

SCSSC Fall/Winter Newsletter

Local Games Workshop Upcoming

The Annual Local Games Training Workshop is slated for January 15th in Columbia. All Local Games Coordinators and representatives from any agency or county looking for information on starting a local game or Invitational event in their area are invited to attend. The Workshop will be held at the Cayce Tennis Center in West Columbia from 10am-3pm and lunch will be provided. Topics include: Publicity, Fundraising, Incorporation, Conducting Games from A to Z and Roundtable Discussions. Sanctioning Games will be given a Local Games Operation Manual including detailed info on how to set up a Game as well as sample score sheets, rulebooks, etc. To register or get more information, contact Debbie Wall at dwall@sc.rr.com.

2013 Planning Retreat Held

The Board of Directors met September 27-28 to make plans for the upcoming season. Intensive Committee work was conducted to elect officers, approve the budget and develop the schedule of events for the 2013 State Games. Tommy McWatters from Chester was named the new President, Joni Dilworth from Greenville was elected Vice President, Josephine Jupiter and Robin Parker from Florence were dubbed Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Phebe Holcombe, remains in office as Past President and Bernie Ditter and Walt Lancaster from Charleston will round out the Executive Committee of the organization. The Board of Directors meets four times a year in January, April, June and September.

The new 2013 Registration Form is now online at our website scseniorgames.com.

NSGA Moves to Orlando

The National Senior Games Association has relocated from Baton Rouge to Orlando, Fla. The NSGA sponsors the National Senior Games which will be held in Cleveland in 2013, in Minneapolis in 2015 and annually thereafter starting in 2016. The SC Senior Sports Classic is a member organization and the official sanctioned representative for South Carolina to the NSGA.

Publicity Committee Organized

A grassroots Publicity Committee has been organized with members from around the state to promote the Classic, Local Games, and Senior Health and Fitness at the local level. Debbie Eaddy of Florence will chair the committee which will be armed with posters, scripts, public service announcements and commercials to distribute to local media outlets. If you are interested in serving on the committee in our efforts to “get the word out”, please contact Debbie at dce40@aol.com.

Legislative Efforts Underway

A special Legislative Committee has been appointed to meet with State Legislators to request funding for a SCSSC Health Initiative that would complement our program to keep South Carolina’s senior population active and healthy. Lt. Governor Glenn McConnell and his Office on Aging were very supportive of our mission to keep our population off the health care rolls and on the fields, gyms and byways of the state, promoting fitness and healthy lifestyles. If you would like to help in this effort, please contact Tommy McWatters at mcwatters@truvista.net.

Note From The President

As 2012 draws to an end, it is always good to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year.

The 2012 games were a huge success. We had many new first time seniors participating in the games. Our games were opened for the first time for participants from states other than South Carolina. This gives us an opportunity to meet and compete against other athletics and gives the participants a chance to qualify for Nationals if they were unable to take part in their own state games. Thanks to all who made our games successful. Without our participants, sponsors, and volunteers, our games would not be possible.

Many of you qualified for the National Games to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. Through the years, South Carolina has had many seniors taking part in the National Games and they have done well. We would like to encourage you to plan to attend the National Games this year.

As we look forward to 2013, many new opportunities are available to us. Our goal is to expand the number of local games and participants. We want to better promote our local and state games throughout the state. We are working toward getting more sponsors so that we can have the money to continue providing the highest quality games possible.

We look forward to working with our board and committees to make our 2013 games a success. Hope to see each and every one of you at our games in May.