

## *Letter from the Chair*

Happy New Year to all! I was holding off on sending out this letter until we had all the details done for the meet at Florida State, which is why there was not a letter until now. Most of the details are set, and I think those who come down for the meet will enjoy themselves immensely. The staff at FSU are really excited about us coming, and looking forward to hosting us. Some exciting, or different things we have planned for the weekend of May 5-8 would be having our banquet in the Varsity Club, overlooking the Florida State football stadium, and having our Thursday night meeting at a neat little restaurant near the pool so people can eat at the same time. The meet hosts are contacting the local massage therapy school to have folks on hand to help relieve our pain!

Currently we are exploring sites for the summer meet. Originally we had wanted to go to the University of Missouri, but unfortunately that fell through. As soon as we have an alternate site selected and confirmed, we will let you know! Many of you have sent suggestions for sites, and we appreciate that. One of the considerations that we have to look at is the cost of renting the pool. Some places charge way more than we can afford in our budget for pool rental, which is a reason that some sites do not work out. If you have some suggestions for next year, I would love to have those early, so that I can do some ground work ahead of time. Again, this is a long process to secure a site, a hotel, dates, etc, and I can assure you that myself, Ron Kontura, and Mary Bennett are all working diligently to get the best deal for our Masters National meets.

I hope that the holidays were wonderful for all, and that you are looking forward to diving in meets in 2011. I am looking ahead to fun times with all of you, and hopefully we can bring a few more friends along to join in the fun. Until next month, keep smiling, diving, and striving to land vertical!

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