



## JUST FOR KIDS!!

There are lots of fun and exciting things happening with the “Spiker” Kids Club sponsored by the Booster Club. One of the first changes you will notice is the new name – the “**Spiker Kids Club.**” New rules of play have meant an end to the side out, so our club needed a new name. Since most kids aspire to be able to spike the volleyball that seemed like the perfect choice. You will see our name on the newly designed Club T-shirts and on the banner over the end zone bleachers where Spiker Club members have reserved seats during the games.

The Coaches and Players have once again offered to hold two clinics just for members of the Spiker Kids Club. The clinics will be held in Recreation Hall on October 12 and November 9. After lots of fun and hard work on our volleyball skills, we’ll have pizza and soda for everyone!

The Spiker Kids Club is open to kids through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and membership fees are \$20.00 per child for the year. An application form is enclosed in this newsletter, or you can access it from the Booster Club website. Membership in the Volleyball Booster Club is not required for kids to participate in the club. However, as you can see from the newsletter, there are lots of great reasons to be involved in both clubs!

For further information about the Spiker Kids Club, contact Anne Ard at 238-5359 or [anneard@adelphia.net](mailto:anneard@adelphia.net) or Sam Weakland at 238-1264 [sxw14@scasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:sxw14@scasd.k12.pa.us). Join us under the banner at the first home game this fall!

### **Coach’s Corner**

By Coach Rose

As the summer begins to wind down-we all begin to look forward to the start of the school year and with it-the start of the fall sports season. I always hope that the players have taken their individual responsibilities seriously and trained to become the best that they can be, and have taken every effort to correct their games’ weaknesses and transform them into their strengths. We have had a few weeks of camp and I have had the chance to see the start of what we have available for the fall and I know that there is a great deal of time between now and the start of practice. I have mixed reports on some of the players-but isn't that the way I always look at the picture. I view my role as trying to make all of the players understand the terrific opportunity that they have to be a college athlete and that the time flies by faster than they can imagine. You either are getting better or getting passed by- by someone who has the passion to be the best. We should have an exciting balance of experience and youth this season. The key to our success will be how players embrace their respective roles and fill in the gaps where the team has some weak spots. Every team is different and I will not allow a team’s youth to be used an excuse for not playing to be the best that you can be. I remember the class of Bonnie, Lauren, Carrie and Kalna-and we know what they were able to achieve with a number of returning players awaiting their arrival to State College.

I had a great opportunity to travel with the USA men's National Team to Italy for 13 days and assist in their training and preparation for a tournament that featured the top teams in the world in Brazil, Italy, Holland, Russia, and Yugoslavia. The team didn't fare so well but I had the chance to see what items that we are implementing into the program that are relevant and what

issues I might leave in the past. The men's game is certainly a different animal but the similarities made by rally scoring are informative to the interested participant.

I look forward to seeing a great crowd at the picnic and appreciate as always the amount of time and work that the Booster Club Officers and various volunteers offer to the players and staff. A great deal of work is needed to keep us functioning at the level that we do and I for one am very thankful that we still warrant your support.

See you soon,  
Coach

## **Comments from Assistant Coach Julie**

By Asst. Coach, Julie Miller

Greetings from Happy Valley! Mike and I just returned from Salt Lake City, UT, site of the 2002 U.S. Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships. Mike was out there a little earlier than I was, and had the opportunity to see many of the younger kids, age groups 15-16, that I had seen during the club season. We were both there for the kickoff of the 17 and 18 Divisions, and that was a very exciting tournament.

It proved to be a very valuable trip for us, because we were able to watch all of our incoming players compete with their teams. The Class of 2002 was there in full force. Sam Tortorello and Kim Holm were competing with Sports Performance 181, in the 18-Open Division. Amy Morris was with Dunes 18-Black, also in the 18-Open Division, and Kaleena Walters played for Adidas Penn Juniors 181, in the 18-Club Division. Out of the freshman class, the only player we were missing was Emily Guman, and she was holding down the fort

here at Penn State, participating in some activities here on campus.

Sam and Kim's team had a successful run at the tournament, with their team taking the third place bronze medal. They lost in the semi-finals to the eventual champions, Front Range Volleyball Club, out of Denver, CO. Sam was selected to the All-Tournament team, which is a huge honor for her, and we're very proud of her, as we are of all the players.

Each and every one of our freshmen, and their families, are very excited about the upcoming fall. As each of them closed the book on their high school and club careers, they're anxiously awaiting the beginning of the next phase of their lives! It was a great opportunity for them to visit with each other, and it was fun to watch them cheer for each other, knowing that they'll be doing the same thing as teammates in less than two months!

The tournament also provided Mike and I with the opportunity to evaluate the talent-laden Class of 2003, as we continue to search for the players that will allow us to compete for the Big Ten Title, and another National Championship! As you well know, the recruiting cycle never really ends, but this was a good finale to the 2002 club season.

We'll see you in the fall!

Julie

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**Deadlines:            Membership Renewals            July/August**  
**Annual Picnic Registration        August 5, 2002**

**Don't forget to volunteer for the Booster Club events and committees!**

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## Penn State Women's Volleyball Schedule 2002

### August

30	<b>Penn State Invitational (Rutgers)</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
31	<b>Penn State Invitational (continues) (Quinnipiac &amp; Akron)</b>	<b>10:00 AM &amp; 7:00 PM</b>

### September

6	Fairfield Tournament @ Fairfield University, Connecticut (Seton Hall)	7:30 PM
7	Fairfield Tournament (continues) (New Hampshire & Fairfield)	TBA
13	<b>Penn State Classic (Villanova)</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
14	<b>Penn State Classic (continues) (Morgan State &amp; Army)</b>	<b>10:00 AM &amp; 3:00 PM</b>
20	American Classic Tournament @ American University in Washington DC (Florida)	7:00 PM
21	American Classic Tournament (continues) (American or Yale)	7:00 PM
27	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
28	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

### October

4	@ Illinois	7:00 PM
6	@ Purdue	7:00 PM
11	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
12	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
18	@ Iowa	7:00 PM
19	@ Minnesota	7:00 PM
25	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
26	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

### November

1	@ Michigan State	7:00 PM
2	@ Michigan	7:00 PM
8	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
9	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
15	@ Ohio State	7:00 PM
16	@ Indiana	7:00 PM
22	@ Wisconsin	7:00 PM

23	@ Northwestern	7:00 PM
29	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
30	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

**December**

8-9	1st & 2nd Rounds - to be determined	to be determined
15-16	Regionals - to be determined	to be determined
19 - 21	Final Four - New Orleans Sports Arena New Orleans	to be determined

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