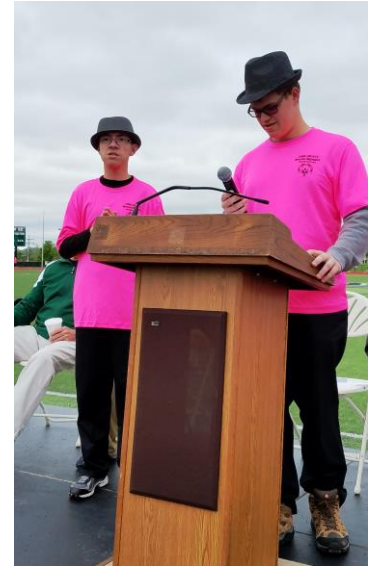


**JULY 2017**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS – YORK COUNTY NEWSLETTER**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS-YORK COUNTY held its Annual Spring Games on May 6, 2017. Our athletes took center stage as Dean Prowell and Joseph Gerzewski were outstanding masters of ceremonies for the opening activities**

**Our athletes paraded onto the field led by the William Penn ROTC and many other dedicated volunteers. A special recognition award was presented to Eric Immel for his dedicated volunteerism to SOYC. A special thank you to York College's representatives Dave Boslough and Jamie Reid for all their assistance.**



**The athletes and students of York College were once again above and beyond with their assistance starting on Friday with the loading of equipment, throughout the day on Saturday volunteering as buddies, timekeepers, and all around cheerleaders for our athletes**



**Our torch was brought onto the field, escorted by Corporal Orazio Riccobono and Officer Chris Martin on motorcycles with Detective Kyle Hower carrying the torch. Thanks to all athletes and volunteers who participated in the torch run and opening ceremonies.**



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



**Manager's Corner with Jeff Witman, SOYC County Manager**

**Special Olympics Can Promote Wellbeing!**

Two things stand out from my first few months as manager. First, the tremendous dedication and skill of our athletes, coaches, volunteers, families and supporters. Their contributions, cooperation and collaboration are impressive and create a variety of positive outcomes. The second thing that stands out about the program is the potential it has to foster wellbeing among all who are involved. I encourage all of you to consider the list below which highlights how participants can be encouraged and empowered to move from "hanging in there" to "doing great."

**Promoting Wellbeing**

Accomplishment

- Recognize participants' achievements in programs.

Autonomy

- Provide participants with choices among and within programs.

Engagement

- Promote flow by matching participant's level of skill to a level of activity challenge, which is not too hard and not too easy.

Meaning

- Determine participants' values and provide opportunities in which they can demonstrate them.

Positive Emotions

- Identify and provide activities, which promote participants' joy, happiness, contentment, satisfaction, optimism and hope.

Relationships

- Be intentional in fostering and maintaining participants' friendships.

Self-Acceptance

- Encourage personal reflection as a component of debriefing and evaluating experiences.

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***Meet your Family/Outreach Coordinator***



**My name is Jim Miele. I am a husband to Olga and a Dad to Damian, living in Hanover, PA. Damian became eligible for Special Olympics in 2010. I started out as an interested parent, but quickly became involved once I saw all the good that this program does. It is at once an opportunity for normalcy for our athletes as it is a community for all our families.**

**My role on the Management Team is as the Family Outreach Coordinator. I work on ways to get the word out on who we are and what we do while looking for more ways to engage our families to be a tighter community.**

**I also coach throughout the year and have found it to be more rewarding than I would have ever thought. I am the Head Coach for our Basketball program and I assist in golf and bowling.**

**There are never enough hands, so please consider giving what time and talents you can spare.**

**I can be reached at [family@specialolympicsyorkcounty.org](mailto:family@specialolympicsyorkcounty.org) with any ideas, questions, or concerns.**

**(Missing from picture, Jim Miele)**

# Special Olympics World Games

**Regi Theodore-Wise**

**Special Olympics – York County Athlete**

**SOI Medal Winner**

**York County Newsletter Guest Reporter**



**It was an incredible experience and honor to be a part of SO Team USA. It was amazing to be able to spend ten days with some of the most fantastic athletes and coaches in the world in a town with views that simply take your breath away. I have never been so challenged as a skier and have never felt more proud and more humbled to be counted among such talented and skilled athletes as I saw in the advanced level competition. I am so excited to have been able to bring home a bronze and a gold for Team USA.**

**Thank you so much to each and every one of you who have loved and supported me every step of the way. It's been a challenging year and the challenges continue. World Winter Games 2017 will remain a time of joy and wonder, a bright moment in my life where I was able to build wonderful friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime and where I was able to make my country proud. I am extremely grateful to have been able to be a part of these World Games. I hope to have an opportunity to do it all again.**



**Shown with Regi is her husband Mike who accompanied her to Austria.**

**Regi Theodore-Wise was a York County participant at the Special Olympics World Games in Austria in February 2017.**



# Special Olympics – York County Golf Team

Participated in the 2017 Special Olympics Pennsylvania Summer Games

held in State College, Pennsylvania on June 1 – 3, 2017.

**Congratulations to our golfers, and our coaches.**



**Tom Elicker (Volunteer), Ben Druck (Athlete), Kevin Druck (Unified Partner), Jonathan Martin (Athlete), Jenny laudemman (Athlete), Barbara laudemman (Coach), Nat Martin (Assistant Coach), and Justin Elicker (Athlete)**

**looking forward to next season for our golf team**

**Jonathan Martin - level 4 Individual Play - Gold Medal**

**Justin Elicker - level 4 Individual Play - 4th Place.**

**Ben Druck and Kevin Druck - level 2 Unified Partner - 4th Place.**

**Jenny laudemman - level 1 Basic Skills - Silver Medal**

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## Head Soccer Coach Needed



Special Olympics of York County is in need of a Head Soccer Coach. The season usually runs from August until the end of November. Practices are usually held once a week. Tournaments involved are an Invitational to Area M Fall Classic at Hershey on Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and Fall Festival held at Villanova University from November 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Several volunteers/assistant coaches are available to assist in this program. If interested – please contact our training coordinator

Karen Plappert - [training@specialolympicsyorkcounty.org](mailto:training@specialolympicsyorkcounty.org)

# **SPORTS ATHLETE REGISTRATION**

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

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

**York County School of Technology Cafeteria**

**Athletes, please do not arrive before**

**6:15 p.m.**

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

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**26th Annual**

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

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

**Heritage Hills Golf Resort**

**10AM - Registration**

**11AM - Lunch**

**Noon - Start**

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**SPECIAL OLYMPICS - YORK COUNTY**

**AT THE**



**SAVE THE DATE  
AUGUST 11, 2017**

**LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE MAIL**

# SPORTS SCHEDULES

## *ICE SKATING*



**York Ice Arena**

**Vander Ave. York. PA**

**November 6, 13, 20, 27**

**December 4, 11, 18**

**Holiday Show TBA**

**January 8, 15, 22, 29**

**February 5, 12, 19, 26**

**March 5**

**State Games Figure Skating – March 10<sup>th</sup> in York**

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## *ROLLER SKATING*

**Roll "R" Way Family Skating Center**

**Vander Ave. York. PA**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**

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

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

**Nov 2, 16**

**Coach Darnell Ort – 717-384-8017**

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## **BOWLING**

**Colony Park Lanes North and South**

**Saturdays: September 9 - November 25**

**York County Invitational Tournament**

**Sunday, November 19th**

**Bowling Banquet – December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Coaches – Bev and Bob Baker**

**Carol Seitz and Jim Miele**

# SPORTS SCHEDULES cont.

## BOCCE



**York Township Park – Oak Road. Spry**

**Saturdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**July 29 August 5, 12, 26**

**Saturdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. September 9, 16, 30**

**Saturdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. October 7, 14, 21, 28.**

**November 4**

**Coach – Mike Smith – 717-793-9216**

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## VOLLEYBALL



**Ballyhoo**

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

**Time: 6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.**

**Sept 6, Sept 13, Sept 20, Sept 27**

**Oct 4, Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25**

**Nov 2, Nov 8**

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## KAYAKING



**2017 PRACTICE/COMPETITION SCHEDULE:**

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Selected Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Schedule (subject to change) - athletes will be contacted individually if there are changes/cancellations in the schedule

June 10, 14, 21, 24, 28

July 5, 8, 12, 15\* (competition with Adams County), 19, 26

August 9, 16, 23