



December 2011

News and Notes

Fourth Special Olympics York County Polar Bear Plunge

Saturday, February 4, 2012
John Wright Building, 124 N. Front St.
Wrightsville PA 17368



Michael Plappert, Special Olympics athlete, marches bravely to the chilly waters of the Susquehanna River with Team Beach Boys and Friends for the 2011 Polar Bear Plunge. SO athlete Marshall Geesey was also on the Beach Boys team.

Can you help us spread the word about the plunge? We have 5000 brochures to distribute to various community locations. We will bring some to the bowling awards luncheon. If your employer, church or social club will allow you to place them at the water cooler, coffee pot, copy machine or some other place for interested folks to look at and pick up, please take some along. We will also have posters for display on office/factory bulletin boards.

Call Phyllis Seelig (846-6110), Carrie Smeltzer (755-4158) or the SOYC office (846-1881), to help the plunge in any capacity.

Check out the plunge at www.specialolympicsyorkcounty.org

**THANK YOU TO THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA DRYCLEANERS ASSOCIATION AND
THE GOLF COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS**



The 20th Annual Carl Gardner Golf Benefit for Special Olympics raised **\$23,650** in September. Total raised over the years is nearly **\$122,000**. SOYC thanks the golf committee and their many volunteers who made it happen. From left: Cindy Gardner, wife of the late Carl Gardner; Marilyn Powell, Nationwide Payment Solutions; athlete Jon Martin; Terry Bupp; Chuck Zink, State Farm Insurance; Dwight Honecker, Nationwide Payment Solutions; Paula Kostick, Classic Drycleaners; and Nat Martin, head golf coach.

BASKETBALL

Schedule pending:
Will be available at
Athlete Registration
on January 4, 2012



Coach: William 'Rob' Robertson 244-3474
Please note: no jeans or hats

Ice Skating

York Ice Rink
Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m

Dec. 5, 12, 19
Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Va. Beach Invitational: Thurs. Jan. 19

Local competition: Sunday, Feb. 5

Keystone Games: Fri.-Sun. Feb. 3-5

Director Lin Huber 252-2939

codystable@earthlink.net



Please arrive 15-20 minutes early
to get ready to go on the ice at 6
p.m.

SKIING

Tentative Schedule (depends on
weather & slope conditions)

Thursday nights: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

at Roundtop Mountain Resort

January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 1



Please have your athlete report no later than 6:15 p.m.

Coach: Michelle Miller, 873-9643(cell, try first)
225-1433

Skiing is limited due to number of available volunteers. Currently the program is full; interested athletes will go on a wait list.

Aquatics

Aquatics practices will be held at the YMCA in York. There are two sessions offered for the athletes. The first session is from 8:00 - 9:15 and is for those athletes with swimming experience who are at a higher skill level. Athletes must be able to swim full lengths of the pool and must be able to demonstrate the different swimming strokes. The second session is from 9:30 - 10:30 and is for those athletes who need more assistance with their swimming skills. **This is NOT a Learn-to-Swim program.**

Practice Dates:

January - 7, 14, 21, 28

February - 11, 18, 25

March - 3, 10, 24, 31

April - 14, 21, 28

Spring Games, May 12, at Suburban High School

For SOPA Summer Games qualifiers: May 19, 25, June 2

Coach: Carrie Smeltzer, 755-4158

Spirit Squad

Spirit Squad will be held at **Strictly Fitness Gymnasium** on Carroll Road in York, behind the CVS Drug store on select **Saturday's from 12:00 - 1:00**. During these practices, athletes will be taught numerous stunts and routines under the direction of Carissa Thomas and the Red Lion Cheerleaders.

Contact person for questions: Carrie Smeltzer, 755-4158

Practice Dates:

January 7, 21

February 18

March 5, 17, 31

April 21

Perform at the Polar Bear Plunge—Saturday, February 4

Participants will receive a schedule of practice and performance dates at first practice.

ATHLETICS (Track and Field)

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Feb. 21, 28

March 6, 12, 20, 27

April 3, 10, 17, 24



Spring Games—Sat. May 12 at York Suburban HS

Coach Matt Morrison - 792-1213

All athletes must wear athletic attire—no jeans

York County School of
Technology
2179 S. Queen St.
York PA 17402

Events: running, speed walking, wheelchair racing, broad jump, running long jump, shot put, softball throw, Frisbee throw, relay racing.

TENNIS DATES 2012

WHERE: Wisehaven Tennis Center
2989 East Prospect Road
York PA 17402
Phone 757-6373
Wisehaven@yahoo.com

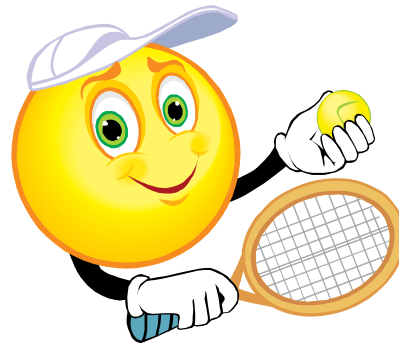
WHEN: Fridays 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

DATES: JANUARY 6, 20, 27
FEBRUARY 10, 17, 24
MARCH 9, 16

APRIL 6, 20, 27
MAY 4

SPRING GAMES: MAY 12

SUMMER GAMES PENN STATE: June 7-9



We will be at Wisehaven again this year, thanks to Jim and Sue Overbaugh . They donate the courts for our training sessions. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again this year.

If you have any questions please call Head Coach Phyllis Seelig at 846- 6110 Doris and Les Loucks – Pat and Ray Mentzer – and others will be back to help you become "Tennis Stars!"

SPORTS ATHLETE REGISTRATION

Athletes who cannot attend registration may call the head coach of the sport they want to register for, after this date.

Wednesday, January 4, 2012 - 6:30—7:30 p.m.

York County School of Technology Cafeteria

Aquatics Athletics Basketball
Golf Softball Tennis

Coaches, please arrive at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting of all head coaches at 7:30 p.m.

If the head coach cannot attend, please send one of your assistant coaches.

If Vo-tech is closed for any reason (early dismissal or closed for the day), registration night will be cancelled.

Thank you to Glatfelter Insurance Group for printing this newsletter and to Suzanne Keim for mailing it.

Each issue of the Special Olympics newsletter is now available at the Special Olympics York County website. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please email us at info@specialolympicsyorkcounty.org, and you will be notified when the new issue is available with a link to it.

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