

Alice Phillips, Head Coach - Mason City 1970-1987

Alice Phillips started not only Mason City's program in 1970, but also helped institute the sport of volleyball in Iowa. During her coaching career at Mason City, she led her team to 10 state tournaments. Within those 17 years of coaching, Alice had a career record of 286-104-38. In 1973 she won the state championship, which was also the last time the sport of volleyball competed during the winter. She also had a second place finish in 1972 and two third place finishes in 1970 and 1971.

During the infant days of volleyball in Iowa, Alice served as the President of the Division of Girl's and Women's Sports (DGWS) from 1971-1972. In addition to serving on the DGWS volleyball committee during the early 1970's, she also organized and spoke at numerous volleyball clinics in Northern Iowa. The first two state tournaments were hosted by Mason City and Alice Phillips. Alice also served as an advisor to Iowa Public Television for programs charting the early progress of volleyball in Iowa.

Currently, Alice is involved with the Special Olympics and serves as the President of Arc of Iowa, a state wide program working with persons with disabilities. Alice continues to live in Mason City.

JoAnn Kettman, Head Coach – Pleasant Valley 1970-1985.

JoAnn Kettman was instrumental in instituting the sport of volleyball in Iowa and also in starting Pleasant Valley's program. During her coaching career, JoAnn had a record of 293-141-37 and led Pleasant Valley to 7 state tournament appearances. In 1970 and 1972 her team placed third in the state.

JoAnn served on the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Volleyball Advisory Committee from 1975-1986. During this time, she contributed to switching to the National Federation Volleyball Rules. She also wrote some of the original rule modifications that are still in place today. While coaching, she also worked as an official and continued officiating until 2004. In addition to her service to the sport of volleyball, JoAnn was on the IGHS AU Tennis Advisory Committee from 1975-1982.

Currently, JoAnn is the Mississippi Athletic Conference Statistician for volleyball. She continues to stay active playing golf and tennis. JoAnn, along with her husband, John, lives in Moline, but during the winter calls Arizona home.

Jackie Wilde, Head Coach – Ft. Dodge 1970-1991

In addition to starting volleyball at Ft. Dodge, Jackie Wilde also helped start the sport of volleyball in Iowa. During her 21 seasons, Jackie had a record of 519-204-31. She led Ft. Dodge to 19 state tournaments, won two state championships (1971 and 1984) and reached the semi-finals 8 times. In 1985, Jackie was named Coach of the Year and coached the Senior All Stars in 1978.

Jackie served on the National Division of Girl's and Women's Sports Committee which wrote the rules for collegiate volleyball. Jackie was the Volleyball Advisory Chair to the IGHS AU from 1974-1985. She also contributed as a rules clinician from 1974-1985, conducted the first state wide player's clinic in Iowa in 1970, and taught volleyball through Drake University and the Area Education Association for coaching certification. She was also chairman for the National Junior Olympic Volleyball Tournament from 1989-1999. Through the years, Jackie has been given the USVBA National "Leader in Volleyball" Award (1978), the USA National Juniors Service to Volleyball Award (1999), and is the namesake for the Jackie Wilde Invitational, formerly the Ft. Dodge Invitational Tournament.

Jackie and her husband, Bruce, live in Gold Canyon, Arizona. They have three children, Rod, Kevin, and Cheryl. Jackie continues to stay active playing and refereeing volleyball.

Bruce Wilde, Referee 1970-1994

Bruce Wilde contributed 24 years of refereeing volleyball to the state of Iowa. Within those years he officiated the first 15 District, Regional, and State Tournaments, and he organized and ran the Ft. Dodge Volleyball Officials Association. He also trained and assigned officials for area Junior High, High School, Junior College, and Iowa Collegiate Conference matches. Bruce served the high school sport of volleyball as a rules and officials clinician for the IGHSAU from 1974-1989. Bruce also was an official for Big 10, Big 8, and Gateway Collegiate Volleyball matches.

Bruce also has served on officiating teams for the Pan Am Games, Good Will Games, and the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. He was the USVBA Regional Commissioner from 1972-1986, National Official for USVBA from 1967-1995, served on the USVBA National Board of Directors from 1972-1986, and officiated 4 NCAA Women's Regionals, 2 Women's Final Fours, and 2 Men's Final Fours.

Bruce's accomplishments include the USA National Leader in Volleyball Award (1977), the USA National Referee Service Award (1988), the National Commissioners Award (1983), and an induction into the National YMCA Volleyball Hall of Fame (2003).

Bruce and his wife, Jackie, live in Gold Canyon, Arizona. They have three children, Rod, Kevin, and Cheryl, all of whom have volleyball backgrounds. Bruce stays active playing volleyball, woodcarving, and watching his grandkids.