

## **Russ Poage**

Assistant Commissioner-Treasurer

PNQ Tournament Director

### **Evergreen Region USA Volleyball**

Russ's involvement with USA Volleyball dates back to 1985, when he co-founded the first Junior girls volleyball club in the Spokane area. EWU Volleyball Coach Pam Parks, SFCC Volleyball Coach Irene Matlock, and Russ developed *Spokane Juniors* volleyball club with over 120 players the first year.

Russ continued as the club administrator until 1991 when he began coaching. In 1992, Russ was the club director for *Cutting Edge Volleyball*, a premier and elite program.

Russ earned his CAP I and CAP II certification, and in 1992, was elected to the Evergreen Region Board, serving under Commissioner Twohig.

Since 2000, Russ has also served as a USA Volleyball Event Arbitrator at national qualifiers in Dallas, Austin, and Reno.

Russ, over the years, has been instrumental in assisting in the organization of numerous region clubs and tournaments.

Russ has been the Director of the Pacific Northwest Qualifier for the last nine years and also serves as the Evergreen Region's sport court rental and set-up person.

Russ has been on the staff of the Goodwill Games in 1990, numerous USA Men's and Women's volleyball matches, World League 2000 and 2006, and the 1997 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championships.

In 2004, Russ was nominated and received USA Volleyball's National Award for Junior Olympic Outstanding Service.

Russ is employed as a Manager with the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of Labor and Industries.

Russ and his wife Linda have two daughters ~ April and Rusan. They also have added two sons-in-law ~ Mike and Kyle, and four grandchildren ~ Peyton, Avery, Braden, and Logan.