Letter from Leadership

How can it already be November! Where does the time go? I mean, there are fewer than 50 days until Christmas! Yikes! But besides Christmas shopping, at least for the membership department, November means … early registration! That means anyone who is a brand-new member or was not a member in 2018 can register on or after Nov. 1 and be current for November and December of this year, plus all of 2019. As a reminder, all USA Boxing memberships expire on 12/31/18 – so be sure to get registered as soon as you can. And speaking of registering, a couple things about background screenings and Safe Sport.

Background Screenings: As a reminder, background screenings are done every year. The background screenings are a bit more stringent than in years past, however, we do have a quick appeal process in place for those members who do not pass and whose convictions are less serious or happened a long time ago. If you do not pass your background screening, and you get the email from Southeastern Security Consultants, Inc. (SSCI) stating that you may appeal to USA Boxing, we encourage you to do so. Not everyone will be able to appeal. If you have any questions on this, please contact Hayden at USA Boxing at 719-866-2330.

Safe Sport: Safe Sport gets a bad rap sometimes as the “chore” no one wants to do. Like cleaning the toilet. But that is so not fair! The Safe Sport website and their certification program that is required for all amateur sports is important and valuable information. You need to think of Safe Sport as a neighborhood watch program on steroids. You, as a coach, official, and/or parent, are a member of the USA Boxing Neighborhood Watch Program! We must work together to keep our kids safe from predators and bullies. The Safe Sport program educates us all on what to look for. If you know what you're looking for, you're better equipped to possibly save a child. We can work together on this to better protect our kids.

New Fitness Membership: Starting January 1, 2019, we will have a new type of membership: Fitness! What is a Fitness Membership? I’m so glad you asked! A Fitness Membership is for people who want the fitness aspect of boxing which can include heavy bags, speed bags, and punch mitts with a coach, but who DO NOT want to spar or box against another person. Fitness boxing will have no physical contact at all.

Please don’t hesitate to call Membership with questions.

Betsy McCallister, Membership Manager

(See page 2 for Fitness Membership Fees & Incentives)
Ringside Physician Symposium Deemed a Success!

Thirty-one doctors participated in USA Boxing’s Ringside Physician Symposium in Chattanooga, TN during the Eastern Qualifier. The physicians earned CME credits while learning about: identifying the signs of an injured boxer and determining when a bout needs to be medically discontinued; common boxing injuries; legal issues; managing concussions; prohibited substances; nutritional issues; and the roles of the ringside physician, the officials and coaches.

Special thanks to our presenters and in particular to our Medical Commission (pictured above) Dr. Deborah Light, Dr. Armando Sanchez and Dr. Steve Lebhar.

Fitness Membership
Starting January 2019, we will have two categories of Fitness Memberships: under 18 years old and 18 & Over.

Fitness Membership Fees
Ages 8 - 17: $25
Ages 18 and up: $35

Incentives for Gyms
If you run a USA Boxing registered boxing gym, your gym will receive $5 for each Fitness Member you have!

If you have people in your gym who are there to work out only and don’t want to spar, encourage them to get a fitness membership and earn $5 for your gym. And the fitness member will have our secondary injury/accident insurance!

More information will be coming soon. Check your email and our website.

USA Boxing Equipment can now be ordered online!
Head to the USA Boxing website under the Shop tab for all your training equipment needs!

Happy First Anniversary!

Upcoming Alumni Events
Mark your calendar! The annual USA Boxing Alumni Association Hall of Fame Ceremony is to be held during 2018 Boxing Elite and Youth National Championships and Junior Prep Open on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT. Al Bernstein will be returning as the MC for the event.

2018 Inductees are:
- Emanuel Steward: Former US National Director of Coaching
- Roy Jones Jr: 1988 Olympic Silver Medalist
- Tom Cleary: Legendary USA Boxing Official
- Claressa Shields: 2x Olympic Gold Medalist
- Andre Ward: 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist

Our first year has gone by quickly and successfully with our membership steadily growing.

Check out and follow our social media pages!
2019 Events Announced

In addition to the 2018 USA Boxing Elite and Youth National Championships and Junior Prep Open in Salt Lake City, UT this December 1-8, save these dates and plan to attend the 2019 events:

- **March 23-30:** Western Elite Qualifier, Reno, NV
- **June 22-29:** National Junior Olympics, Madison, WI
- Watch for postings of additional event dates and locations soon!

National Staff Update

This quarter, USA Boxing welcomes two new staff members. **Derrick Raedel recently joined USA Boxing’s High Performance and Events department as High Performance & Events Coordinator.** The Colorado Springs, Colorado native recently served as a service manager at a local plumbing company, as well as coached boys high school basketball for over 10 years. Be sure to look for Derrick at our national tournaments and introduce yourself!

**Lisa Peterson is USA Boxing’s new Director of Finance!** Peterson gained her B.S. in Accounting from Chapman University and has over 25 years of experience in accounting and administration. Originally from Seal Beach, California, Peterson will be overseeing USA Boxing’s financial planning and accounting practices, as well as help manage the day-to-day business operations!

**Welcome to the team, Derrick and Lisa!**
Where in the World is The High Performance Squad?

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Be sure to visit usaboxing.org for updates!

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Welcome to the 25 NEW Boxing Clubs that have joined this quarter!
To find a club in your area, go to https://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/membership/find-a-club

All World Boxing
AZ Training Centers
Beyond Boxing, Inc.
Big Moe Boxing After Care
Cincoinasty Boxing
Cleveland YCAP Boxing Club
Cosa Nostra Boxing Gym
Da Scrap Yard
DeLand Boxing & Fitness
Global Fitness Martial Arts
Los Gallos Bravos Boxing
Mack’s Gym
Martin County PAL
Panhandle Boxing of Mesa
Raul Boxing House
RISE Boxing
Restoration House Boxing
SEARK Martial Arts Academy
The Academy
The Next Element Academy
Tried and True Boxing Gym
Tzintzun Boxing Team
Under Dog Boxing Club
Uppercut Young Jedi
Uppercutz Boxing Club

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Athlete In the Spotlight

Heaven Garcia (El Monte, California) closed out her successful youth career at the recent Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina with a bronze medal. Pictured below with National Junior and Youth Coach Augie Sanchez.

The two-time USA Boxing Youth National Champion also won the 2018 Youth World Championships in August to add to her 2015 Junior World Championship title. Coached by Carlos Rodriguez at Jerry Ortiz Memorial Boxing Gym, Garcia will be looking to make her elite debut at this year’s USA Boxing Elite National Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah!

Congrats Heaven on a successful youth career!

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