

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I want to thank all of the volunteers and donors who supported Special Olympic programs in Northern VA in 2007. Without your continued support, we will not be able to provide quality programs to the athletes.

In 2008 I've made a change in the operation of sports programs in an effort to better support the sports coordinators. The year round Program Director position has been replaced with a Spring/Summer Director, a Fall Director, a Winter Director and a Basketball Director. These four positions will operate and serve the sport coordinators during the season and will lead the planning to ensure the sport season needs are met. The time commitment and effort needed from the Program Director to effectively support sports coordinators year round is too big a job for one person to handle as a part-time volunteer.

In the Spring/Summer season softball, athletics, power lifting, aquatics, sailing and open bowling coordinators will work directly with the designated Summer Director. The Director will work with coordinators to:

1. Complete all required paperwork
2. Obtain all equipment needed
3. Secure fields & facilities
4. Interface with the referee coordinator
5. Facilitate involvement in fundraising
6. Coordinate State games participation

The same process will be followed for the Fall, Winter and Basketball seasons. The Directors will be supported by Beth Frank, Jack Gerber and me.

I would appreciate your comments and ideas to improve the process. I can be reached at (703)801-0909.

Bill Ogletree

Chairman