farmer will resign after the next issue, but will help oversee the following issue.
- Joe will put an advertisement on the BAVP for a new newsletter editor.

Web Editor Report (Tom Sweeney)

- The USAV referee test and now the score test are up online. Hasn't been announced in this region yet. The new scorekeeper test is not there because it's too hard, but the recertification scorekeeper test is there. 28 or 29 regions are using them, at \$100 apiece.
- People like the schedule all being on one page now.

Old Business

GrassRoots Scramble

- Debbie handed out a budget for the scramble. She inquired whether T-shirts should be given to only new members or to all scramble tournament players. Debbie, Tom, and Jennifer think we should give them to all players. The cost is close to \$1,300 per tournament. We are going to order 200 so that we have extras to sell at tournaments.
- Memberships can't be discounted. One-day memberships can be treated as league memberships, which will be \$6/person. However, people that want to join as full members will still have to pay the \$32 fee. The \$6 is included in \$15 fee. If they join as a full member on that day, then they pay an extra \$26. Debbie will check with Dave Castañon to make sure that this is the way it works.

VP and Board Opening

- Shirley has resigned because of personal conflicts.

Motion (Judy/Jenn): Art will become Vice President. *(6 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstain (Art)). Motion carries.*

- The board discussed people that could fill the At-Large vacancy and settled on two qualified primary candidates: Beth Boulay and Brett Crandall. Judy contacted both. Beth declined the nomination and Brett accepted it. The board appointed Brett Crandall as At-Large member.

Championships

- Tom Sweeney will agree to be championship tournament coordinator. Judy will be the assistant coordinator.
- We agreed last time that qualifiers will not run prior to March 1.
- We came up with two main suggested ways to run qualifiers and championships:
Option 1: Run all qualifiers for a level on one weekend. Saturday, Sunday, and multiple sites if you need to. Then run championships the following week. Then that level is done, even if it is the first week of March.
Option 2: Run championships similar to two years ago, but draft the qualifiers and run qualifiers as regular tournaments.

Motion (Joe/Ann): These are the two options that we will consider. *(7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain). Motion carries.*

The board discussed the differences between the two approaches

and summarized the pros and cons.

Pros – Option 1: Champs would be close to qualifiers.
Option 2: There would be more dates for qualifiers (more chance to avoid conflicts). Smaller change to what's familiar.

Cons – Option 1: Some championships would be done early. There would only be one weekend of qualifiers, so some folks could have conflicts. **Option 2:** (None that we could think of).

Vote – Option 1: 1 for. **Option 2:** 6 for.

Option 2 is the way we will run qualifiers and championships this year. We will have a skeleton for January through March, then another skeleton for qualifiers. Then the draft will be opened up. The first picks will be the qualifiers. TDs will have a limit of 15 teams per level, but a TD can fill his/her gym.

Working out the details of championships:

- What are we going to do with odd numbered pools (e.g.; 4-team)? We will ask TDs to be consistent. TDs will be required to run the same format in the instance of 4-team pools (3 games to 21 points).
- Checks will go to Tom as championship coordinator, made out to Yankee and can include preferred dates.
- Only TDs approved by the board can run qualifiers.
- Art will send a synopsis of this to Yankee TDs prior to the draft.
- Qualifiers will be TDs discretion as to what they charge.
- Rosters – Show up at the qualifier with a roster. This is the same as last year. Add as many as you want, but only drop one. Other details about the rosters will be worked out by Tom and Judy.
- Joe will summarize all of this and send out to board for checking, and then Art can send out to Yankee TDs.
- We will run championships for Women's C- to Women's BB, and regionals; Men's C- to Men's A, and regionals; and Coed C- to Coed BB. Same minimums as before.
- Checks will have to be in by Feb. 14.

Pierce Committee Report

- Rick Pierce committee is Ray Labbé, Tom Sweeney, Ann Riedl, Patty Desmaisons and Daryl Bullock. The committee got lots of nominations. They are meeting in person to go through them.

New Business

Pay Yankee Membership on-line (Art)

- NVC uses a service to do online membership. They had eight members do it. It costs 6% +50 cents. The company adds on the fee, so the member would pay it. Art thinks this is better than PayPal. It accommodates putting in whatever information that you need. Refunds would have to be handled by Yankee, but member would lose the fee. Art thinks we can use it for championships if we want and brought copies of the information for the board to look at.

US Open News

- New deadline of 3/26 for the coed and the top- and low-end age groups. Men's 30s, Women's 35s, Men's way-olds and Coed are all early this year. The regular deadline is 4/15. The dates for all levels are out and they are different this year. Nationals are being held in Minneapolis this year.

Nationals Gifts

- Do we want to give gifts for Nationals? Tabled for next meeting.

Paying for membership for 2 to 3 years out at a reduced cost

- Judy doesn't think we can. There might be an increase in fees next year. Ref fees might be going up. Custodial fees are going up.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, site TBD.

PLAYER RATING CHANGES

AS COMPILED BY THE YANKEE RATING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

WOMEN

Manuela Armangreau	C	Heidi Sullivan	C	Dave Larson	B
Karen Bashaw	C	Mary Tom	C	Brian Lemansky	B-
Meg Bel	B-	Mary Tuitt	C-	Yann Letallec	A
Kristin Blitsch	B-	Lisa VanDermark	C	Jacques Ludman	B
Ruth Bower	C+	Meg Vitter	B+	Russ Lyons	C+
Denise Chan	C+	Jean Volpe	C	Mike McDonell	C+
Emily Chang	B	Kim Whitman	B-	Mike McGuirk	C+
Dawna Chapin	C+	Wingsze Yuen	B-	Jason McNally	B
Danielle Cloutier	C-	Rachel Zimet	B	Evan Megar	B+
Dani Cyr	B	Deanna Zwarich	B-	Anand Mehta	C+
Orysia Czebiniak	C			John Mooney	C
Chelsea Dafoe	B-	MEN		Tom Morey	C
Maureen Devit	C	Alfie Alschuler	C	Igor Mukhawove	C+
Darcy Duke	B	Ciceto Anchieta	B-	Jonah Mytro	B
Elaina Featherstone	C	Mark Archibald	B-	Linh Nguyen	B-
Mariza Fellsberto	C+	Brian Arnold	C+	Wil Nikula	B-
Jody Figuerido	C	Anto Aryananda	B-	Mark Nowlan	B
Nicole Fox	C	Andrew Aufiero	C+	Lane O'Neil	B+
Aabye Francis	B	Mark Behnke	C-	Tom Paden	C
Sarah Freeman	B-	Walter Beriont	C-	Jeff Page	B-
Tara Gomes	C	Glen Bernas	C	Scott Pedroli	C
Lynette Harris	C	Jason Bestwick	B-	David Phin	B-
Katie Horne	B+	Ed Bobb	C+	Rick Pszenny	C+
Wendy Huang	B-	Randy Cable	B	Jake Reynolds	B
Jordan Ierton	C+	Rich Crowley	A-	Tom Rose	B-
Tanya Ivashluna	C	James Curtis	B	Chris Roth	C+
Audrey Jones	B	Sean Czarniecki	B-	Phil Russel	B
Rachael Kadlick	B-	Tobias DeGrand	C+	Glenn Russell	C+
Silva Krause	C+	Dustin Denham	A-	Nicolas Sabourin	B
Wendy Kwong	C	Bob Dias	C	Chuck Schliker	B-
Colleen Lee	B+	Derek Duquette	B	Clint Schultze	A-
Esther Lee	C+	Jimmy Estabrook	B	Jason Sensibaugh	C+
Kristine Legge	C	Peter Ferlazzo	C	Phil Servita	C
Cathy Wong Li	B	Carlos Figueroa	B	Jeff Shaw	C
Nancy Lima	B-	Nate Gagne	C+	Brian Shelasky	C+
Jennifer Morrisey	C	Kevin Gallerie	B	Wayne Siekowski	B-
Jessica Mosher	C	Charles Gamache	C+	Elvis Souffrant	B+
Charlotte Neve	C+	Andrew Gardner	C+	Doug Steffanelli	C+
April Oberhelman	C+	Gintaus Garsys	B+	Chris Strobel	B+
Chisty Odell	C	Rylan Grant	B-	John Strobel	B-
Shannon O'Donell	B	Kurt Gurdal	A-	Al Sung	C+
Tanya Pallo	C+	Steve Hinterner	B	Sam Tarnauskaus	C+
Tyra Penn	C+	William Holm	C	Jeremy Todd	C+
Mindy Plog	B	Gregg Howard	C	Bruno Tramotozzi	B-
Sylvie Quenneville	B+	Mike Isidoro	C+	Geoff Trivino	C+
Carrie Rhodes	C+	Matt Issacs	B-	Linh Tu	B-
Sherri Robinson	B-	Dana Jones	B-	Chris Varney	C+
Marcia Ruklis	C	Chris Jorge	B+	Steve Varney	C+
Jen Sangiacomo	B-	Rob Kane	A-	Ray Wach	C+
Heather Seo	B-	John Keller	B-	Aaron Wilcox	B
Robin Sewell	C	Eric Khamluanglat	C+	Tom Wilson	A-
Sarah Smurr	B	Jeremy Kirch	B-	Mike Wong	B-
Shana Speer	C+	Corey Kwon	B-	Darryl Yang	C
Katie Spiegall	C	Dan Labonte	C+	Kevin Zabloniski	B-
		Peter Lapierre	C+	Chris Zani	C-
				Greg Zoeller	B-

YANKEE/NERVA 2003

SPRING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

YANKEE / USAV FORMAT TOURNAMENTS

Date:	Y/U	Type	Level	Location	Cost	Max # Teams	Start Time	Contact	Notes
1-Feb	Y	M	C	KJHS	\$130	10	9:00	Cohen	
1-Feb	Y	W	C+	PMC	\$130	10	9:00	Durbin	
2-Feb	Y	M	B	JWU	\$130	10	9:00	Marcoux	
2-Feb	U	W	A	WNA	\$130	10	9:00	Boulay	
2-Feb	Y	W	B	JWU	\$130	5	9:00	Marcoux	
2-Feb	Y	W	C	WNA	\$130	5	9:00	Boulay	
2-Feb	Y	CR	C-	SDVC	\$130	10	9:00	Cummings	
8-Feb	U	M	A/AA	PMC	\$130	5	9:00	Durbin	
8-Feb	U	W	A	PMC	\$130	5	9:00	Durbin	
8-Feb	Y	CR	B	NMHC	\$140	15	9:00	Santos	
8-Feb	Y	CR	C	KJHS	\$140	10	9:00	Cohen	
9-Feb	Y	M	BB	NMHC	\$130	10	9:00	Santos	
9-Feb	Y	M	C	CCRIL	\$130	5	9:00	Robertson	
9-Feb	Y	M	C-	SDVC	\$125	10	9:00	Cummings	
9-Feb	Y	W	C+	CCRIL	\$130	10	9:00	Robertson	
15-Feb	U	M	A/AA	WNA	\$130	10	9:00	L Nelson	
15-Feb	Y	M	C	OHAC	\$130	5	9:00	Sweeney	
15-Feb	Y	M	C-	WNA	\$130	5	9:00	Nelson	
15-Feb	Y	W	C-	LSHS	\$130	5	9:00	Katalina	
15-Feb	Y	CR	C+	LSHS	\$140	10	9:00	Katalina	
16-Feb	Y	M	C+	MIT	\$130	15	9:00	Duke	
16-Feb	Y	W	B	MIT	\$130	10	9:00	Duke	
16-Feb	Y	W	C	SDVC	\$125	5	9:00	Cummings	
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16-Feb	Y	CR	A/AA	NMHC	\$140	5	9:00	Santos	
16-Feb	Y	CR	BB	NMHC	\$140	5	9:00	Santos	
22-Feb	Y	W	B	LSHS	\$130	5	9:00	Katalina	
22-Feb	Y	RCO	B	KJHS	\$140	10	9:00	D Cohen	
22-Feb	Y	CR	C	LSHS	\$140	10	9:00	Katalina	
23-Feb	U	M	A/AA	CCRIL	\$130	10	9:00	Heroux	
23-Feb	Y	M	B	JWU	\$130	5	9:00	Marcoux	
23-Feb	Y	M	C-	CCRIL	\$130	10	9:00	Heroux	
23-Feb	Y	W	C	JWU	\$130	10	9:00	Marcoux	
8-Mar	U	M	A/AA	WNA	\$130	10	9:00	Magnus	
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22-Mar	U	M	AA	MIT	\$130	15	9:00	Klemas	BP
22-Mar	U	M	A	MIT	\$130	10	9:00	Klemas	BP
22-Mar	U	W	A	MIT	\$130	10	9:00	Klemas	BP
29-Mar	U	M	A	NMHC	\$130	10	9:00	Santos	
5-Apr	U	W	A	NRHS	\$130	10	9:00	Boulay	
12-Apr	Y	M	B	SDVC	\$125	10	9:00	Cummings	
19-Apr	U	M	AA	WNA	\$130	10	9:00	Nelson	
26-Apr	U	W	A/AA	NRHS	\$130	10	9:00	Boulay	
27-Apr	Y	M	C+	NMHC	\$130	10	9:00	Santos	
27-Apr	Y	W	C-	NMHC	\$130	5	9:00	Santos	
10-May	U	M	A	PMC	\$130	5	9:00	Durbin	
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YANKEE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS

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1-Mar	Q	M	BB	KJHS	\$130	10	9:00	Cohen
1-Mar	Q	M	C+	SDVC	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cummings
1-Mar	Q	W	B	LSHS	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Katalina
1-Mar	Q	CR	C-	LSHS	\$140	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Katalina
2-Mar	Q	CR	BB	NMHC	\$140	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Santos
2-Mar	Q	CR	C+	NMHC	\$140	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Santos
8-Mar	Q	M	B	KJHS	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cohen
8-Mar	Q	W	B	LSHS	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Katalina
8-Mar	Q	W	C	LSHS	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Katalina
9-Mar	Q	CR	B	NMHC	\$140	15	9:00	YankeeTD/Santos
15-Mar	Q	M	B	KJHS	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cohen
15-Mar	Q	M	C	PMC	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Durbin
15-Mar	Q	M	C	OHAC	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Sweeney
15-Mar	Q	W	C-	SDVC	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cummings
16-Mar	Q	M	C+	CCRIL	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Duby
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16-Mar	Q	CR	C-	SDVC	\$140	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cummings
22-Mar	Q	M	C+	KJHS	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cohen
22-Mar	Q	M	C-	SDVC	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cummings
22-Mar	Q	W	C+	CCRIL	\$130	15	9:00	YankeeTD/Robertson
23-Mar	Q	CR	C+	NMHC	\$140	15	9:00	YankeeTD/Santos
29-Mar	Q	M	C	KJHS	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cohen
29-Mar	Q	W	B	WNA	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/DesMaisons
29-Mar	Q	W	C	WNA	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/DesMaisons
29-Mar	Q	W	C	SDVC	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cummings
30-Mar	Q	CR	C+	NMHC	\$140	15	9:00	YankeeTD/Santos
30-Mar	Q	CR	C-	SDVC	\$140	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cummings
5-Apr	Q	M	B	CCRIL	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Palmer
5-Apr	Q	M	C	LSHS	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Katalina
5-Apr	Q	W	C+	CCRIL	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Palmer
5-Apr	Q	W	C-	LSHS	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Katalina
6-Apr	Q	M	BB	CCRIL	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Heroux
6-Apr	Q	CR	C	CCRIL	\$140	15	9:00	YankeeTD/Heroux
12-Apr	Q	M	C+	OHAC	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Sweeney
13-Apr	Q	CR	C	LSHS	\$140	15	9:00	YankeeTD/Katalina
19-Apr	Q	M	BB	END	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Byram
19-Apr	Q	M	C-	WNA	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Nelson
19-Apr	Q	W	C	KJHS	\$130	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cohen
26-Apr	Q	M	C-	JWU	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Marcoux
26-Apr	Q	CR	B	JWU	\$140	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Marcoux
26-Apr	Q	CR	C	SDVC	\$140	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cummings
4-May	Q	M	C-	NMHC	\$130	5	9:00	YankeeTD/Santos
4-May	Q	W	C+	SDVC	\$140	10	9:00	YankeeTD/Cummings

QUALIFIER NOTE:

For Qualifiers, send payment to the Yankee TD by 2/14 for one and only one qualifier per team per level. If you wish to enter into the tournament as a non-qualifier team, send payment to the site TD listed second under "Contact" above. Teams will be informed of their status for March/April/May tournaments on or shortly after 2/21. At that time, TDs will backfill non-qualifier teams from their waitlist to fill up the tournaments.

KEY: CO = Coed Only; CR = Coed/Reverse Coed; FS = Friendship (no referees, teams must provide all referees.); RCO= Reverse Coed Only (*no* men's net, men can attack behind 3m line); Y/U = Yankee or USAV format; M/W = Men's or Women's; BP = BeanPot, NOTE: Teams chosen based on strength (*not* first-come/first served); Q = Yankee Championship Qualifying Tournament.

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 Beverly, MA 01915
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JWU - Johnson & Wales University
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www.johnsonandwales.edu/

KJHS - Kennedy Jr. High School
 655 Lexington St.
 Waltham, MA

LSHS - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School
 390 Lincoln Rd.
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MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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NMHC - North Meadow Health Club
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NRHS - North Reading High School
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YANKEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY JOE LOYALL, YANKEE SECRETARY

Tuesday, January 7, 2003

Board Attendees: Judy Katalina, Art Palmer, Joe Loyall, Brett Crandall, Ann Riedl, Debbie Finnigan

Other Attendees: Tom Farmer, Lora Loyall, Tom Sweeney

The meeting started at 7:11 p.m.

We welcomed Brett Crandall, who was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy at At-Large.

Secretary Report (Joe)

- We reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and accepted them.

Treasurer Report (Judy for Josh)

- Judy handed out a financial report. We're doing well. The report showed that we made money on championships last year. However, Judy doubts this, since we didn't receive revenue from qualifiers last year (TDs ran qualifiers as regular tournaments) and we subsidized championships. There is a deposit listed as "Questions to be answered" that is not a Yankee deposit. Judy will sit down with Dave Castañon and Dan Spiewak and examine the books.
- Everything is now in QuickBooks. We've also changed banks from Fleet to Cambridge Savings. David, Dan, Joshua and Judy will be getting together and going over the ledger line by line.
- Judy will talk to the Bookkeeper to make sure that checks are gotten out and checks deposited in a timely manner.

Registrar Report (Judy)

- We are 200 members ahead of where we were last year at the end of December.

TD Report (Debbie)

- We've had more requests for expansions of tournaments this year. We've also had a lot of coed teams wanting to play that haven't been able to get into tournaments. We need to reexamine the draft skeleton once we have final numbers this year.

Championship TD Report (Tom Sweeney)

- Tom handed out a report about the qualifiers and how many teams have signed up so far.

Referee Report

- We've had some complaints from TDs and referees that assignments are not being communicated well (e.g.; Friday night calls for assignments on Saturday). Judy will talk to the referee chair.

Ratings Report (Ann)

- No complaints heard this year about uprates. The committee is doing a great job.

Newsletter Report (Tom Farmer)

- Tom Sweeney will create an explanation article about the qualifiers and championships this year for the newsletter.
- This will be Tom's last newsletter.

Web Editor Report (Tom Sweeney)

- Started work on a referee rating sheet so people can comment about referees at a tournament.
- The USAV referee test and scorekeeper recertification test are cranking along. The test has been modified so that one can only take it twice now, because some people have taken it using bogus e-mails over and over to get the right answers. People only have to correct their test in order to pass, but they have to provide the rule. Apparently this was too hard for somebody.

Old Business

National Mappings

- One of the higher level players requested that we allow an A-player to play on National BB teams. Brett believes that we haven't been as competitive at BB and even at B in Nationals as before. He believes the mappings could go up. Tom Sweeney has heard that some teams that won BB regionals in their regions have played B at Nationals.
- We could state both point maximums and a maximum level for tournaments. For example, +4 and no higher than B+.
- The board decided to go one more of the highest player at each level except women's B level. Judy will suggest this to David.

Using national mappings locally

- Using Yankee mappings for USAV tournaments locally. Tabled until next board.

Nationals gifts

- We did not do gifts last year because we didn't know how much money we were going to lose on Championships under the new system. It turned out that we didn't lose as much as we might have expected and instead might have made money.
- We discussed what else we might spend the money on. Art suggested facilities upgrades for TDs. Tom Sweeney suggested Yankee anniversary jackets or sweatshirts for all members that play. We discussed this idea. We also talked about getting NERVA to help subsidize this.

Championships

Freeze date(s) for Ratings

- Should the ratings freeze date be pulled back to 2/14? Letters can go out on 2/14. The list of rerates will be posted to the BAVP.
- Motion (Ann/Judy):** Change the effective date for final ratings letters to go out to 2/14. (6 for, 0 against). *Motion passes.*

Qualification method for teams to champs

Tom Sweeney (Championship Coordinator) mentioned several possibilities:

- Rate teams based on their position in the tournament. Teams that don't break pool will be based on their pool play record. Larger tournaments weighted more.
- Only teams that broke pool would receive Yankee Championship Points. Back fill with teams by pool play record.
- Base strictly on pool play.
- Based on percentage. 30% in this qualifier, 70% in another. Take 30% out of this qualifier and 70% out of the other.
- Invitational only. Yankee Championship TD makes the decision. Tom recommended that we use the first possibility, which is the qualification method from last year.

Motion (Judy/Ann): Accept Tom's recommendation and use the qualification method from last year. (5 for, 1 against) *Motion passes.*

Team withdrawal and refund policy

- Last year we allowed refunds up to 14 days before the tournament. In previous years, we had a single date by which to withdraw. This year we intend to go with a single date. February 24 for everyone participating in qualifiers to withdraw with a full

refund. After that, a team can only withdraw if the spot gets filled. For championships with no qualifiers, the withdraw date will be April 1.

Determining pools (seeding teams)

- Tom is going to assign teams, to split qualifier teams across pools.

WBB tournament(s) needs to be added to schedule

- Art is waiting for days available. Melissa will run it. If Judy can switch something, she will run it. Another thought is to change the WBB that is there now to a qualifier and run the championships later in May.

Other team and roster requirements

- It is prohibited for teams that register as a qualifier team to declare themselves as non-qualifiers at the gym. Tom will decide a way to handle it.
- If a team leaves in the middle of the day, it is treated as if the team was never there, as if it were a 4 team pool. Any forfeit wins are not considered.
- A team that shows up with an illegal roster (e.g.; player that played on another qualifier team) plays, but can't break pool. The player will be sanctioned for 6 months. Wins and losses count for other teams, but that team is treated as 0-8.
- Qualifier teams who register after February 14 will only be allowed to enter as qualifier teams if the tournament still has slots (even after back filling with non-qualifier teams).

Payment of TDs for qualifiers

- As soon as Tom assigns teams, the TD will be paid within two weeks (right after the withdrawal date). Team checks will be deposited on April 1 and May 1 for tournaments in those months. Postdated checks will not be accepted.

Qualifier roster checking for TDs

- This will be handled like last year.
- Judy will essentially run championships and Tom will handle qualifiers. Judy will send Tom where the championships are and how many teams.

Rick Pierce report (Ann)

- The Rick Pierce went well. The only glitch was that the sound system was not loud enough for the place.
- The committee got a lot of nominations - 50 or so - with somewhere between 12 to 24 unique ones. Some of them had a lot of e-mail.

Election report/Nominating committee

- Need an election chair. Nominate Paul Bradford. Judy will contact Paul. Ballots will either go in the newsletter or in a separate postcard mailing.

New Business

- Debbie wants to start the grass roots effort earlier this year, in April or May. Order Tshirts this summer so we have them in plenty of time. Debbie will send out notes to TDs mentioning scramble tournaments. TDs that run scrambles will get an extra pick in the first round of the draft.
- Ann will have a referee report next meeting.

The next meeting will be March 12. It's the annual meeting and must be announced in writing to the membership. It will be announced in the newsletter. Joe will send Tom Farmer an agenda. Nominations for Yankee Board elections will therefore be open until March 19.

YANKEE/NERVA 2003 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Date:	Type	Level	Location	Cost	Max # Teams	Start Time	Contact	Date:	Type	Level	Location	Cost	Max # Teams	Start Time	Contact
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YANKEE VOLLEYBALL

Executive Board Meeting

&

Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

All members are invited to attend either meeting.

Please contact Judy Katalina at judyvb@attbi.com if you plan to attend or for further information.

YANKEE ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSED AGENDA

Proposals for changes in the Yankee Volleyball Association Rules & Policies

Proposals for changes to the Yankee Volleyball Association By-Laws

Nominations of candidates for election to the Yankee Executive Board

INSIDE THE LINES

Volleyball New England Readers,

As this issue and my time as newsletter editor comes to an end, I want to thank all those who have offered both their time and more than a few encouraging words along the way.

An extra special thanks goes to Joe Loyall for going above and beyond to research and write the 25th Anniversary article in the last issue; to Tom Sweeney for his countless hours of compiling data and getting it to the Yankee website where I pulled a lot of material from; to Art Palmer for recommending me for this position, guiding me through the ins and outs of Yankee and providing a number of articles; to Jim Cirillo for the use of his outstanding beach volleyball photography; to Ray Labbé, the previous editor, for getting me started in the right direction with advice on where-to-go-for-what; and to my wife and daughter for putting up with my late nights on the computer.

Now that this issue is finished, the next matter at hand is finding someone to take over as the new Volleyball New England editor. If you have graphic design, production, newsletter, marketing and/or advertising skills and are ready to "give back" to the volleyball community, this is a great opportunity.

Make no mistake, this is primarily a volunteer position. However, there is a small stipend per issue and since you're in charge, you have the chance to try out your design ideas and actually see them in print and on the web. In addition, I will help you get started if needed and make myself available for any questions that come up later. Sound interesting? Dash off a short e-mail to me at Desktop_Prose@cox.net with a summary of your background and why you are interested. Attaching your resume would also be helpful.

See you at the net,
Tom Farmer
Volleyball New England Editor

ELECTIONS FOR YANKEE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Candidates are being sought that are interested in running for election to the 2003-2005 Yankee Executive Board. Elections will be held this Spring for the following positions:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
5 Members-at-Large

Elected Yankee Board officials serve for a term of two years. To nominate an individual (including yourself), please contact Ray Labbé, Nominating Committee Chairperson, at rlabbe@alum.wpi.edu or 508-881-2531, or one of the other Nominating Committee members: Jennifer Nicoletti at nicoletti_jennifer@emc.com or Joe Loyall at jloyall@bbn.com. Nominations can also be made in person during the Annual Meeting which will be held March 12, 2003. Nominations will be accepted until March 19, 2003.