

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 MastersqGames 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.

2012 WINNERS:

Elizabeth McCracken: She runs a local fitness business appropriately called, ±CANqwhere she works with many older citizens with interests in getting them into good physical and mental shape. In 2012, Bobette competed in the 75-79 age division at the Connecticut MastersqGames in both singles and doubles. The 2012 %Games+was her 8th year participating in our Tennis Tournament.

Ernie Uthgenannt: He is a noted tennis player, instructor and advocate. Ernie has been playing tennis for 58 years and teaching tennis for 54 years. He has been ranked in New Englandq top tennis players for both singles and doubles several times, including being ranked #1 in New England 50+ singles and doubles, #1 in Father and Son 60+ doubles and #1 in 70+ singles and doubles. Ernie first participated in the Connecticut MastersqGames in 1992, winning gold medals virtually every year since then in both basketball and tennis.

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 MastersqGames 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. Athleteq 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 conclusion of the 2013 Connecticut MastersqGames Tennis Tournament
New Britain High School, New Britain, CT

TIMETABLE

February: Solicitations sent out to Tennis Participants

Friday, April 26th: Application Deadline

Early May: Nominations due to Awards Committee

Mid May: Recipient selected

Saturday, May 18th: Presentation of the award at the conclusion of the 2013 CT MastersqGames Tennis Tournament

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