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BELLINGHAM'S LAUREN JENSEN EARNS FIRST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

2008 Bay State Games Archery Jack Aborn Memorial Scholarship Winner Named

WOBURN, MA- The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF) is proud to name Lauren Jensen, of Bellingham, MA, the winner of the first annual Bay State Games Archery Jack Aborn Memorial Scholarship.

Jensen, a sophomore at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, has participated in the Bay State Summer Games archery competition for the last seven years. She has competed in archery since the age of 8. Jensen has been ranked #1 in Massachusetts for most of her career and is currently in the Top 20 nationally. A well-rounded student, she's also received several awards for academic achievement, community service and marching band.

"Lauren is just the type of young person that my father would want to support – motivated, energetic, and earnest," said Katy Aborn, Jack's daughter who, along with her brother James, was instrumental in the creation of the scholarship.

The Bay State Games Archery Jack Aborn Memorial Scholarship was created this summer to honor the memory of Aborn who had served as a key member of the archery committee since the early 1990's, before unexpectedly passing away earlier this year. Aborn, a Norwood, MA native, was a dedicated worker and strong supporter of the Bay State Games. He also was a strong proponent of youth participation in sport, especially in archery.

"My brother [James] and I are honored that the Bay State Games has chosen to honor our father's memory through the scholarship for young archers," explained Katy Aborn. "Our father was committed to helping young people grow and learn, and he believed that state-wide, fun, competitive events such as those offered by the Bay State Games were a way for young people to gain confidence, make connections and feel proud of their skills and abilities."

The Bay State Games Archery Jack Aborn Memorial Scholarship is a \$250 dollar stipend that is awarded annually to one participant in the Summer Games archery competition. To be eligible, archers must be age 21 or younger, and the scholarship must be used for educational purposes including tuition and other related expenses.

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