

2008 Southern Heat Coaching Staff

11's and 18's - Lynn Weidenbenner – Assistant Southern Heat Director

Lynn begins her fourth year as the co-founder and assistant director for Southern Heat. She is also in her second year as the JV coach at O'Fallon High School. She has been coaching volleyball in this area for over 15 years. Previously Weidenbenner coached at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC), Althoff Catholic High School, Northwest Missouri State University and Maryville Missouri High School.

After graduating from Belleville Township High School West, Weidenbenner attended Millikin University graduating in 1986. She led the Big Blue to the NCAA Division III National Tournament both her sophomore year and senior year where she was named a member of the national all tournament team as an outside hitter. Weidenbenner was named most valuable player her senior year setting four career and university records. Lynn has a husband and two daughters.

12's Lisa Fertig

Lisa begins her first year with Southern Heat. Lisa coached three years at Holy Childhood in Mascouth. Lisa has a daughter and a son.

12e – Kelsey Hubert

Kelsey begins her first year with Southern Heat. She is currently in her third year at SIUE and is a middle hitter for the successful SIUE volleyball program. Kelsey has played club since she was 14 for Swil. She coached 17's in 2007 for Metro Edge and has assisted at numerous volleyball camps. Kelsey is majoring in Speech Pathology.

13's Chris Boucher

Chris begins his second year with Southern Heat. He was the assistant coach with our 13's last year. He is the assistant coach at St. Louis College Pharmacy and was the head coach for Smithton Grade School for nine years. In addition to coaching volleyball, Chris coaches little league baseball as well as manages the SAA club in Smithton. Chris has 4 children.

Nicki Storm

Nicki is starting her fourth year with Southern Heat. Her first year she was the assistant coach on the 15's who qualified for Nationals in 2005 and she has since been the 13's coach.. She also was the assistant coach for one year at Collinsville High School. Nicki is married and expecting her first child in February.

14's – Candice Kummer

Candice begins her first year with Southern Heat. She is currently attending SIUE and plays as the outside hitter for the successful SIUE volleyball program. Candice has coached club in the past and assisted with summer junior player camps.

14e – Todd Gober

Todd begins his second year with Southern Heat and been instrumental in expanding our club into Edwardsville. Todd is in his seventh season as the head coach at SIUE and continues to push the volleyball program into new heights.

In the six seasons at Siue Todd has broken the 20-win barrier every year and has averaged nearly 25 wins per season and recorded 100 wins over .500 at 149-49. Gober has the most wins as a Cougar volleyball coach, which includes a mark of 53-8 at the Vadalabene Center.

Gober earned a bachelor of arts degree in business (economics) from Northwestern (Iowa) College in 1985 and a master of arts in finance from Saint Louis University in 1991. Gober and his wife, Joan, have three children and reside in Edwardsville

15's – Kim Forcade – Southern Heat Club Director

Kim begins her fourth year as co-founder, club director and coach for Southern Heat VBC. She has coached club ages of 14, 15 and 17'. She is currently the head coach at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She coached for seven years at St. John's the Baptist in Smithton and was the assistant athletic director. Then coached for four years at Freeburg High School, Freshman and JV. She graduated from Maryville University with an accounting degree and is a Certified Public Accountant. Kim has a husband and two daughters.

16's – Kendra Forcade

Kendra begins her second year coaching for Southern Heat. She has played club since was 13 and qualified for nationals twice with her teams. She was ranked in the top setters for the Metro Regional area during her high school career. She has assisted in grade school camps since she was 15 and she is currently attending SIUE majoring in Early Childhood Development.

Maggie Miller

Maggie Miller begins her second year with Southern Heat. Maggie stepped in last year mid season to coach the 14's. Maggie played club who qualified for Nationals. Maggie is currently attending SIUE majoring in Sport Therapy.

16e – Shannon Pollman-Anderson

Shanon begins her first year with Southern Heat. Previously she was a technical trainer for Southern Heat. She played at Belleville Area College and Union University in Jackson, TN as a middle blocker. In 1999 she was the NAIA All-Region XI Player of the Year and ranked as the top blocker in the NAIA division during her college career. She was also on the NCCAA Women's All-American team. Shanon graduated from Union University in Jackson, TN with a Computer Science degree. She is married and has two daughters.

17's – Erin Kopec

Erin begins her first full year with Southern Heat. She assisted with the 15's in 2005. She coached at Upstate Volleyball Club in Spartanburg, SC, DuPage Express Volleyball Club in Wheaton, IL. Coached two years at Mater Dei High School, Breeze, IL. She graduated from University of South Carolina – Upstate.

Brandon Tuttle

Brandon begins his first year with Southern Heat as the assistant coach for the 17's

18's – Lynn Weidenbenner (see 11's bio)

Deb Germann

Deb begins her second year with Souther Heat. She was the 17's assistant coach and one of the clubs technical trainers. Deb played volleyball and softball at SIU-Carbondale and Illinois State. Deb has coached volleyball and softball for 20 years at the high school level. She is currently a teacher at Granite City High School, married and one daughter.

18e – Katie Carrier

Katie begins her first year with Southern Heat. Katie also begins her first season as the assistant coach for the highly successful SIUE volleyball program.

Carrier, of Wauwatosa, Wis., has been an assistant coach at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis., where she was a collegiate player. She previously was the head coach of the Green Bay Hang Time Volleyball Club in November 2003 to June 2004. Katies name is among the all-time NCAA Division III national leaders in kills (2,296), kills per game (4.59), attempts per game (10.85), and digs (2,015).

She earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from St. Norbert

