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WHAT'S HAPPENING??

While the January 4th meeting was well attended, there are still many programs who were NOT represented at the meeting. The following items were discussed:

CHANGE IN FEBRUARY MEETING DATE!!!!!!....Please note that our February meeting date has changed. Due to the conflict of our February 1 meeting date/time with the Super Bowl, we have CHANGED THE FEBRUARY SCPYWO meeting from February 1 to February 8. As per our normal arrangements, the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites, Oregon Pike, Lancaster. **PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, AS WE HAVE SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES TO DISCUSS.** (A mass e-mail message was sent out to members notifying everyone of this change on January 8, and the change was also posted on the SCPYWO web site.)

SCPYWO WEB SITE...We again provided a live demonstration of how to enter/modify your tournament information on the Events page of the web site. A "cheat sheet" was created to assist all members in adding and editing their tournament information and was sent to all members. **Members PLEASE NOTE – it is YOUR responsibility to add/edit your tournament-specific information** – we can't do it for you. Please feel free to contact Dave Schell of Schell's Web Design if you have any questions or problems with entering your tournament information. Dave can be contacted at dave@imakewebpages.com. We also demonstrated the new interactive Bulletin Board on the web site. This area is a great way for member programs to ask questions and/or share information.

SENIOR AWARDS/PLAQUES...As was done last year, SCPYWO would like to provide awards to seniors from each member program who have wrestled from elementary through senior high school. You may remember that the criteria for this award is simply that a graduating senior wrestler must have continuously participated in a wrestling program from elementary school through high school, although it does not all have to be in the same school/district. This award is designed to recognize wrestlers for their commitment and dedication to the sport through their elementary/middle school/high school years. If your program would like to provide an award, please submit the wrestler's name(s) and school information to Jon Bartges as soon as possible. Plaques usually take two weeks to prepare, but please allow sufficient time for preparation and distribution prior to your school's end-of-year banquet. Send information to Jon by e-mail at jonbartges428@comcast.net.

ANOTHER TOPIC DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING...was the increasing number of B&C level tournaments that are being CLOSED due to excessively high registration numbers. Many schools are limited as to the number of wrestlers they can accommodate and many coaches are not using the on-line registration system as it was intended, thus appearing to inflate the number of wrestlers actually registered for tournaments. This is a grave issue for our organization, and we need to work to address it. We will brainstorm on this critical issue at the February meeting, so everyone should attend.

Our featured speaker for the February 8 meeting will be Tike Albright from The Wrestling Room. Tike will be discussing several issues, including a tournament software program that he has created. In addition, we have some VERY important topics to discuss at the February meeting, including nominations for officers for 2004-05. As of this date, we need to fill the positions of Vice President and Secretary for 2004-05. Terms of office for each position are for one year. If you are interested in serving as a SCPYWO officer next year, please contact John Reynolds at 625-2086 or at nearfall@ptd.net, as soon as possible. The future and success of our organization is dependent upon ALL members' continued, active participation. Please consider taking on a leadership role in the organization, and **MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 8TH MEETING.**

2004 TOURNAMENTS

Please see the attached REVISED list for upcoming tournaments.

(NOTE THAT SEVERAL TOURNAMENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND ONE TOURNAMENT DATE HAS CHANGED!!)

Also, note that the Warwick Tournament on 2/14 includes a JUNIOR HIGH division. Please e-mail John Reynolds at nearfall@ptd.net with your Jr. High coach's name & contact information and John will forward a registration form/information.

SCPYWO MEETING DATES

February 8 - Tike Albright
(The Wrestling Room)
March 7 - Speaker TBA/Election of Officers
April 4 - Banquet/Speaker TBA

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM, and are held at the Quality Inn, Oregon Pike, Lancaster. Members are encouraged to attend ALL meetings, and are also encouraged to bring your Middle School/High School coaches or other guests who may be interested in learning more about our organization.

(Information about the April Banquet will be provided at the February meeting and in the next newsletter.)

TORNADO ALL-GIRLS WRESTLING CLUB

– To increase involvement and available opportunities for **GIRLS** interested in wrestling, Jon Mitchell at McCaskey High School has started an **All Girls' program**, which is open to **GIRLS ONLY** of all ages and skill levels. The club holds **ALL-GIRL** practices on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 PM at J.P. McCaskey High School, 445 N. Reservoir Street, Lancaster, and focuses on skill building, wrestling strategies, and preparation for **ALL-GIRL** wrestling tournaments. There is **NO COST** to join the club; however, all athletes are required to purchase a USA Wrestling membership card, at a cost of \$30. Also, a signed parental permission slip and participant waiver must be completed before a wrestler may participate.

For more information on this great new program **FOR GIRLS ONLY**, see the attached flyer & enrollment form or contact Jon Mitchell directly at Mitchell@lancaster.k12.pa.us, or by phone at 717-481-8615 (home).

If you have any girls in your program who may be interested, please encourage them to participate in this unique program **FOR GIRLS ONLY!!!**

January 4 Meeting Attendees... John Reynolds (WAR), Debbie Reynolds (WAR), Brian Dahlheimer (SAA), Mike Gesford (HER), Vicki Gesford (HER), Henry Killian (LCMC), Chuck Wiggins (PV), Rick Emenheiser (DON), John Childress (DAL), Bob Whittemore (MMC), Jerry Whitcomb (COC), Dave Page (SAA), Sam Rueppel (LCMC), Rick Bechtel (HER), Robert Kessler (TUL), Gary Loiseau (LC), Mike Greiner (CV), Mike Puglio (ELCO), Mike Dunkle (ELCO), Mike McClune (PIO), Al Spicer (MTCAL), John Monk (TUL), Chris Irvine (COC), Beth Quickel (EPH), Matt Grube (LRC), Jon Bartges (MT), Scott Moran (OXF)

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