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The Monthly Newsletter of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission



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Commission Meetings

3/9/09 - 5PM Exec Committee
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. 9th Floor

3/12/09 - 5PM Hall of Fame Committee
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. 9th Floor

3/19/09 - 8AM Lou Groza Committee
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. 9th Floor

3/23/09 - 5PM Sports Commission Board
Location TBD

4/6/09 - 5PM Exec Committee
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. 9th Floor

4/20/09 - 5PM Sports Commission Board
Location TBD

4/23/09 - 8AM Lou Groza Committee
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Meetings are subject to change. For the most up-to-date listing check the website www.PalmBeachSports.com.

SPORTS COMMISSION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Patty Dent of BankAtlantic was elected President of the PBCSC at its annual meeting in February. Michael Brady of L.B. Limited & Associates, Inc., was elected Vice President, and Guy Quattlebaum of Butzel Long Attorneys was elected Secretary/Treasurer - each for a two year term.



Patty Dent, a Senior Vice-President, Regional Manager in south Palm Beach County for BankAtlantic said "I have been involved with the Palm Beach County Sports Commission for over 10 years; it's an honor for me to serve as its president". Patty previously held the position of Secretary/Treasurer. She has been with BankAtlantic for 18 years, and in the banking industry for 25 years. She has also served as chairman of the board of the Jupiter Tequesta Juno Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Brady is a partner in the PR firm, L. B. Limited & Associates, Inc., Michael is involved in many organizations including the Business Advisory Council, National Republican Congressional Committee, is a graduate of Leadership Palm Beach County, 1996, and is an Executive Committee member of the Red Cross Greater Palm Beach. He is a graduate of Minneapolis Technical Institute.

Guy E. Quattlebaum, Esq., is a member of the Litigation Group in the Palm Beach office of Butzel Long. Mr. Quattlebaum was named a Florida "Legal Elite" by Florida Trend Magazine in 2006, 2007 and 2008. He has also achieved an AV-Rating from Martindale Hubbell's Peer Review Rating system, the highest rating in both professional ability and ethical standards.

Newly elected to the Board of Directors was Robert Broadway, FHFMA, MBA. Mr. Broadway is Vice President of Corporate Strategy for Bethesda Healthcare System in West Palm Beach. Mr. Broadway is the Chairman of Healthcare Financial Management Association for 2008-09, a professional membership organization of 35,000. He is also Chairman of the AIF Florida Hospital Council.

Re-elected to the Board of Directors; **Carol Coleman** from the United States Equestrian Federation and Canadian Equestrian Federation, **John DeMott**, retired sportscaster, **Jason Myers** from JCD Sports Group, **Laura South** from The Merchant Strategy, **Ellie Wyatt** from the Hilton Garden Inn and **Jeff Zipper** from the Private Client Group National City.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of all upcoming events check our website at www.PalmBeachSports.com.

Winter Equestrian Festival

January 14 - April 5, 2009

Palm Beach Polo Equestrian Center

The longest-running equestrian event in the world, it annually hosts national and international competitions for Hunters, Jumpers, and Dressage.

Spring Training Baseball

February 25 - April 4

Roger Dean Stadium

Every February the St. Louis Cardinals and Florida Marlins bring their Major League teams to Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, FL for Spring Training.

Palm Beach Challenge

February 27 - March 28, 2009

Santaluces Athletic Complex

NCAA and NJCAA baseball teams travel to Palm Beach County during their spring breaks to compete in this collegiate level spring training forum. Approximately 50 to 60 teams are expected to attend the event.

Spring Fling

March 3 - March 28, 2009

Multiple Locations

Spring Fling is the largest spring training event in the country for women's collegiate lacrosse and secondary prep schools.

Honda Classic

March 2 - March 8, 2009

PGA National

This PGA Tour event attracts some of the world's best golfers. The tournament will consist of 144 golfers competing over 72 holes. Golfers are competing for a total purse of \$5.6 million.

USA Gymnastics Men's State Championship

March 14 - March 15, 2009

Florida Atlantic University

The event includes competitors from levels 4-10, which attracts athletes from the ages of 6 to 18. The State Championship serves as a qualifier for regional competitions.

FAU Spring Break Golf Championships

March 27 - March 29, 2009

Gleneagles Country Club

This new event will feature 14 teams that including Notre Dame, Michigan, and Illinois.

Florida Golden Gloves

March 28 - March 29, 2009

Grandview Prep High School

Florida Golden Gloves is a youth boxing organization that offers young adults the opportunity to compete in Olympic style boxing tournaments.

National Grand Slam Baseball Tournament

March 29 - April 3, 2009

Florida Atlantic University

This baseball tournament contains several of Florida's top high school baseball teams, offers great competition and also plays host to several college and pro scouts.

PBC SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Become a part of Palm Beach Sports history as we recognize the lifetime achievements of current and former athletes who have influenced sports in our county. The 33rd Annual Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet and Annual Sports Awards will take place on Sunday, March 29 at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.

The 2009 Induction Class

Ray Boetel, Sports Media
Mark Calcavecchia, Golf
Darryl Ceravolo, Basketball
Joey Ceravolo, Basketball
Tom D'Angelo, Sports Media
Bill Davis, Contributor
C.W. (Web) Pell, Coaching
Charlie Perrson, Coaching
Jack Rhine, Baseball
Howard Schnellenberger, Coaching



Also being honored at the banquet are the Annual Sport Award Winners. The finalists include a sensational pitcher for the Florida Marlins, a Wimbledon champion, an undefeated high school track superstar, a college basketball coaching legend, and a world-class polo player. Get to know these local stars at this year's upcoming Hall of Fame Banquet.

Tickets are still available, please go to www.palmbeachsports.com/hof to purchase your tickets online or call (561) 233-3180.

LOCAL GROZA WINNERS ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIPS

Brendon Gibbons and Patrick O'Donnell, co-winners of the 2008 Lou Groza Local Place-kicker of the Year Award have signed college athletic scholarships. Gibbons, who played for Cardinal Newman High School signed with the University of Michigan, and O'Donnell of Palm Beach Central High School signed with the University of Cincinnati.

They joined Groza Local Player of the Year finalists, Nu'Keese Richardson, of Pahokee High School, who after a last minute change, signed with Tennessee and Seminole Ridge High School's Tyler Wilhelm who signed with South Dakota.

Palm Beach County had a total of 55 high school players sign college athletic scholarships on February 4.

Palm Beach County should be extremely proud of its football talent, especially after Super Bowl XLIII with players such as Arizona Cardinal wide receiver Anquon Boldon, who won the local Lou Groza Award in 1998, he is also the first Lou Groza high school winner to play in a Super Bowl, and Santonio Holmes, a Groza finalist in 2003 who was selected as the Super Bowl MVP for his game winning end zone catch for the Pittsburgh Steelers.



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HUNDREDS OF COLLEGIATE SPORTING TEAMS COME TO PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR SPRING BREAK

Over 5,200 Room Nights Projected in March

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission works diligently to attract collegiate sporting teams to the County to practice during their spring break. Three such events; The Palm Beach Challenge, Spring Fling and the inaugural FAU Spring Break Golf Championships will produce an estimated 5,200 room nights for Palm Beach County hoteliers during the month of March, and have a \$3.7 million economic impact on the County.

The Palm Beach Challenge College Baseball event, presented by Doubletree Guest Suites, Boca Raton will attract over 60 NCAA Division 1, II and Junior College baseball teams competing at Santaluces Sports Complex from 15 different states and Canada.

Over 120 games will be played beginning Feb. 27. Among the notable Division I teams are nationally ranked Ohio State, Pittsburgh, and Penn State. Up to 17 games per day will be played.

Last year, 41 Challenge participants were drafted by Major League Baseball in the annual first year player draft.

Spring Fling began in 1997 in Panama City Beach and moved to Palm Beach County 5 years



ago. The premier college Lacrosse spring event, Spring Fling attracts 70 NCAA Division I, II, III and prep schools teams from predominately the Northeast to South Florida. The number of participating teams has doubled since coming to Palm Beach County.

This event runs March 1 - March 28, 2009. It will be held at several locations including Mirasol Park in Palm Beach Gardens, Lake Lytal in West Palm Beach, Katz Field in Royal Palm Beach and Village Park in Wellington.

In its first year of what promises to become an annual event, Florida Atlantic University will be hosting the FAU Spring Break Golf Championships at the Gleneagles Country Club in Delray Beach on March 27 - 29.



Fourteen NCAA Division 1 schools will be participating in this year's event including the Univ. of Illinois, the #1 ranked team in the country. Other notable schools participating include Michigan and Notre Dame.

Palm Beach County's, climate, great sports facilities and amenities help the Sports Commission sell the concept of "Just Bring Your Game."

12TH WCF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF CROQUET COMING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY

The United States Croquet Association will be hosting the 12th WCF World Championship of Croquet at four venues in and around Palm Beach County, Florida from May 9th to May 17th, 2009. The Headquarter site is the 12-court National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach, the largest croquet facility in the world, where all the final play-offs and main events will be staged.

Other games in the preliminary rounds will be played at the PGA National Croquet Club in Palm Beach Gardens; the Beach Club in Palm Beach; and the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club of Boca Raton. The event rotates annually among the major croquet-playing countries of the world, and was last held in the US in 1992 in Newport, Rhode Island.

Eighty players from 20 countries will be participating in the 2009 Championship. Returning this year will be the 2008 winner, Chris Clarke of England; five-time champion Robert Fulford of England, two-time champion Reg Bamford of South Africa. English players have dominated the championship in recent decades, winning eight first places and ten second places. They will be tested this year by fourteen of the top US players hoping to have a good showing on their home soil, along with strong challengers from New Zealand and Australia.

Championship croquet is played on a 104'x84' manicured lawn similar to a golf green but perfectly level. Points are won by shooting the balls through heavy rectangular iron hoops, called wickets, with a 1/32" clearance. Croquet at the world championship level is a game of precision, skill, and strategy. The sport bears a resemblance to the backyard croquet known to most Americans, but with strategy and feats of skill and precision never witnessed in the casual game.



The event is supported by a grant from the Palm Beach County Sports Commission and is expected to generate over \$250,000 in economic impact and create over 600 room nights for local hotels.

SPORTS COMMISSION AWARDS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission has granted four local high schools a total of \$3,000 to their athletic departments from the 2008 Lou Groza program.

Annually, the national Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Awards program, which recognizes the top kicker in college football, also recognizes the outstanding achievements of local high school football players.



Sports Commission President, **Patty Dent** and Executive Director, **Gerry Baron** presented the awards recently at a meeting of the Palm Beach County School District's Athletic Directors. Schools receiving awards were William T. Dwyer High School, Palm Beach Central High School and Cardinal Newman High School.

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SPORTS COMMISSION RECOGNIZED AT DELRAY BEACH ITC

Newly elected officers of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission were recognized Wednesday night, February 24 during the opening coin-toss ceremony at the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships.

New Sports Commission Vice President, **Michael Brady**, (far left) new Secretary/Treasurer, **Guy Quattlebaum**, (far right) and **Gerry Baron**, Executive Director of the Sports Commission were joined by players in the first match of the evening for the coin-toss ceremony.



The Sports Commission has supported this event through its grant program since 2006. In 2009, the Sports Commission provided a grant of \$11,250. The Delray Beach International Tennis Championships is expected to generate approximately 700 room nights, and over \$3.5 million in economic impact to Palm Beach County.

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