



## **From the President (December 2011)**

Happy Holidays!

So far the 2012 season is off to a good start. As I write this, about two-thirds of our members have registered, the Adult Program has kicked off with the Fellowships in November and tournaments in December, and Juniors are busily putting their teams together.

Each season we focus on updating some of the existing procedures and programs and creating new ones. In an effort to improve the Adult Program, we surveyed the adult players at the end of last season. Using the collected data, a task force was convened to discuss possible changes and implement as many as possible. All of the changes, including borrowing of players, discounts for teams, and online tournament entry are described online and in the Adult Program article.

Last season we launched online voting for the open Board positions. Once again the spring edition of *Digs* will be emailed to you. You will read the bios and then follow the instructions to vote for the seven candidates of your choice.

Speaking of the election and the candidates, we are looking for candidates to run for the seven open Board positions. Some or all of the incumbents may choose to run for another two-year term of service, but we do our utmost to present more candidates than open slots so that you have an actual choice. Please see the article below on how to nominate yourself or someone else to run.

This is also the time of year when we start the planning process for the Regional Championships. The Girls, Boys, and Adults Programs all have different entry processes and deadlines. Please check with your division coordinator or program director for more information. Because we have gotten so large, we need lots of volunteers during those weekends. We have added locations and weekends in order to accommodate everyone. If you would like to volunteer to help out by checking in teams, selling t-shirts, directing teams and parents, or even monitoring matches, we can use all the help we can get. If you are interested, please contact me for the Adult Regionals at [julie.briggs@chrva.org](mailto:julie.briggs@chrva.org), Jackie Krampf for the Girls Regionals at [jackie.krampf@chrva.org](mailto:jackie.krampf@chrva.org), and/or Rob Lewandowski for the Boys Regionals at [rob.lewandowski@chrva.org](mailto:rob.lewandowski@chrva.org). If you would like to help out with any of the “in advance” work rather than “day of” work, please contact the CHRVA VP, Eugene Yee at [eugene.yee@chrva.org](mailto:eugene.yee@chrva.org) or the Regionals Assistant, Eric Martin at [eric.martin@chrva.org](mailto:eric.martin@chrva.org).

I hope that everyone has a happy, healthy, and winning 2012!