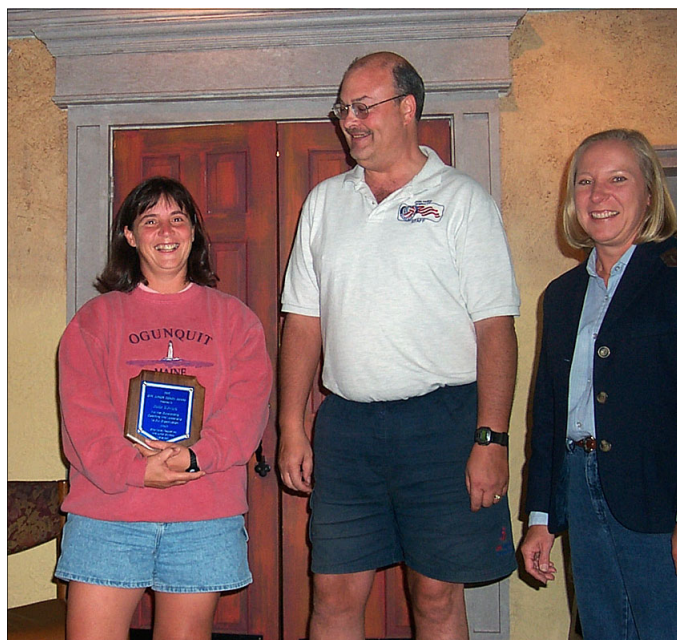


Julie Kovick Named OVR Outstanding Coach

Julie Kovick, coach of Stark Velocity Juniors 13s, received the Ohio Valley Region *Outstanding Junior Coach Award* for the 2002 season. Julie was presented with a plaque engraved with her name. At a surprise dinner for this award, she was congratulated by her family members, OVR staff, and parents and girls from her 13s team.



Julie Kovick, Al Herbert and Micki Fox at her surprise award dinner at the Canton Olive Garden (September 22, 2002).

Julie is a hard-working, knowledgeable, and humble coach who would never work for personal recognition. She is dedicated to the players whom she coaches – making them the best volleyball players they can be and teaching them life lessons along the way.

Julie made the most of the 2 hours/week where she practiced her team. She spent this time effectively: drilling the fundamental skills. In this small amount of practice time, Julie took her 13s team to be one of the top 16 of 120 teams in the Ohio Valley Region. At tournaments, Julie was at courtside using every possible teachable moment to constantly give feedback to the girls on the court. She was more concerned that they properly executed the skill rather than getting the ball back over the net or winning the game.

Julie cares about her girls on and off the court. Julie makes sure that they treat each other, the coaches, the officials, and their parents properly. Julie is a great role model for the girls as she holds herself to the same high standards of integrity.

Julie also holds the position of Head Volleyball Coach at Jackson High School in Canton, Ohio. She is married to Mark Kovick, and they have a daughter, Nikki, who plays on the Stark Velocity Juniors 13s team.

— Micki Fox

Officials' Clinics, (Re)certification, and Registration

Professional Officials

Attendance at one of the following free clinics is mandatory for professional officials:

- Saturday, December 7, 2002, Westerville South High School, Westerville, OH. 8:30AM registration and continental breakfast; clinic 9AM–4PM
- Sunday, December 8, 2002, St. Ursula Academy, Toledo, OH. 11:30AM registration; clinic noon–7PM.
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, Pittsburgh, PA. Details TBA.

Professional referees and scorekeepers are encouraged to take their tests online (see www.ovr.org/officiating/online_testing.php) prior to the clinics.

Makeup clinics, not available to new officials, will be \$50.

Player Referees

- Player Ref Clinics to be announced

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