

FROM THE EDITOR

This issue concludes Volume 18 of the OVR Newsletter. The 2000-2001 season was eventful, as each of ours is, heralding unprecedented growth in our membership and in opportunities within the Region. I hope that these issues of *OVR The Block* succeeded in capturing and conveying some of that fervor, and that they contributed to everyone's enjoyment of participating in USA Volleyball.

Aside from the roles in which most of you know me as editor and webmaster (and, naturally, volleyball player), I occasionally find myself teaching various cutting-edge aspects of computational science to diverse groups of scientists and engineers. One key to success in that endeavor is *bidirectional* communication: presenting content to a passive group may, with luck, address a subset of the group's needs, but once a few individuals begin asking questions and indicating their interests, new doors open for exchanging valuable and engaging information.

Communication with our membership, including this newsletter, shares many of those qualities. While reading *OVR The Block*, please keep in mind that this publication is *for our members*. Articles written by our officers and board members are clearly vital and permanent aspects of *OVR The Block*. However, equally important is the news that you, our members, are generating. Perhaps your team traveled to a noteworthy tournament, generating a tale of victory or crushing defeat, or simply one of entertainment. Or perhaps you have an opinion on some aspect of the game that you'd like to share. Perhaps your contribution is even artistic. With 11,676 members surely the we have an abundance of interesting material and talent. We welcome relevant articles and photos — be creative! E-mail me at editor@ovr.org if you'd like to contribute.

One of our goals for the 2001-2002 season is to obtain a better photographic record of our teams' accomplishments. Many of our players have requested that winners' photos, especially of important events such as our Regional Championships, be published on our web site and/or in the newsletter. Please bear this in mind when completing your 2001-2002 registration, granting or withholding permission to use your name, likeness, and image as you see fit. Releases will also be available at events at which photographs are being taken.

Every fall seems busier than its predecessor with the approach of a new season, and this year is no exception. Please watch www.ovr.org for daily news and updates as the 2001-2002 season unfolds. I wish you all a great season.

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Calendar

Men's and Women's

Registration Packets to be mailed: early November.

KSU registration tournaments:

January 12, 2002: Men's and Women's AA

January 13, 2002: Men's and Women's A

January 19, 2002: Men's and Women's BB

January 20, 2002: Men's and Women's B

2002 Ohio Valley Regional Championships:

April 13 & 14, 2002, Columbus, Ohio.

www.ovr.org/mw/regionals/

Juniors'

Applications for sanction for 2001-2002 season tournaments

will be accepted beginning: September 1, 2001.

Registration Packets to be mailed: early October.

Tournament schedule to be published: December 1.

2002 Ohio Valley Junior Championships:

May 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12, 2002, Columbus, Ohio.

www.ovr.org/juniors/championships/

Officials

Registration due: October 15.

Professional clinics (see page 9 for more information)

December 1, 2001, Westerville (sponsored by Molten),

December 2, 2001, Pittsburgh,

December 8, 2001, Toledo.

www.ovr.org/off_rules/clinics.html

Player ref clinics: To be announced.

www.ovr.org/off_rules/clinics.html

Administrative

OVR board meetings:

October 21, 2001, Westerville South H.S.

January 21, 2002, Kent.

Publications

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