

# Sports Calendar

## PARKS & REC

Registration for the following programs, unless otherwise noted, can be made at the Southington Parks & Recreation Department at (860) 276-6219. Checks should be payable to Town of Southington. Visit: [www.southington.org](http://www.southington.org).



**NIA FITNESS CLASSES**—Thursdays, Feb. 2-March 29, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., at Strong Elementary School. Nia classes are taken barefoot to soul-stirring music using movements from the martial arts, dance arts and healing arts. Cost is \$60. Class size is limited. Pre-registration and payment is required.

**LITTLE LEAGUE/GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**—Saturday, Feb. 4 and Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Southington High School cafeteria.

ria. Programs are open to Southington residents only. Athletes must be at least 5 years old on April 30, 2012. Parents should bring certified birth certificate with raised seal and three different proofs of residency. There is a cost which varies by division which must be paid by cash or check.

**ADULT FITNESS CLASSES**—Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 16-June 5, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., in the Kennedy Middle School gym. The program will consist of low/high aerobics and strength training with free weights. Cost is \$50, and this program is open to Southington residents only.

**SAFE BOATING COURSE**—March 6, 8, 13, and 15, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m., at the Kennedy Middle School cafeteria. Participants must attend all four classes to be eligible for the exam. Students 16 years and younger must be accompanied

by an adult. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration and payment is required.

## FUNDRAISERS

**SHS BASEBALL AT ATHONY JACK'S**—Saturday, Jan. 29, noon-1:30 p.m., at Anthony Jack's Restaurant in downtown Southington. Cost is \$20 (tickets will be available at the door). Proceeds benefit the Blue Knight

baseball team. Menu consists of salad, steak and chicken, potato, vegetable, and soda. Contact: John Rogalski, (860) 681-6494.

**SHS SWIM TEAM BOTTLE DRIVE**—Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at DePaolo Middle School cafeteria. Proceeds will benefit the Blue Knight swimming and diving team.

## REGISTRATION

**SOUTHINGTON LACROSSE SPRING REGISTRATION**—Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m.-noon, at DePaolo Middle School cafeteria. The league is open to new and returning players in grades K-8, and registration can be done in person or online at [www.southingtonlacrosse.org](http://www.southingtonlacrosse.org).

Medical insurance information is needed for registration. Cost is \$165 (grades 5-8), \$135 (grades 1-4), or \$60 (grades K-2). There is a equipment available for rental while supplies last (Cost is \$44). A \$20 family discount is available.

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# Wrestling: lower the spotlight

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support the kids. Hopefully, they enjoyed it," he said. "There's a lot of history, as you can see on the wall. We've been trying to build this up and up and up for a lot of years now."

The wrestlers did their part. Brandon Lariviere (170) christened the new facility with a 54-second pin. Two matches later, Austin Sullivan pinned his 195-pound opponent in just 10 ticks of the clock. Southington battled out to a 24-4 lead and held on for a 40-21 win.

"It's a good Newington team, and we had to wrestle," said Dion. "We had

something like four matches from the other weekend [at the Greater Hartford Invitational], and none of them went the same way as they did last weekend. It was exciting and tough. It was a lot closer than the score may have said at the end."

Southington shined under the spotlight. Travis Daly (285), Alex Martin (152), and Tyler Hyde (160) won by pin with Hyde capping the meet with a 25-second match. Freshman grappler Zach Bylykhashi scrambled for an 11-3 major decision. Nate Solomon (126) avenged a one-point loss at the Hartford meet with a solid 10-4 decision, while Ryan DuPuis (138) toppled a

Hartford champion by a two-point decision.

Even the losses had drama. Tyler Mirando (106) scrambled for a 4-3 loss in a rematch of the previous weekend's championship bout. Mark Jaffer (145) lost his rematch in a 2-1 decision. Dion didn't play with the lineup but sent his super sophomore Zach Maxwell (182) into the ring to face a giant. Maxwell came away with a 13-2 loss, but Dion was pleased with the effort.

"Maxwell had the best kid pound-for-pound in the state, and really gave the kid a great match," he said. "I could have bumped away there, but I figured it was more important to get a

good match in for both of those kids."

That's the point that the Knights are trying to make with their new Wednesday night look. Come for the spectacle and stay for the show. Even a 21-point victory can be exciting as each drama unfolds on the mat.

"Hopefully this will convince a lot of people to come out to our matches and see a good product. We have a lot of good, hard-working kids hustling their humps," he said. "If you watch a basketball game, the last 20 seconds are really exciting. If you go to a wrestling match, you have those last 20 seconds 14 times. It's just more exciting."

# Girls hoops: 1-1

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Charamut powered the attack with 13 points. O'Keefe added 10, and Chapman scored eight. Six Knights contributed to the final score, and Southington held the lead from start to finish.

"They were coming off a pretty good game. They only lost to NW Catholic by eight, so we knew they were going to be ready. It was a nice road win. We got the lead and we never let it go. We made some shots down the stretch to keep it at that six, eight, or 10 point margin," Forgione said. "It was a good road win, but we're trying to put back-to-back wins together

er which we haven't been able to do yet."

The girls will try for that elusive two-win week with games against Bloomfield and Newington. Two wins would clinch the postseason with five games to go.

"We just take it game by game," Forgione said. "We're going to work as hard as we can every day. We're going to watch film. We're going to practice. We're going to go over different things. We're going to put situations on the clock and work."

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# Skiing: Knights continue to close the gap

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have been working on a lot of stuff with their training, and it's starting to really show in their racing," said Florian. "They're both starting to pick up the pace, and the other girls are as well. It takes a while to get your feet wet, especially if you're not skiing as much as the more

experienced racers. They're all starting to figure things out."

Florian and Case led the way, followed by Rebecca Ryan (58.49). Alyssa Aligata (60.31), Laurel Pehmoeller (64.85), and Meghan Parks (66.69) scored. Carolyn Zesut (72.99), Rachel Fabian (73.1), Rachel Klem (74.35), and Marissa Tedeschi

(76.02) contributed, and the Lady Knights (356.8) finished eighth overall.

Southington will have almost two weeks to prepare for their next team competition, but Florian, the Chambers boys, Doughty, and Chase will all return to Mt. Southington on Monday, Jan. 30 for the first of two CT Shootouts. It's the

best Blue Knight turnout in memory, and their coach has high expectations for his skiers to advance to Team CT. The race is scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

"All four boys should make it," he said. "Erika will probably make it, and Christa has a really good shot because she's skiing well. We'll see."

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