



2019 2ND HALF OF YEAR REVIEW

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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.



METS AID FCSC FUNDRAISING CAUSE

Twice in the last 4 months, the Commission received support from New York Mets players for FCSC's corporate charity days fundraising efforts. Pitcher Steven Matz (pictured at right) made an appearance at Cantor Fitzgerald's event on September 11. For the ICAP Charity Day in December, Mets first baseman and National League Rookie of the Year Pete Alonso, along with former Met and 1986 World Championship team member Tim Teufel (both shown at far right), represented FCSC. We are expecting to receive the very generous donations from the two companies in early 2020.



TEUFEL CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



In August, FCSC was the beneficiary for the eighth straight year of the Tim Teufel Celebrity Golf Tourney presented by Sweet'n Low. Played at Tamarack Country Club in Greenwich, the event is annually our #1 fundraiser thanks to the many loyal sponsors and golfers. The celebrity lineup (at left) is the best in the area each year. Photos at bottom, from left: a welcome to all for the 29th edition of the tournament, a smiling auction winner and a mini-reunion of three of the 1986 World Series-winning NY Mets, Doc Gooden, host Tim Teufel and Lee Mazzilli. (Photos by Chris Herder)



SPORTS NIGHT CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

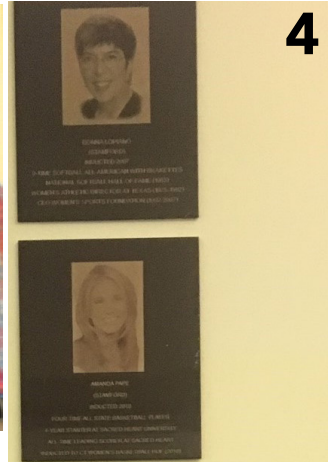


Our 15th anniversary SportsNight dinner was another big success. Highlights included honoring the District 1 champion Darien Little League All Stars and the Trinity Catholic High of Stamford girls' basketball Class S state champs (photos at left) as Sportspersons of the Year in their respective towns. Photos below spotlight Chelsea Cohen Courage Award recipient Kyle O'Reilly and Chelsea's mom Barb Rittner during the on stage presentation, while Bobby Valentine presented the Bill Gonillo Local Sports Media Award to Bob Kennedy (seated) and his family. (Photos by Chris Herder)



FC SPORTS HALL OF FAME UPDATES

- 1-Three of the newest members of HOF Class of 2019 from left Pete Tucci, Heather Donofrio, Roger Haggerty
- 2-FCSC executive director Tom Chiappetta poses with 2006 Amateur Wing Hall of Famer Walter Luckett
- 3-Class of 2018 inductee John Kuczo unveils his plaque at June ceremony
- 4-Donna Lopiano, Class of '07, poses in front of her plaque at top in visit to new Hall of Fame wall in July
- 5-Newest honoree for FCSC's Sponsor's HOF Kevin (Casey) O'Brien, who designed all 4 of the organization's logos
- 6-At the unveiling of the FCIAC's HOF plaques, Chelsea Piers' Marti Etter and FCIAC Commissioner Dave Schulz
- 7-Chiappetta met up with 2009 HOFer Dick Siderowf at our Lou Ferraro Golf Classic in June



FCSC EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITIES

The Commission continued its series of educational panels with two events five days apart in the late spring. As a member of the Region 1 Gambling Awareness Team, FCSC participated in a free presentation in Norwalk entitled “Legalized Sports Wagering: A Good Bet for CT?” The expert panel members are shown below. Collaborating with the Orthopaedic Foundation, the two groups co-sponsored an Injury Prevention/Healthy & Active Lifestyle Seminar at the Greenwich Library. The event’s featured speakers were one of the area’s leading orthopaedic surgeons in Dr. Kevin Plancher, along with professional snowboarder Julia Marino, a Westport native who was also a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 2018 (both pictured together at right).



COUNTY NEWSMAKERS

George Albano, the longtime Norwalk Hour sportswriter and FCSC’s Norwalk local community rep the past 15 years, was honored by having the press box named for him at Brien McMahon High’s Jack Casagrande Field in late May. The late Casagrande was one of our Hall of Famers in 2019. Top photo shows the sign dedication of the press box in George’s name and in bottom photo FCSC Executive Director Tom Chiappetta congratulates him at the ceremony.



THANK YOU



A big thank you to Quest Builders Group’s Patrick Fitzpatrick for taking the lead on sponsoring our Meet the Mets event at Citi Field in August. The night was also eventful for the Fitzpatrick family as their son Desmond celebrated his 10th birthday with many of his friends (photo above at left). Patrick and his wife Jaime pose with Desmond and his older brother Gavin (above right).



We want to give a huge shout out to all the volunteers who donated their time and effort to help us with all our events in 2019. Pictured in photos are: FCSC Board Member Sharon Martinez, Jen Ceci, and Kitty Brown at our golf outing. Second photo handling SportsNight check-in duty are Vicki D’Agostino, Kremena Yurukova, Monica Webster and Connie Belush. WE CAN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! (All photos by Chris Herder)

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