

# Richard P. Garmany Tennis & Leadership Award



## **AWARD DESCRIPTION:**

The Richard P. Garmany Tennis & Leadership Award was established in 2011 to honor the late Richard P. Garmany, a long-time recreational tennis player who unselfishly gave his time and energy to promote the sport of tennis. This award recognizes one male and one female Masters' Games Tennis Participant who through guidance and by their example have encouraged and inspired others to play tennis, assume leadership roles and provide education to the tennis community. This award is supported by the Richard P. Garmany Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.\*

## **ABOUT RICHARD P. GARMANY:**

Before his death in 2008, Mr. Garmany, a former executive at Aetna, created a donor-advised fund at the Hartford Foundation through his will. Since then, grants totaling more than \$1 million have been awarded to support dozens of nonprofits, including Hartford Hospital, the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network, the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and the Connecticut River Watershed Council.

## **2013 WINNERS:**

**Margot Turk:** Margot Turk has been playing tennis since high school. She pursued her love for the game in college by taking tennis physical education courses to prepare herself to teach the sport. Margot has earned either silver or gold in the past 7 CT Masters' Games in both the ladies doubles and mixed doubles. Margot has also competed in 5 out of the last 6 National Senior Games. Margot looks forward to competing in the 2014 Masters' Games.

**Milan Turk:** Milan Turk has been playing tennis since the age of 10 when he was first introduced to the sport by a gift of an early 20th century solid ash and mahogany racquet. He has competed in the Masters' tennis tournament for the past 7 years in both mixed doubles and men's singles and has also competed in 5 of the last 6 National Senior Games. He is a member of the USTA, and currently plays men's singles 3 to 4 times per week. He also regularly works with a tennis pro in order to further perfect his skills. Milan plans to compete in both mixed doubles and men's singles in the 2014 CT Masters' Games.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

In order to be considered for the Richard P. Garmany Tennis and Leadership Award one female and one male must be nominated and meet the following criteria.

## **CRITERIA:**

1. Participation in the 2013 State Masters' Games Tennis Tournament
  - a. Overall athletic participation and achievement in tennis
2. Outstanding dedication to the tennis community
  - a. Provides positive leadership to other players and enthusiasts
  - b. Exemplifies sportsmanship through fair play and respect
  - c. Dedicated to tennis education and community outreach
3. Leadership component
  - a. Is a source of inspiration and encouragement to others to become active and assume effective leadership roles in the tennis community
  - b. Displays good attitude and effort that reflect onto other players
4. Also, please explain the following about the nominee
  - a. Athlete's motivation/reason for being involved in tennis and athletics
  - b. Special attributes or circumstances within the sport/community
  - c. Why he or she represents the spirit of amateur athletics and the State Senior Games movement

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Prospective winners are nominated for the Richard P. Garmany Award. The nominees are selected and determined depending on their meeting of the above criteria. The results are based on a weighted average.

## **PRESENTED AT:**

The 2014 Connecticut Masters' Games Tennis Tournament  
New Britain High School, New Britain, CT

## **TIMETABLE**

**February:** Solicitations sent out to Tennis Participants

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:** Application Deadline

**Early May:** Nominations due to Awards Committee

**Mid May:** Recipient selected

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Presentation of the award at the 2014 CT Masters' Games Tennis Tournament

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