

## **Message from the QYC President September 1, 2007**

**Welcome to the Quakertown Youth Club's new Youth Wrestling web-site. As you can see by this site, QYC has been hard at work in the summer to provide its members with a web-site that they can use for information about the youth wrestling program. News and events, current schedules, important forms, tournament information, and other important information and links will now be available on our site. Many thanks to Debbie Hadley for her hard work on developing the site.**

**The 2006-2007 season was a great success, culminating with a 10-0 dual meet season that produced 3 Varsity Tournament Champions, 8 Junior Varsity Champions, and 5 Exhibition Tournament Champions. 4 of our Varsity wrestlers were undefeated in dual meets, along with 8 of our Junior Varsity wrestlers. With the possible return of 17 6<sup>th</sup> graders to our team this year, we hope to improve on these numbers in the 2007-2008 season.**

**In addition to our dual meet and league tournament successes, 7 of our wrestlers represented QYC well at the Middle Atlantic Wrestling Association's Eastern National Championships in Salisbury, Maryland.**

**Summer camp at Jody Karam's Elite Wrestling Camp in Bethlehem was another success for QYC, and the kids really seemed to have a great time. Sometimes the first day can be a little scary for the younger wrestlers, but by the time the week ended with the traditional trip to Melody Lakes for ice cream, many of them were sorry to see camp end. Special thanks to all those parents who helped at our MAWA Regional Qualifier tournament in April to make it possible to send our kids to camp, and also to those parents who helped shuttle them to and from camp each day.**

**Our summer picnic at the Mumbauersville Gun Club was a lot of fun, and it was great to see all our kids interacting and playing outside of the wrestling room.**

**Also during the summer, QYC's Board of Directors developed a new policy to encourage it's wrestlers to attend off-season classes at a private wrestling club. This policy will provide for reimbursement of a portion of the cost for those classes, contingent on attaining a minimum attendance schedule. It is our hope that offering this reimbursement will help our wrestlers improve their skills, not only for the benefit of QYC, but for the benefit of their future participation at the middle school and high school level. If anyone is interested in taking advantage of this new offering, please contact one of the Board Members for information.**

**As for the upcoming season, welcome aboard, and I'll see you in the wrestling room. Let's all make it a great year!**

**Pete Dorney  
QYC President**