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The Bay State Games and New Balance award athletes at the Winter Games

WOBURN, MA-The 2007 Bay State Winter Games took place February 2-4 in the Northern Berkshires of Massachusetts. The 22nd annual competition featured amateur athletes in Figure Skating and Masters Ice Hockey. During the three day event, athletes were rewarded with the Bay State Games/New Balance Sportsmanship Initiative for showing respect for their fellow athletes.

New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc. and the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF) are proud of the continuation of the Bay State Games/New Balance Sportsmanship Initiative, which began at the 2002 Bay State Summer Games. The Initiative has had a positive visual impact on the level of good sportsmanship demonstrated and practiced during both the Bay State Summer and Winter Games.

A total of ten sportsmanship awards were given out over the three days of the USFS and ISI figure skating competitions. The following athletes and volunteers were recognized with the award:

Craig and Barbara Burley (Ashland)
Katherine Graham (Avon)
Jaimee and Beverly Fernald (Braintree)
Lauren Dymek (Hadley)
Georgina Oliveira (Ludlow)
Caroline Henderson (Mansfield)
Gretel Cahoon (North Adams)
Jenna Cece (North Adams)
Alaina Clark (Rehoboth)
Doug O'Neill (Stamford, VT)

In the Masters Ice Hockey Over 40 division, Hingham was singled out for the sportsmanship award, and finished the competition with a record of 2-1. In the Over 50 division was the Connecticut Olympics, who made it to the Gold Medal game, but fell short as they took home the silver medal.

For complete results from the 2007 Bay State Winter Games, please visit www.baystategames.org/winter/.

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