



### **From the President (April 2012)**

It seems like only a couple of weeks ago since I welcomed you to the 2012 season. Now the adult season is almost wrapped up and the Junior season will wind down soon as well.

So far this season we are in growth mode. As of March 20, CHRVA membership is up approximately 8.5% from last season. Our growth has brought the region some rewards from the National Office. We have been offered extra bids to the Junior National Championships, which is really exciting.

The Spring issue of Digs is generally devoted to the annual Board of Directors election. This issue is no different. The Board is made up of 15 directors who each serve two-year terms. This year we need to elect seven Board members. Four of the incumbents have chosen to run again and there are also other candidates on the ballot. See the Election article to read the bios of all of the candidates and choose the seven whom you feel will best represent your interests. The winners will be announced at the General Membership Meeting, on the website, and in the summer issue of Digs.

I would like to extend a personal invitation for you to join the Board and Staff at the annual General Membership Meeting on Monday, May 7, at the Comfort Inn at Beltsville Drive and Powder Mill Road in Calverton, MD. I have spoken with many of you about various programs, heard your complaints, and discussed your suggestions. It would be great to have you at the next meeting to see what goes on and to voice your thoughts and opinions. It's always wonderful for us to get fresh ideas.

**JUNIORS:** Don't forget to mark your calendars for the outdoor season. There is nothing like doubles and triples to firm up your passing and defense, especially if you don't generally get to play the back row. And for those who don't play the front row as often as they like, you can work on your hitting and dinking skills, and placing the ball where your opponents aren't. You can do all of this while getting a great, but safe, tan.

**GRADUATING HS SENIORS:** CHRVA has an adult program. If you will be staying in this area, your playing days are not over! You can join an existing adult team or get your friends together and start your own. We have a special Collegiate membership for college students. Varsity players cannot play USAV, but club players and teams are welcome. If you are interested but need some help, please contact the Adult Program Director.

For those heading to the National Championships, much luck to you all, but most of all, HAVE FUN!!