

**\*\*RE-SCHEDULED \*\***

Heavy Hitters USA  
&  
The UCONN Wrestling Club  
are hosting  
The 6th Annual  
*“Husky Howl!!!”*



**Sunday February 15th, 2015**

at

New London High School  
490 Jefferson Avenue  
New London, CT 06320

*Division-                      Age Categories,      Check in Times,                      Start Times,                      Period Length :*  
*A minimum of 20 minutes must be allowed - between wrestlers matches, unless a shorter time is agreed to by the coaches.*

<i>Mighty Mites</i>	<i>(2009-2010)</i>	<i>7:45 – 8:30</i>	<i>9 AM</i>	<i>1-1-1</i>
<i>Bantam</i>	<i>(2007-2008)</i>	<i>7:45 – 8:30</i>	<i>9 AM</i>	<i>1-1-1</i>
<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>(2005-2006)</i>	<i>7:45 – 8:30</i>	<i>9 AM</i>	<i>1-1-1</i>
<i>Novice</i>	<i>(2003-2004)</i>	<i>11:15 – 12:00</i>	<i>12:30 PM</i>	<i>1.5-1-1</i>
<i>Middle School</i>	<i>(2000-2002)</i>	<i>11:15 – 12:00</i>	<i>12:30 PM</i>	<i>1.5-1-1</i>

*& in not in High School*

**\*\* Full Concession stand will be available all day \*\***

This event is sponsored by Heavy Hitters, USA, the New London Youth Wrestling Club and the UCONN Wrestling Club. It is run to raise funds to help re-establish college wrestling at the University of Connecticut and in our state. The initial goal of the organizers were to raise \$15,000 to purchase a new wrestling mat for the club and to help defray the costs of running a college wrestling program. The goal of purchasing a mat has been accomplished with the help of a sizable donation from Mr. Brian Simons of OEM Controls of Shelton, CT in 2012. Mr. Simons wrestled on the first UCONN wrestling team and was elected team captain in 1960.

**To date the "Husky Howl has raised over \$45,000**

USAW-CT represents about 3000 member/athletes and additional 1000 coach/referee members. They are the largest wrestling body in the State of Connecticut and have chosen to be the leader responsible for promoting the sport of amateur wrestling. We would like to see, that all children who are training today, have an opportunity to wrestle in our state when they enter college.

In the early 1970's our state had wrestling programs at most major colleges including: the Coast Guard Academy, Yale University, University of Hartford, Wesleyan, Trinity, Fairfield University, Southern Connecticut State College, Central Connecticut State College and the University of Connecticut. In the past three decades we have lost more than one-half – (½) of those program for various reasons. Yale, University of Hartford, Fairfield University, Southern Connecticut, Central Connecticut and UCONN no longer have NCAA wrestling teams. UCONN has a club. USAW-CT has received request from wrestlers interested in starting clubs at Central Connecticut State University, and from Manchester and Three Rivers Community Colleges. USAW-CT would like to see more wrestlers stay in state to wrestle in college.

It is a well known fact that the best of our wrestlers have gone out of state to wrestle. TJ Hepburn of Ledyard, a three- (3) time State Open Champ and two-

(2) time New England Wrestling Champion placed 1st at the Division II Nationals in 2011, as a wrestler from The University of Nebraska. **Frank Camissa of Danbury** a two- (2) time State Open Champ, won the College Division III - New England - Wrestling titles while wrestling for Bridgewater State of Massachusetts. **Brennan Ward of Waterford** wrestled for Johnson & Wales of Rhode Island. In 2010 he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Division III National Wrestling Championships. **Brock Coutu of Griswold** presently competes at the University of Nebraska – Kearney.

Also wrestling out of state at this time are: *Richard Perry* -Blomsgburg State; *Ben Rogers*, *Ryan Butler*, *Matt Elias*, *Kyle Foster*, *Matt Jones* and *Drew Pichnarcik* - Roger Williams of Rhode Island; *Brian Amato*, *Dylan Martel* and *Brian Jennings* at WPI of Mass, *Jake O'Dell* at Stevens University, *Curt Watkins* at Ursinus, *Aren Norman* Tiffin University, *Jack McKeever* of Binghamton, NY; *Pat Gillen* at University of Virginia; *Tyler Cunningham*, *Mike Sheehan* and *Eddie Carroll* at Gettysburg State; *Connor Kirkegard* at Delaware Valley; *Mikey Amorando* at North Carolina State;

So far the City of New London – their Board of Education in conjunction with their Park and Recreation Commission, has offered the use of the New London High School gymnasium. The UCONN Wrestling team, the Whaling City Wrestling Club and the New London Youth Wrestling teams have volunteered to work the tables and the Connecticut Wrestling Officials Association (CIOWA) has offered to send volunteer referees. Mr. Michael Battanelli of the Stamford Wrestling club has volunteered his services as the Medical Trainer.

## *Intent*

To bring the sport of wrestling back to our state colleges we need the support of local businesses. Therefore we are looking for businesses and individuals who would be interested helping this cause by sponsoring a table at this year's event. The cost of sponsoring a table is \$250.00. We are also looking for an entity interested in being the major Blue and White Sponsor. The cost to be the major sponsor this year is \$5,000.00 and will not only get you recognition at the event, but also at our Annual Youth State Wrestling Championships to be held in late February 2014 in New Haven, CT and Honorable Mention on the main page of the USAW-CT web site.

For more information regarding participation in/or sponsorship of this event please contact Tournament Director: John Satti of 27 Woodlawn Road New London, CT via e-mail at [jsatti@snet.net](mailto:jsatti@snet.net) or by calling his cell (860) 287-0526.