

**APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER** 

## **A QUARTERLY REVIEW**

The Fairfield County Sports Commission is a 501c (3) non-profit, educational and charitable organization dedicated to developing, implementing and supporting community programs designed to promote and educate our youth on fitness, nutrition and an active, healthy lifestyle as well as personal development through sports. The Commission's Chelsea Cohen Fitness Academy is the primary umbrella vehicle for these programs.



#### FCSC Receives \$50,000 Donation From ICAP

For the second time in 3 years FCSC has been the beneficiary of a major corporate donation from the ICAP Charity Day. The Commission again received a \$50,000 grant thanks to the incredible support of sports celebrity appearances by former heavyweight boxer Gerry Cooney (photo below left) and the NY Giants' Mark Herzlich (center). Austin Yusko and FCSC Executive Director Tom Chiappetta join Cooney







### **UnitedHealthcare to Sponsor Cohen Programs**

On the sponsorship front, we welcome our newest supporter, UnitedHealthcare. Starting a collaborative relationship with one of the nation's leading health benefits providers is a major step forward for our organization, which already enjoys the support of local partner Stamford Health. UHC will sponsor the Chelsea Cohen Fitness Academy, the annual Cohen Courage Award and the Cohen Memorial Scholarship, established in 2017 for female student-athletes in their senior year at the two Norwalk high schools.



### Fairfield County Giving Day A Success

For the fourth consecutive year, FCSC participated in the Fairfield County Community Foundation's annual Giving Day on March 1, which raised \$1.4 million for area charities. We want to thank all those who contributed to help us reach our goal of \$5,000. Special thanks to 2017 FC HOFer Ken Green for a very generous donation. In the 4 years the Commission has been part of this special county-wide celebration of non-profits we have raised more than \$17,000. Thanks to FCCF for making this event another big success.



# **Upcoming For The Commission**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 - 6 PM CLUB



"A Conversation With Sean McManus" 6 PM - 9 PM at Workpoint (use side entrance) Shippan Landing, 290 Harbor Drive, Stamford

Join us for a conversation with Sean McManus (left), Chairman at CBS Sports, moderated by Terry Lefton (right), Editor-At-Large of the Sports

Business Journal. Opportunities for networking and refreshments will be before and after the presentation. If you are interested in attending the event, please RSVP to <a href="mailto:rjmattmedia@gmail.com">rjmattmedia@gmail.com</a>











GALYA PUNDYK

### **Olympic Fencer Joins FCSC Advisory Board**

The Commission welcomes Galya Pundyk, an Olympic gold medal winning fencer, to our advisory board. Galya, who lives in Easton, is the assistant fencing coach for sabre at Yale University. She is a world-class fencer who helped lead the Ukraine National Team to gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics as well as being a two-time gold and three-time silver world champion. Pundyk recently opened the Olympian Fencing Studio in Wilton.

She already has a tie to FCSC as her fiancée Will Boe-Wiegaard, the men's and women's tennis coach at Sacred Heart University and former touring pro, was our Easton Sports Person of the Year in 2011. Galya joins two other Olympic gold medal winners on our advisory board in soccer's Kristine Lilly and women's hockey's Sue Merz as well as Olympic pairs figure skater Lea Ann Miller.

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