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Glenn Purdy Meritorious Service Award

Recognizing more than 50 years of service **Glenn Purdy** has given volleyball, the Ohio Valley Region created the *Glenn Purdy Meritorious Service Award*, naming Glenn as its first recipient.

Glenn began playing volleyball in 1941 at the YMCA in Joliet, Illinois. He played through 1964, at which time he switched his focus to officiating. Glenn obtained his National Referee rating in 1983 and his

National Scorekeeper rating in 1984, following which he obtained his National Rating for women's collegiate volleyball and officiated the Division III National Championship Finals twice. Glenn will have had his Class 1 Rating for high school volleyball for 25 years this fall.

Glenn has requested retirement from the USAV as a National official, but we expect to see him often within the region.



Bob Price (right), OVR Commissioner/President, presenting the first annual Glenn Purdy Meritorious Service Award to Glenn Purdy after dinner on August 11, 2001, at the annual Board of Directors' meeting and annual retreat.

OVR HP teams place well at Nationals

The mission of the Ohio Valley Region High Performance Program is to develop elite athletes and coaches, to prepare them to gain opportunities, and to be successful at the highest possible levels within the volleyball community. The OVR fielded two High Performance teams during the 2000-2001 season: 15-and-under and 16's-17's.

Head Coach **Don Burroughs**, Assistant Coach **Kelli Fisher**, and Head of Delegation **Lisa Shannon** selected ten 15-and-under players at tryouts throughout Ohio to participate in the 2001 AAU Junior National Championships in Orlando on June 14-19, 2001. The team members were **Diana Andreyko** (Carnegie, PA), **Lizaiha Garcia** (Fairborn, OH), **Allie Hemmelgarn** (Vandalia, OH), **Kelsey Hills** (Toledo, OH), **Sara Hughes** (Perrysburg, OH), **Allison Niekamp** (Findlay, OH), **Stephanie Ross** (Dayton, OH), **Molly Spencer** (Dayton, OH), **Seanna Steinle** (Fremon, OH) and **Stephanie Swiger** (Findlay, OH).

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Bob Price appointed Commissioner

The Board of Directors appointed **Bob Price** to another 3-year term as Commissioner/President of the Ohio Valley Region, Inc. at the August 11-12 board meeting. The vote was unanimous excepting one abstention.



Zehler named Outstanding Director

Congratulations to **Bill Zehler**, Club Director of Kaepa Borderline Volleyball Club (Oxford, Ohio), recipient of USA Volleyball's **Outstanding Program Director** award for



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