



SAVE THESE DATES 2008:
(In Order by Date)

DIRECTOR'S CLUB BANQUET

February 14th
Aqua Turf Club, Southington

**4TH ANNUAL
NUTMEG STATE GAMES
REGATTA**

Saturday, May 10th

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, May 19th
Avon Country Club

**CONNECTICUT SENIOR
GAMES**

May 30th – June 1st
www.seniorgamesct.org

THE CIGNA GOLF CLASSIC

July 8th – 13th
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NUTMEG STATE GAMES

July 26th – August 3rd
Opening Ceremonies:
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PRE-COLUMBUS DAY PRO-AM

Monday, October 6th
Ellington Ridge Country Club

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NUTMEG STATE GAMES

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Fourth Annual Pre-Columbus Day Pro-Am

The Fourth Annual Nutmeg State Games Pre-Columbus Day Pro-Am Golf Invitational Tournament took place on October 1, 2007 at Ellington Ridge Country Club.

The weather was unbelievably summer-like, with temperatures in the mid to high 70's. The golf was as hotly contested as the weather was warm. With a professional purse of \$7,000, CT Section PGA pro's played a level of exciting golf that enhanced the day for the participating amateur. In the end, Co-champions were declared between Kevin Giancola of Golf Quest in Southington (last year's champion) and Rick Leal representing Wycoff Country Club in Massachusetts. Both scored 68 on the par 72, always challenging Ellington

Ridge Country Club.

Below are listed the professional players that claimed part of the purse and the Net Champions led by professional Tony Kelly and amateurs Bill Fabbri, Byron Round and LJ Skeie. In second place was Jerry Courville, Jr. and amateurs Richard Courville, Gene Coyne and Al DeCarlo, and third place net was Rick Leal and amateurs Mike Hadjun, Tim McCarthy and Don Sheehan.

The pros included Kyle Bilodeau, Glen Carlson, Mike Carney, Dave Cook, David Dell, Ron Dellostritto, Tom DelRosso, Greg Farland, Tim Gavronski, Jim Hanlon, Rick Leal, Frank Leja, Jr., Fran Marrello, Stan McConachie, Ryan Richard and Brad Worthington.

AWARD WINNERS *continued*

Coordinator of the Year Marty Ogden – Track & Field

Marty Ogden joined the Nutmeg State Games team in 2007 as the Coordinator and Meet Director for Track & Field competition. Marty replaced Carl Reichard and did a masterful job organizing and directing the one day meet featuring over 400 athletes from all over Connecticut. Marty is a graduate of Danbury High School, class of 1987, and Southern Connecticut State University, class of 1992. He has an extensive background coaching Track & Field. Marty began his coaching career as assistant coach at Sacred Heart University while attending graduate school. He was hired as an assistant Track & Field coach at Danbury High School in 1992 and was promoted to Head Coach in 1993, staying on until 1998. Marty has also co-coached the Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field teams with Rob Murray since 2000.

In 1998, Marty was selected the Connecticut Coaches Association Track & Field Coach of the Year. During his nine-year tenure at DHS, his teams captured state championships in cross-country (twice), indoor track (three times) and outdoor track (once). Currently, Marty is a teacher at Weston High School, where he is the head coach for the cross country team and assistant track and field coach. His teams at Weston High School won state titles in cross country, indoor and outdoor track during the 2006-07 school year.

**Officials Coordinator of the Year
Connie Chapin – Field Hockey and Girl's Lacrosse**

Since 2005, Connie has played a very important role for the Nutmeg State Games in helping to recruit, schedule and coordinate officials for Field Hockey and Girl's Lacrosse tournaments.



Connie Chapin 2007 Officials Coordinator of the Year.

Connie's enthusiasm and desire to help support events that present opportunities for Connecticut's youth to participate in sports has been a vital component that the Nutmeg State Games have relied on to run successful competitions.

**Rookie Wins CIGNA Golf Classic
IN A 1 HOLE PLAYOFF!**

Taylor Leon from Dallas Texas in her first year on the Duramed Futures Tour wins the CIGNA Golf Classic in a classic playoff with Mollie Faunkhauser one of the tours top players in 2007. Taylor finished the event at one under on a very tough Arnold Palmer course.

Taylor was pleased with her victory and is ready to move to the next level. "I'm definitely ready to get over the hump of seconds, thirds and top-10s," said the player from Dallas after Saturday's second round. "I know I can do it."



2007 Cigna Golf Classic Winner Taylor Leon

And today she did. Leon edged out Mollie Fankhauser in a one-hole playoff to earn her first professional title at the

\$80,000 CIGNA Golf Classic. Both players tied at one-under 215 and both struggled with wind and untimely mistakes in the final round of the ninth annual Greater Hartford area event.

In spite of a lackluster three-over-par score of 75, Leon returned to the 18th tee for an extra hole against Fankhauser. She confidently stroked a driver to 109 yards from the flagstick, hit her pitching wedge to around 10 feet and two-putted for par.

Measuring at 6,402 yards, Gillette Ridge Golf Club was buffeted by winds of up to 30 mph during the Sunday final round – making the tough Arnold Palmer-designed course even more of a test. On top of that, a nearly one-hour storm delay temporarily derailed the momentum of the last three groups, including Leon.

"During the rain delay, I was sitting there rolling my eyes and my mom said, 'Anything can happen,'" said Leon, 20, who played the 2007 NCAA Women's Golf Championship in May, then left the University of Georgia after two years. "And she was right."

We look forward to 2008 and we thank our sponsors from 2007 for all their support of this great tournament! Thanks to our Title Sponsor CIGNA and other sponsors, including Golfers Warehouse, The Hartford Insurance Company, Alstom, Westinghouse and Harford Steam Boiler.

Connie began officiating while in college and has accrued over 25 years of experience officiating multiple sports including basketball, softball, field hockey and girl's lacrosse. She has officiated numerous CIAC state and NEPSAC finals and currently holds college ratings in both field hockey and lacrosse working Division I, II and III games in New England, New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In 2007, Connie achieved a National rating from the WDOC of US Lacrosse. She has been actively involved in the Nutmeg Games since its inception as an umpire and coordinator.



West Hartford Girl's 7th & 8th Grade Lacrosse Team at Fairfield University

Connie is a former elementary physical education teacher and currently works as a Clinical Exercise Physiologist at Cardium Health in Farmington, CT.

Volunteer of the Year Brad Lockwood



2007 Volunteer of the Year Brad Lockwood

In 2007, the "Games" were once again blessed with an "exceptional volunteer" who worked everyday of the "Games" – nine consecutive days! Brad could be seen working at the figure skating competition, wrestling meet and was a fixture at basketball score tables at Shelton Intermediate School, Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University.

Brad's volunteering over the years has been with American Red Cross, Stamford Hospital, Cub and Boy Scouts of America and the annual Orange Volunteer Firefighter Carnival. Brad's long term goal is to work as a volunteer with the US Figure Skating Association and the Winter Olympic organization.