

**JULY 2016**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS – YORK COUNTY**

**NEWSLETTER**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS-YORK COUNTY held their Annual Spring Games on May 7, 2016. The day began with rain sending the opening ceremonies indoors but ended with bright sunshine. Our athletes took center stage as Noah Rinehart and Brian Honeychuck were outstanding masters of ceremonies for the opening activities (thanks to their mentor Becky Rinehart). Our athletes paraded into the gym led by the William Penn ROTC and many other dedicated volunteers. Special recognitions of service awards were presented to Bev Boyd (Volunteer Extraordinaire) and Joe Oaster (Porky’s Place) for their dedicated volunteerism to SOYC.**

**Thanks to the SOYC Spring Games Committee for an awesome time.**

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**2016 SPECIAL OLYMPICS – YORK COUNTY SPRING GAMES RESULTS**

**TENNIS RESULTS**



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|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Gold- Lois Klingaman   | Gold-Scott Johnson       | Gold- Matt Billings |
| Silver-Holly McCleary  | Silver- Joseph Gerzewski | Silver- Chad Misner |
| Bronze- Corey Markle   | Bronze- Hannah Olphin    |                     |
| Gold-Loretta Claiborne | Gold-Mark Ferguson       |                     |
| Silver-Patrick Lee     | Silver-Dan Schultheiss   |                     |
| Bronze-Priscilla Foss  | Bronze- Israel Myers     |                     |

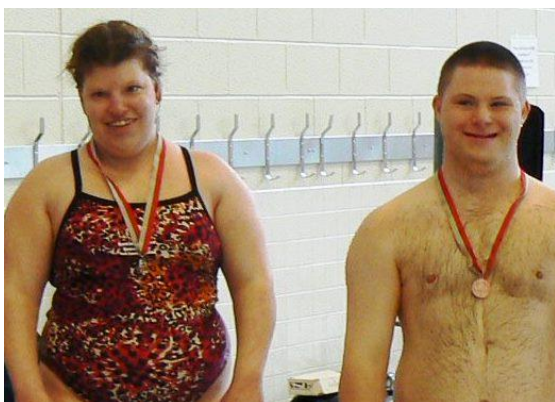
# SPECIAL OLYMPICS – YORK COUNTY

## JULY 2016 SWIMMING SPRING GAMES RESULTS

Athletes participating in Special Olympic aquatics started practicing on February 20<sup>th</sup>. They practiced at least once a week at York College Grumbacher center and finished training on April 30<sup>th</sup>. May 7<sup>th</sup> was Spring Games and 25 swimmers participated in this event. Many thanks to our Head Coach – Karrie Holt – and all the assistant coaches and volunteers that helped thru out the season. Here are the results of Spring Games –

**Penny Carter - 2 Silver and 1 Bronze; Noemi Castillo – 2 Gold and 1 Silver; Amy Copenheaver – 1 Gold and 2 Bronze; Colt Day – 2 Gold and 1 Silver; Tricia Ellis – 1 Gold and 2 Silver; Aaron Fritz – 1 Gold and 2 Silver; Joanna George – 2 Gold and 1 Silver; Shannon Graham – 1 Gold and 2 Silver; Marshall Geesey – 1 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze; Zack Keller - 3 Silver; Jill Kern – 1 Gold and 2 Bronze; Ryan Leathery – 2 Gold and 1 Silver; Jenny Laudeman- 1 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze; Patrick Masterson - 2 Silver and 1 Bronze; Robert McKenzie – 1 Gold and 2 Bronze; Alexis Mundorf – 1 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze; Amy Pepo - 2 Gold and 1 Bronze; Michael Plappert – 2 Gold and 1 Silver; Raven Pitzer – 3 Gold; Stacey Prowell – 2 Gold and 1 Silver; Noah Rinehart – 2 Gold and 1 Silver; John Sahady – 2 Gold and 1 Silver; Christina Spangler – 1 Gold and 2 Silver; Allen Wargo – 3 Gold and Regi Wise – 1 Gold and 2 Silver**

### OUR SWIMMERS ON THE AWARDS PODIU



## **Meet our New Aquatics Coach.....**



**Hi, I'm Karrie Holt, the new head Aquatics coach for Special Olympics York County. My work background includes lifeguarding, teaching swim lessons, and teaching Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid. In 2012, I received the American Red Cross Aquatics Hero award. I recently went back to college and completed a degree to become a Physical Therapy Assistant. My husband and I are parents to two teenagers, a black cocker spaniel, a lovebird, and several fish. In my spare time, I cannot seem to stay away from water and like to**

**swim laps at the YMCA.**

## **Meet your Roller Skating Coach.....**



**Hi, I am Darnell Ott and this is my 20<sup>th</sup> year of volunteering with Special Olympics and coaching roller skating.**

**I started skating when I was around 5 years old and spent many years competing. I stopped skating when my children were born and got back into it when they were young. Both of my children competed when they were young. I started competing again in artistic skating (figures and dance) around 20 years ago. I have competed for many years now, but the passion is still in me.**

**I had the great pleasure of coaching roller skating for Special Olympics World Games in 2003 in Ireland. There were 4 athletes that I was coaching....one from Blair County and three from Delaware County. I am proud to say that all 4 athletes came home with Gold medals. We worked hard leading up to Ireland. Their parents would take turns bringing them to York to practice once a week. It was definitely an experience that I will never forget!!!**

**I am employed full time with the County of York in the Commissioners' Office and part time with ARC of York County. In my spare time, I love gardening, cooking, fishing and doing things outdoors. I have several pets...dog named Charlie, 3 feral cats that I take care of, 3 kittens I have 2 children...Thomas, 26, an engineer and Lindsay, 30 who is a housewife...they are both Penn State grads! Both of my children have helped me in the past with roller skating for Special Olympics. Lindsay will be by my side again this year to coach. She has attended Villanova Fall games for several years now.**

## **Attention All Volunteers!!!**

Thank you to all who have been working on bringing your trainings and certifications up to date. As you continue this process please be sure to contact me if you have any questions. Along with what you are already doing SOPA is ready for all of us to begin the process which will result in Background Checks for all of us. This process is mandatory for all Special Olympics volunteers, even those who presently have a Background Check (clearance) through Special Olympics or any other organization. Those who continue to want to support our athletes in those sports they choose to attempt must comply with this request.

We are working with those sports volunteers involved in presently training athletes as well as those whose training begins in the near future. This process requires that a volunteer already in the database (one who has been volunteering) email to me your date of birth, current home address including zip code, and a current email address. Once I have verified that this information is correct in the database I will send an email to you with 3 attachments: an instruction sheet, page one of the Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers, and page two of the Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers. At that point you should begin the process leading to a Background Check which is good for 5 years. Once again if you have any questions or problems, please contact me.

Finally, if you are no longer able to volunteer for our organization it would be helpful for our record keeping if you would email that decision to us.

Thanks again for all that you do for our athletes!

*Karen Plappert*  
*Training Coordinator*  
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# **UPCOMING EVENTS.....**

**2016**

## **Special Olympics York County Family Picnic and York Revolution Game**

**Friday, July 15, 2016**

Details to follow

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## **SPORTS ATHLETE REGISTRATION**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2016**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**York County School of Technology Cafeteria  
*Athletes, please don't arrive before 6:15 p.m.***

**COACHES MEETING - 7:30 P.M.**

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## **25th Annual**

## **Carl Gardner Golf Benefit for Special Olympics York County**

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

**Heritage Hills Golf Resort**

**10AM - Registration**

**11AM - Lunch**

**Noon - Start**

# SPORTS SCHEDULES



## ***ROLLER SKATING***

**Roll "R" Way Family Skating Center  
Vander Ave. York, PA**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**

**Sept 8 Sept 15 Sept 22 Sept 29**

**Oct 6 Oct 13 Oct 20 Oct 27**

**Coach Darnell Ort – 717-384-8017**

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## ***VOLLEYBALL***

**Ballyhoo  
2810 E. Prospect Rd, York, PA**

**Time: 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**

**Sept 7 Sept 14 Sept 21 Sept 28**

**Oct 5 Oct 12 Oct 19 Oct 26**

**Nov 2 Nov 9**

**Coaches – Bev Boyd 717-266-1831 or Heather Bell 717-384-0212**

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## ***BOCCE***

**York Township Park – Oak Road, Spry  
Saturdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**July 30**

**August 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Saturdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

**September 10, 24**

**October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Coach – Mike Smith – 717-793-9216**

# SPORTS SCHEDULES CONTINUED



## BOWLING

**Colony Park Lanes North and South**

**Saturday – September 10 thru December 3, 2016**

**York County Invitational Tournament – November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Coaches – Bev and Bob Baker**

**Carol Seitz**



## FLOOR HOCKEY

**Weiglestown Elementary School, 3205 Carlisle Rd, Dover Pa 17315**

**November 1, 8, 15 & 29**

**December 6 & 13**

**January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2017**

**February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2017**

**Deb and Tom Wolfgang - 292-4899**

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Philip Genovese, who passed away last year was recently memorialized by York College Best Buddies with a Maple Tree planted in his honor. We thank the Best Buddies organization for honoring our friend Philip, a Very Special York County Olympian. Members of Special Olympics – York County and the York College Best Buddies are shown at the tree dedication. Thank you Noah and York College Best Buddies



In honor of Philip, Noah Rinehart wrote the following poem remembering his friend.

**P** als  
**H** ave good friend  
**I** like good company  
**L** aughing with my friends  
**I** have lots of fun  
**P** ray

**G** od is with me  
**E** verybody pray  
**N** ice flowers  
**O** ur buddies  
**V** ery generous  
**E** nd your sorrow  
**S** pread the love  
**E** xtraordinary friendships

**Athletics Aquatics Basketball Volleyball  
 Bocce Bowling Kayaking Tennis  
 Figure Skating Golf Roller Skating  
 Softball Alpine Skiing Floor Hockey  
 Soccer Young Athlete Program  
 Athlete Leadership Spirit Squad**

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 Bev Baker 850-1203  
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**For more details about Special Olympics – York County**

