

Delaware Teams Dominate Senior Basketball Tournament

On Saturday, October 29, twenty-three men's and women's senior basketball teams from West Virginia to Massachusetts competed in the 2011 Delaware Senior Olympic 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at the Police Athletic League Center in Hockessin, Del.



Two Delaware teams competing in the 60-64 age bracket. George Howard and Dave Schoettinger of TeamFox go airborne to get off shots over the Delaware Diamonds. The Diamonds won this game and the Gold Medal.

The men's division was dominated by Delaware teams – winning the Gold medal in three of the four age brackets. The Gold medalists from Delaware are: in the 50-54 age bracket, Delaware Gold with team captain Tony Figliara; in the 60-64 bracket, the Delaware Diamonds with team captain Bob Hefflefinger; and in the 65-69 bracket, TeamFox with team captain Gene Mirolli. The Gold medal in the 55-59 bracket went to 2011 National Senior Games champion, the North Jersey Senior League All-Stars.



The Baby Boomers from Alexandria, Virginia, captained by George Pruden (at right), are wearing the Silver medals won in the 55-59 bracket. Teams from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia competed in the tournament.

DSO Men's Basketball coordinator, Charlie Ganter, welcomes long-time teammate George Howard to the 3-on-3 event. They played on teams representing Delaware at the National Senior Games in Norfolk and in Louisville and on teams in Gene Mirolli's DSO winter league. They were reunited on TeamFox 60s.

Only two age brackets were represented in the tournament's women's division. The 50-54 bracket was won by the Mass Miracles (Massachusetts) with the Gold medal going to BC Quest (Pennsylvania) in the 55-59 bracket.

Complete tournament results follow:

Men 50-54

Gold: Delaware Gold

Silver: Burlington Players (New Jersey)

Men 55-59

Gold: North Jersey Senior League All-Stars

Silver: Baby Boomers (Virginia)

Bronze: Albany (New York)

Men 60-64

Gold: Delaware Diamonds

Silver: Lancaster Warriors (Pennsylvania)

Bronze: Martinsburg Classics (West Virginia)

Men 65-69

Gold: Team Fox (Delaware)

Silver: Buxmont Warriors (Pennsylvania)

Bronze: Penn Sixties (Pennsylvania)

Women 50-54

Gold: Mass Miracles (Massachusetts)

Silver: BC Pursuit (Pennsylvania)

Bronze: NOVA United Triple Threat (Virginia)

Women 55-59

Gold: BC Quest (Pennsylvania)

Silver: Mass Miracles (Massachusetts)

Bronze: CT Classics – A (Connecticut)

Photo caption: Wilmington's Charlie Ganter (Front row, center) organized TeamFox to raise awareness for the efforts of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Ganter was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease six years ago. TeamFox competed in the tournament's 60-64 age bracket. Team members included Bill Wagamon (Lewes, Del.), Dave Schoettinger (Milford, Del.), Charlie Harris (Richmond, Vir.), George Howard (Wilmington), John McDermott (Wilmington)