

Summer Newsletter

2012 State Games Great Success

The South Carolina Senior Sports Classic State Games continues to grow in quality, scope and participation. There were 128 first time participants, 19 out of state competitors and 280 national qualifying performances in 74 events. Forty nine state records were shattered. The new events of Bocce, Pickle Ball and Triathlon continue to grow. Sun City Hilton Head hosted the team Softball and Volleyball tournaments. Over 100 volunteers offered their service to conduct the Games. Three outstanding athletes were inducted into the third class of the SCSSC Hall of Fame. The Torch Club added 92 new members. Bi Lo, Bo Jangles and The Rothwell Family were welcomed as new sponsors. And the one and only Executive Director, Carl Hust, retired after 25+ years of service. Thanks to all of these supporters, participants and volunteers that contributed to make the 2012 State Games such a success.

23 Local Games Statewide

The SCSSC is proud to be affiliated with recreation departments, universities, adult living communities, and government agencies that have joined to offer local senior games year round around the state. The Lexington County Senior Sports Games were held in March followed by the Greater Greenville Senior Sports Classic, the Waccamaw Sports Classic, the Irmo-Chapin Senior Sports Games and the Sumter County Senior Fitness Games all in April leading up to the State Games in May. But there are still more to come! On September 17-20 Columbia will host the Midlands Area Senior Games and October Games are slated for Orangeburg, Chester and Rock Hill. All are open for your participation.

Three Inducted Into Hall of Fame

Nana Whalen, Mack Branham, and Lavinia McDaniel joined an elite group of outstanding athletic contributors in the SCSSC Hall of Fame. The trio was inducted at the 2012 State Games Celebration of Athletes May 17th being recognized for their achievements on and off the arena of play.

2013 Planning Retreat Scheduled

The SCSSC Board of Directors will gather in North Myrtle Beach for a 2 day planning retreat September 27-28, 2012. Board officers will be elected, committee chairs named, the 2013 budget approved and the 2013 State Games competition organized for the upcoming year. All 2012 evaluations forms submitted will be reviewed individually to determine rule/schedule changes needed to continue to improve state, local and invitational events. Any comments or suggestions received by September 1st will be included for consideration.

Note from the President

2012 Senior Games was full of new and exciting things. A revamped "Torch Club" program presented an opportunity for participants to assist in sponsoring the SCSSC. **Thank you all for your dedication and overwhelming support.** For the first time, Out of State, participants were allowed in our games. In the future we hope to increase these numbers. Pickleball is now a qualifying event for NSGA competition.

I want to extend a challenge to all of the 128 first time participants. *BRING SOMEONE NEW WITH YOU IN 2013.*

As I conclude my final term as President, I contemplated what to say here, but so many people have affected my life in such a positive way, that I could not possibly thank all of them or put into words the love I have for you and the SCSSC. The support of the Board members, the staff and all of the participants, made the last 6 years so memorable. I plan to give the new leadership all my support and hope all of you will as well. The SCSSC is growing and headed toward an exciting future. God Bless all of you and I'll see in at FMU in May of 2013.

Love to all, Phebe