

**IDAHO'S REPORT TO THE REGION**  
**1-11-2008**

**All of the leagues in Idaho ended in October and play has continued at the indoor facilities while the outdoor leagues prepare to start up again in March. So there is little to report other than we will have some new faces at the Workshop.**

**There are still many things we need to work on as an association to prepare us for the future of soccer in the US. We are way behind the curve and if we do not start moving forward we can only self destruct.**

**The MYM was supposed to have some sort of avenue for us all to discuss our programs but as usual we did nothing. USASA needs to be lead toward the direction it's members seek. The problem is that so many are not involved or have no idea of what the organization is or where it is going let alone where we should be going.**

**It is time for us to start demanding changes that really make a difference to the membership rather than the administrators. The game is about play. We need to facilitate play in what ever way we can and provide the services necessary to make it happen. We can no longer sit around and watch other organizations take up the slack that we leave in the fabric of change.**

**Often times we get hung up in one issue or the other that are not core areas of the organization. There fore I suggest that we really re-define our goals and identify the needs and spend the money in those areas rather than spending money on a few players to play in elite soccer matches. Players are willing to pay their own way what we have to do is provide the programs that can help them enjoy the experience of playing the game through the USASA. If we cannot get a grip the opportunity will be gone and others will over-take the market place. I think we can see that happening a little bit at a time right now with US Club soccer and some of the other organizations including the Pros that have been running armature events strictly for the cash flow possibilities.**

**We need our rules committee looking at what we can do to change some of the US Soccer Bylaws to better support our organization. We need to really look at the programs we offer and make some changes based on the 5 generations we have in the work force today. We need to include all possibilities so that we can be a success. That may mean we consider 3 V 3 teams and competitions, 5 V 5, Coed, random team formation, tournaments that garner support from other organizations like the Youth or the Pros, Park Departments and maybe even our affiliate organizations.**

**It is not too late for us to make some real changes but we have to start to act soon Because time will not wait on us to change or adapt but it can leave us by the way side in a blink of an eye.**

**And a big Hello and welcome to the new President from Alaska! When I get you email address you too will be bombarded by the emails from the ranting spud boy—**