

## 2010 Summer Season Message

We completed another successful sports year and I want to thank all the dedicated volunteers and sponsors who supported our athletes in Northern Virginia. The Area 26 Council remains focused on meeting its goals for the 2010/2011 season and welcomes your suggestions. We want to continue to focus on fundraising, developing strategic partnerships and recruiting new volunteers and athletes.

Summer games were held on June 12-13 in Richmond. We sent 128 athletes who represented Area 26 on two Unified Softball teams, 12 in Bowling, 28 in Aquatics, 58 in Track and Field, and 5 in Powerlifting. We have seven athletes who will be representing Area 26 in the National Games in Nebraska this July. Katy Sanchez in Track and Field, Sean Kimball in Powerlifting, Jordann Long and Heather Boncher in Swimming, and Laurie Ann Kehoe, Chris Curtin and David Curtin in Golf will be going for the Gold.

During the summer most athletes will be taking some time off to get ready for our Fall Sports of Bowling, Soccer and Cycling, but our Sailing team will be competing in local regattas as well as going to Maryland and Rhode Island for Championship Regattas.

Our three global messengers: Brendan Hammeke, Khang Le, and Kirsten Stone promote our programs by sharing their perspectives on the world of Special Olympics. If you are looking for a person to speak about Special Olympics at any type of function, please contact us.

With financial support from ExxonMobil for a paid summer intern and equipment from the United States Tennis Association and others, we have kicked off a summer tennis program. Natalie Kirchner a rising sophomore at the University of Virginia has approximately 50 participating athletes who attend one or more of the 5 weekly practices in Reston, Fairfax and Falls Church. The summer season wraps up in July with final practices and a July 24<sup>th</sup> TennisFEST at Rutherford Park in Fairfax. On Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> parents and volunteers interested in learning about and or helping out with the continuation of the tennis program will meet to plan future tennis activities.

On July 1, 2010 new Council Members Kevin Battle, Eileen Oviatt and Kevin Ogletree, athlete representative were elected to serve. I want to thank the following Council Members who served the past term, Deb Dill, Treasurer, Rich Strzelecki, Bill Ammann and Ashley Counts, athlete representative.

The Area 26 Council members for the 2010/2011 year are:

Kevin Battle	Member at Large	kstrong618@msn.com
Bob Britton	Medical Coordinator/Travel Requests	medicals@novasova.org
Mary Donovan	Fundraising	jcdonovan@aol.com;
Pat Hammeke	Community Outreach/Training	coachpath@aol.com
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Nancy Julia	Spring/Fall Sports	dogsthree@aol.com
Jeff McGiboney	Track & Field	jmcgiboney1@verizon.net
Terry Mitchell	Member at Large	terry.mitchell@mac.com
Bill Ogletree	Council Chair	ogletreefamily@cox.net
Kevin Ogletree	Athlete Representative	ogletreekevin@yahoo.com
Eileen Oviatt	Bowling Coordinator	bowl@novasova.org
Donna Parfitt	Referee Coordinator	chparfitt@verizon.net
Bernie Woolfley	Council Treasurer	volunteer@novasova.org

The operating committees and chairs are:

Fundraising	Mary Donovan
Grant Writing	Joe Sanchez
Athlete Recruitment	Tom Ingoldsby
Strategic Partnerships	Pat Hammeke
Volunteers	Kristin Hughes
Communications	Tim Hartle
Athlete/Volunteer Recognition	Terry Mitchell
Thank You Letters	Kevin Ogletree
Dances	Pat Savage

The Dance Committee, chaired by Pat Savage, is operating and organizing dances for the new year. Several committees need volunteers so we can maintain and further develop our support for the athletes. The quality of our programs depends on the support of our sponsors and volunteers. You really can make a difference in the lives of our Special Olympics' athletes. Please contact one or more of the following sport coordinators for more information on how you can contribute to the success of each program, including suggestions for who might be interested in filling any vacant positions.

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Bowling	Eileen Oviatt	bowl@novasova.org
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Cycling	Nancy Julia	dogsthree@aol.com
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Gymnastics	Jay Hoffmeier	jhoffmeier@cox.net
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Track & Field	Jeff McGiboney	jmcgiboney1@verizon.net

As a result of the efforts made by the Council and the fundraising committee, we continue to raise funds in a very challenging economic environment. We would appreciate your assistance with donations and especially business contacts for future fundraising opportunities. We continue to strive to achieve our goal of having a sponsor and/or fundraising event for every sport program.

It continues to be a privilege to work with this dedicated team of volunteers and serve Special Olympics athletes by making all of our sports programs available. As always I appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Bill Ogletree  
Chairman & Parent