



AUGUST 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.



McMahon's Buzzeo Named Cohen Scholarship Recipient

Savannah Buzzeo was selected as the 2018 winner of the Chelsea Cohen Memorial Scholarship, given out by FCSC annually to recognize a female scholar/athlete who's a graduating senior from Norwalk high schools with a financial award toward higher education. Savannah received a \$5000 grant for her freshman year as she gets set to enter Lehigh University. The Brien McMahon grad was a 4-year high honors student and played multiple sports, including 4 years on the outdoor track & field team and 3 with the volleyball squad. She was one of the state's best javelin throwers and qualified for that National HS competition. UnitedHealthcare is the scholarship sponsor.



Left, Savannah poses with Chelsea Cohen's mother, Barbara Rittner; **Center**, 2017 co-winner Sarah St. Surin welcomes Savannah to the Cohen Scholarship family; **Right**, Savannah throwing the javelin at a track meet in her junior season.

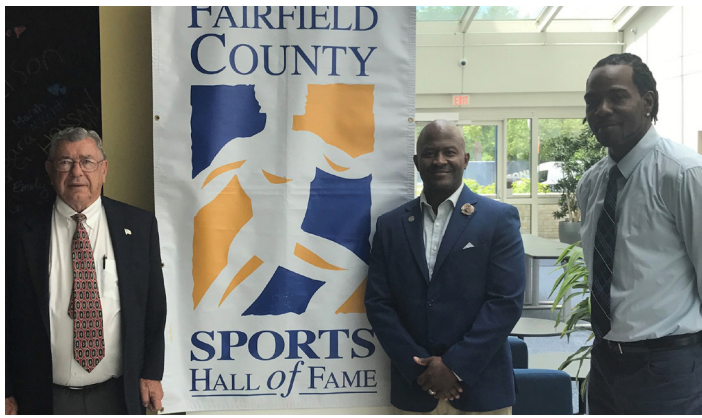
Ferraro Golf Tournament Benefits FCSC & First Tee



For the second straight year, FCSC, along with The First Tee of Connecticut, were the co-beneficiaries of the annual Lou Ferraro Golf Classic at Tamarack Country Club in Greenwich. The tremendous support of Jim Ferraro made the event a rousing success. The tournament is a day-long tribute to Father's Day which Jim--shown above at right (third from left) with his 4-some set to tee off at the 1st hole--created to honor his late dad. Photo at left shows former PGA golf pro Ken Green, who was named FCSC's Courage Award recipient in 2010 and inducted to our Hall of Fame in 2017, hitting a drive.

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Hall of Fame Update



The class of 2018 honorees are:

Jackie Robinson Professional Wing: **A.J. MLECZKO GRISWOLD (NEW CANAAN), TRAVIS SIMMS (NORWALK)**

James O'Rourke Amateur Wing: **RASHAMEL JONES (STAMFORD), CLAIRE BETH TOMASIEWICZ NOGAY (WESTON)**

J. Walter Kennedy Community Service Wing: **JOHN KUCZO (STAMFORD), the late PAUL KUCZO SR. (STAMFORD)**



We recognized the future and the past at two ceremonies at the Hall of Fame at UConn Stamford as our 2018 inductees were announced in June and the Class of 2017 unveiled their plaques in early May. In photo at top, three of the new Hall of Famers attended the press conference and posed together with the HOF banner, from left John Kuczo, Travis Simms and Rashamel Jones. Photo below that one shows last year's honorees displaying their plaques, from left 2008 Hall of Famer Ralph King representing Phil Kydes, Linda Lay accepting for her brother Randy LaJoie, and J. Walter Kennedy Community Service Wing recipients Jim Dolan and Laddie Lawrence. At far right, the official unveiling in front of the Hall wall.

Meet The Mets '18

A full house was on hand for our annual Meet the Mets fundraising event at Citi Field in May. In photos at right, over 100 guests anxiously await our treasure chest of raffle prizes, while a young Mets fan gets a boost up from NY Mets players, from left, Brandon Nimmo, Paul Sewald and Steven Matz, who stopped by for photos and autographs before the game.



6 PM Club Recap

On May 9, we hosted our "6 PM Club" networking event at Workpoint in Stamford. Photo at left shows featured speaker Sean McManus, Chairman of CBS Sports (at right), with the Sports Business Journal's Terry Lefton, who acted as moderator. Also pictured here are two former U.S. Olympians who were in attendance, pairs skater and FCSC advisory board member Lea Ann Miller (left) and cross country skier Leslie Krichko, who resides in Ridgefield.



Basketball Royalty Pays A Visit To The County

Fairfield County played host to basketball royalty at two events that FCSC supported. In May, Basketball Hall of Famer and former UConn and WNBA great Rebecca Lobo spoke at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk. Lobo poses with Tom Chiappetta of FCSC, which was able to secure Ashley Battle to attend and the three-time UConn national champion took time for a photo with Sports Commission board member Rebecca Petersen (photos below). While visiting UConn Stamford in June as part of the Huskies' coaching caravan, the school's Hall of Fame women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma took time to view our FC Hall of Fame wall and pose for a photo with the plaque of one of his finest players, Jennifer Rizzotti, a 2009 inductee into our HOF (photos at right).



Tributes To Courage Award Honorees



Last year's Chelsea Cohen Courage Award recipient Charlie Capalbo of Fairfield was a special guest at our Lou Ferraro golf tournament (photo above at right). His battle with leukemia continues but his health is improving and one of our volunteers Connie Belush gives him a high five salute while his dad Anthony looks on. The late Danni Kemp (center), our 2016 Courage honoree, will be recognized by Foran High in Milford when it names the girls softball field after her sometime next spring. At left, we mourn the passing of Paul Gorham (2012), the Sacred Heart football coach from 2004-11 who succumbed to a long bout with lung disease in June at age 57.

Upcoming For The Commission

- Monday, October 15, Stamford Marriott, 6 pm
14th Annual Sports Night/Hall of Fame dinner
- Look for our second 6 PM Club networking event
of the year in mid-September - Details to come

SPORTSNIGHT
CELEBRATING SPORTS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018 - 6 PM
STAMFORD MARRIOTT

DINNER TICKETS - \$135

TABLES OF TEN - \$1,350

HALL OF FAME HONOREES:
A.J. MLECZKO GRISWOLD, TRAVIS SIMMS,
CLAIRE BETH TOMASIEWICZ NOGAY,
RASHAMEL JONES, JOHN KUCZO, PAUL KUCZO

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