



# Team Pineapple Staff

**\*Lloy Ball-Owner, Director and Coach.  
4-time Olympian, 2008 Gold Medalist, 16  
years professional with 15 European Titles.  
Voted Best Setter and Server in the World  
and inducted into the 2015 Volleyball Hall of Fame.**

**\*Rachelle Gilbert-**Rachelle will be our site director at Dekalb. Rachelle went to Dekalb HS. She was a 4 year varsity player there and was MVP in 2007. Rachelle was voted NHC All-Conference ('05, '06, '07). Rachelle played college ball at Mount Ida College NCAA D3. She was a 3 year MVP and Captain of the team. She was rookie of the year in 2009 and finish #8 in the schools All Time Offensive Points. Rachelle coached Freshman, JV and Varsity at Dekalb HS (2013-15). She coached club volleyball at: Empowered VBA(2014), Smash VBC (2008-12) and Pineapple's 14's last year. She is the current JV coach at AHS.

**\*Leslie Lawson-** Court-side consultant. Indiana State Champion at Ft. Wayne Snider and setter at Ball State Univ. Over 10 years of coaching experience. Leslie coached our Ft. Wayne 11 Elite's team last year.

**\*Chris Gisslen-** 2010 IPFW HOF, 2-time All American at IPFW and Member of the USA National Team 2001-2003. Chris ran Pineapple's Volley Tots program last year.

**\*Brian Harris-** Brian was a four year setter at IPFW and has coached club volleyball for over a decade. New JV Coach at Carroll HS.

**\*Lisa Harris-** played at Ferris State and was also a setter. She like Brian has coached club vb for the last 5 years. Both Brian and Lisa coached for Pineapple the past four years.

**\*Lisa "Cheeks" Horman-** Cheeks was a mentor of Lloy's. She played for Arnie Ball at IPFW. Cheeks was a defensive standout and led the Lady Dons in most defensive categories for years. Cheeks coached our Angola 16's Elite last year.

**\*Sarah Ball-** 3 year starter for New Haven High School at middle blocker. Sarah coached our Angola 11's Elite the past three years. She coaches in our Volley Tot program and volunteer assisted with AMS 6th grade this past year.

**\*Trisha Perschke-** 7 years as Angola HS Varsity Coach. Trisha played at SW Michigan College. Trisha coached our 14 Elite team in Angola last year.

**\*Jamie Wozniak-** 13 years coaching and current Head Coach at Trine University. Jamie coached our assisted our Elite teams in Angola last year.

\***Arnie Ball**- 40 years of coaching experience. Arnie will act as a consultant/mentor to all our coaches. Arnie is in the AVCA HOF, he led the IPFW Volley Dons to 6 NCAA Final Fours. Arnie consults all our teams and will be seen at practices.

\* **Angie Bourne**- Angie has 17 years of coaching experience. Certified through the Hoosier Region and the USA Olympic Center. Current Head coach at Angola Middle School. Angie Coached our 11 Elite team last year.

\* **Bobbie Thompson**- 14 year coach at Eastside HS, played at Tri-State Univ. and has 20 years coaching experience. Bobbie coached our 13 Elite Angola team last year. Bobbie is the assistant Varsity coach at AHS this year.

\***Sarah Ptak**- four year starter as DS at IPFW. Coached Pineapple boys 12U during 2014 season. Sarah coached our 14U boys team last year.

\***Jordan Staus**- Head Varsity coach at Eastside HS. Played at LaSalle Peru HS 03-06, MVP and All Area player 06. Jordan coached one of our Ft. Wayne Pineapple Club teams last year. And Jordan played one year as a middle blocker at IPFW. Jordan coached our Dekalb 18's last year.

\***Krystal Smazenko**- Kystal will be our logistics manager this year. Kystal coached at Dekalb HS last year and is the NEW assistant coach at Woodlan HS this year. Krystal coached our Dekalb 13 Club team last year.

\***Erin Geyer**-3 year head coach at Centralia Christian HS, Club Director and Owner at Lewis Jaguars VBC, Current AMS coach and coached our Angola 13-2 Elite team last season.

\***Kelli Call**- Kelli has coached at AMS and AHS over the pasted 2 years. She coached our Angola 12's Elite team last year.

\***Diana Fulton**- Diana was a setter at Concordia HS and has coached 14 years combining club and MS volleyball. She coached our Dekalb 12's team last year.

\***Annie Phillips**- Trine Summer VB Camp Coach, played at Munciana, Elementary Ed and wants to pursue coaching. Annie coached our Angola 10/11 Club last year.

\***Emma Bowman**- Trine Summer VB Camp Coach, Play at Kaepa Krush, Starting MB for Trine Univ. Emma coached our Angola 10/11 club last year with Annie.

\***Janaya Wilder**- Started as a Freshman and Sophomore at Trine Univ. She is an all around player, played at Pineapple, 1st team All-State. Janaya assisted Coach Ball last year on the Angola 15's Elite team.

\***Kelbie Titus**- She played volleyball all four years of high school, and all four years of college at Trine University. Kelbie helped coach volleyball with Coach Woz over the summer for the volleyball summer clinics. She has also helped with coaching Pineapple Volleyball Tots and club teams. Current AMS 6th grade coach.

## **New Faces to Team Pineapple this year:**

\***Andrew Welch** was born and raised in Fort Wayne and started learning to play volleyball at a very young age with having two older sisters very involved with school and club ball back in the 1990s. He played volleyball at Snider High School and has coached both baseball and volleyball for many years. Recently, he's coached the last four years at St. Charles Catholic School as the 7th and 8th grade coach. Andrew is the executive director of marketing and communications for Ivy Tech Community College Northeast and also spends time volunteering in the community for organizations such as Junior Achievement, IPFW Alumni Association, and the Fort Wayne Center for Learning.

\***Lydia Gard.** Lydia was a three year starter at the University of Illinois from 1997-2001. After college, Lydia played one season professionally and helped her team secure the league championship. Lydia has an extensive coaching background; having served as summer camp coach for over 18 years, nearly a decade as a club coach, and eight years as varsity volleyball coach. Lydia is currently the head coach at Garrett High School. Lydia, and her husband Derek, live in Garrett where they are raising their four awesome kids.

\***Mary Franke** Played Club volleyball, as a right side hitter: Indiana Juniors 13, Fort Wayne VBC 14-18. Mary played setter at CLHS. (class of 95) She then played for Virginia Commonwealth University. (class of 99) Mary started all four years at both schools.

Mary was First Assistant at Patrick Henry High School 1yr, then First Assistant at Randolph-Macon College 3 yrs, both schools in Ashland, Virginia. Ascension Lutheran School (FW) coach 3 yrs. Pineapple VBC 1 yr, Shank You VBC 1 yr. Mary's father Mark was a long time assistant coach for Arnie Ball at IPFW.

\***Laura Zimmerman** graduated from Snider High School in 1991 while playing volleyball and softball all four years. She continued playing volleyball and softball at the University of Indianapolis, graduating in 1995. She received several Mental Attitude Awards while playing at the University of Indianapolis. Laura has coached volleyball the last four years for schools and clubs. She is married to David Zimmerman and has two girls, Leah (13yo) and Lexa (11yo) who also have a passion for the game of volleyball.

\***Logan Penick** is a talented and experienced young coach that will be re-joining us this year. Logan has coached at AMS, PH and Hamilton. She has coached club ball at TP before and at PH. She has played and worked with numerous VBC;s like: Mac Attack, Goshen League, NIVA and of course TP.

Logan played volleyball at Indiana Tech University. She was DS there and is looking forward to sharing her knowledge and experience with our student athletes.