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Prediction Race is Great Fun-draiser

St. Mary's County athletes joined the ranks of runners and walkers who braved the chilly fall air to walk or run at this year's 14th Annual Prediction Race, sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Running Club.

The event featured three separate races - a prediction race, where runners try to predict their exact time to run the 5k race, a traditional 5k race with winners determined by time, gender and age and a 1.5 mile Fun Walk. Last year's debut of the Fun Walk brought back many enthusiastic walkers this year as the course wanders through Historic St. Mary's City.

Several Special Olympics St. Mary's County athletes participated in the walk including: Vincent Treglia, Jason Wright, Tom Bayne, Christy Brinkley, Russell Bucci, Jeffery Hagen, Greg Geller, Melanie Shannon, Desi Ogden, Michael Bald, Rebecca Elwell, Bailey Mewhinney, and Michael Vannoordt.

Athletes Terrel Nowlin, Thomas Smith and Jason Wright ran in the 5k race, as did Coach Charlie Jackson who came in 3rd in his age group.

We did have several coaches, partners, parents and family members

who walked or ran including Coach Donald Bewick who placed 3rd in his age group, Coach Kathie Wright who finished 2nd in her division, coaches Rob Wright and John Tonerand partner Nicole Stone.

The Chesapeake Bay Running Club sponsors the annual Prediction Race and Fun Walk to benefit Special Olympics St. Mary's County. This year a record number 155 participants ran, walked, won door prizes and had fun raising money for a great cause!

Special thanks to the program sponsors and the organizers Larry Vevner, Suzanne Edgar and Tamara Pennel who successfully organized and executed this event this year!

Mark your calendar for the Saturday before Thanksgiving and plan on joining the fun next year!

And while you have your calendar out, save the date **May 21, 2011** for the 2nd Annual

CASH BASH!

More details will be in the next newsletter.



Michelle Johnson protects the goal as Andy Thompson and Vincent Treglia move the ball up the field. More soccer on page 11.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Local Athletes attend State Golf Tournament
- > St. Mary's Soccer Teams excel at State Competition
- > Cycling program continues to grow at the local level

Visit our website at: www.stmarysso.org

Track & Field Needs Coaches & Volunteers

We're thrilled when GOOD things happen to members of our Special Olympics family, but sometimes their joy leaves us a little short handed! New opportunities have led our hard working track coaches, Lisa Owens and Gary Ridosh to upstate New York which means we really need HELP with our track program in 2011. If you have track or running experience and would like to help with our TRACK & FIELD training, please contact Mary Lu. In the meantime, we wish Lisa and Gary the best of luck!



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Snow Sports Training

WINTER GAMES are MOVING to Whitetail this season. We will be staying in Hagerstown.



SNOWSHOEING

Dryland Training (dress to be outdoors!)
 Starts: Thursday January 20
 Held: 4:30 to 5:30 pm
 Where: Leonard Hall Drill Hall
 State Tournament: February 27 - March 1, 2011
 at Whitetail / Hagerstown

SKIING

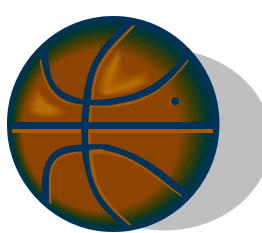
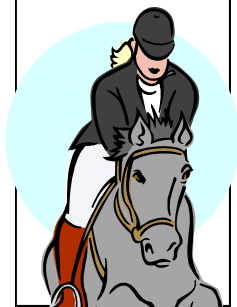
Dryland Training (dress to rollerblade inside)
 Starts: Thursday January 20
 Held: 4:30 to 5:30 pm
 Where: Leonard Hall Drill Hall
 On-Snow Training: Sat. Feb 12 & Sun. Feb 13
 State Tournament: February 27 - March 1, 2011
 at Whitetail / Hagerstown
On-Snow Training for Ski Coaches: January 22 and 23



Basketball Tryouts: Teams and Skills

Full Court Tryouts - Sat, Jan. 15, Spring Ridge Middle School, Time 10:00 a.m.
 Half-Court Tryouts:- Sat, Jan 15, Green Holly Elementary, Time: 8:00 a.m.
 Weekly Practices Begin Tuesday January 18 and Saturday January 22 (see below)
SUPER QUALIFIER - March 12th - Chopticon HS - full court
 & March 13th - Margret. Brent - skills & half court

Equestrian Athletes: State Competition will be June 4th.
 The weekend before Summer Games. Paperwork must be completed in February.
Please call Mary Lu if you are interested in riding in 2011.



Basketball	REGULAR PRACTICE TIMES
Full Court	Practice Saturday mornings at Spring Ridge MS
Half Court—Adult	Practice for Bald and Huseman Teams on Tuesday nights at 6:30, Green Holly, large gym
Half Court—Adult	Practice for Hagen/Green and Gallagher/Maras Team Tuesday nights at 6:30, Green Holly, small gym
Half Court—Youth	Practice on Saturday mornings at Green Holly Times to be determined
Skills-Youth & Adult	Practice on Saturday, 10 am at Green Holly

Swimming - Great Mills Pool

Starts: Sunday, March 6th
 Held: 6pm—Beginners; 7pm—Advanced
 Where: Great Mills Pool
 Local Tournament: May 1 for Beginner/Intermed.
 Local Advanced Meet: May 15 at St. Mary's College
 State Tournament: June 11, 12, 13



Bowling Program Fills the House

Esperanza Lanes was again the site of the Special Olympics St. Mary's County training session for bowling. Mr. Dave Long opened the lanes to our athletes for eight weeks of practice and our Local Competition. Nearly 100 bowlers practiced and then competed in the local tournament. A very sincere thanks to Dave and the staff at the lanes for their generous contributions to our bowling athletes.

"The local tournament included great bowling plus fantastic improvements by many of our athletes," said head coach Rob Wright.

In lanes one/two, listed in order of Gold, Silver, Bronze, fourth and fifth, were Jeremy Degler, Shelby Beal, Amanda Lowe, Arielle Gray, and Michael Nahrgang. In three/four the gold medal went to Julie Barker, followed by Gloria Armstrong, Betti Russell, Karen Servaty, and Shelly Pickerell. Lanes five/six winner was Brady Carrigan, with Jennifer Haley, Lois Meyer, Terri Insley, Andy Thompson and Ryan Gerhold close behind.

Lanes seven/eight featured first year bowler and Gold medal winner, Mariah Blackstock. The silver went to Austin Debeltz followed by Jimmy Finch who beat out April Towler for the Bronze by only two points! Fifth place finisher was Linda Hammett then Karla Kless and Joyce Stone. Lanes 9 /10 saw William Buckler take home the gold followed by Edie Ferguson, and Charlotte Coppage. Phyllis Miedzinski and Susan Epp tied for fourth while Trina Williams, Martha Hyson and Vickie Farmer rounded out the group.

Kim Ballard earned first place in lanes 13/14 where the competition was tight. Michael Bald squeaked past Melanie Shannon by one point to win the Silver and Ricky Stuver was just three points behind him for fourth. Fifth and six place winners were separated by just one point with Bill Ford just ahead of Jason Swift!

Bowlers in lanes 15/16 also had a scramble for the top three spots with just 4 points separating the pack. Coming out in first was James Woodland followed by April Newton and Marshall Thompson. Fourth place went to David Shipman, followed by Tom Bayne, Laura Fender and Joanie Himes. What an exciting time in the bowling alley that day!



volunteer Tom Maras holds the ramp for Vicki Farmer.



Rachel Hicks won Gold in lanes 17/18 followed by Stephen Maras, Kristy Flagg and Angela Pitts who tied for third place then Keith Stamp, John Somerville, and Charlie Sayers. Lanes 19/20 had the top three bowlers within five points. The winner was Ronnie Noordzy followed by Andrea Brown, Shelby Boyer and then Linda Higgs, Bobby Hislop, Casey Chappelle and Hope Taylor.



Lanes 21/ 22 saw winner Debbie Davis and Chong Fairclough finish within three points followed by Christy Brinkley, Michelle Haley, Kelly Guffey, and Russ Bucci edging out Greg Geller by just one point!

Lanes 23/24 took the prize for "best drama." Joe Quade won the Gold and had highest game of 197. Way to go Joe! Tim Higgs and Shaun Ridley were within one point for Silver and Bronze, Jim Downs and Kegan Zimmerman were within three points for fourth and fifth and sixth place was tied between James Sewell and Barry Burris. Jason Wright finished out the group.

In addition to awards for their bowling scores several athletes received awards for most improved and high average. The winners for High Average were Jeremy Degler, Julie Barker, Kristy Flagg, April Newton, David Shipman, Jerry Gatton, and Joanie Himes. Also Hope Taylor, Casey Chappelle, Christy Brinkley, Barry Burris and Jason Wright.

Athletes who received the Most Improved were Arielle Gray, Betti Russell, Jason Swift, Mariah Blackstock, Melody Chase, Trina Williams, Ryan Gerhold, and Jimmy Finch. Also Rebecca Elwell, Debbie Davis, Keith Stamp and James Sewell.

Congratulations to all our bowlers on a fantastic year and thanks to all the volunteers who helped with weekly practices and our local tournament!!



Michael Wood



Marshall Thompson & James Woodland.



Pictured from top to bottom, Karla Kless, Ricky Stuver Arielle Gray, and Kim Ballard compete at the Local Tournament at Esperanza Lanes in California.

Cycling Grows Bigger and Stronger



Brady Carrigan (above), Josh Fondren (below, left) and Kyle Russell at the State Cycling Competition.



In late September, 17 cyclists competed at the state in Sykesville to put their skills to the test. Athletes competed in two of the following races – 500 meters, 1K, 2K, 5K and 10K. Cyclists Kegan Zimmerman and Kyle Russell competed in the 5K and 10K. Both of their runs were clean and without incident.

Kegan commented, "I had to borrow a bike for the 10K and wasn't that familiar with the gears, but I did ok." Each rider competed against skilled athletes from other counties including Montgomery, Howard, and Anne Arundel.

Amanda Lowe

(pictured) was riding a new recumbent bike and was successful on the hills and down-hill. She participated in the 500 and 1K meter races. Returning veteran cyclists took on the course with confidence.

Novice rider Michael Nahrgang safely negotiated the twists and turns of the course like a pro. The returning riders were Russell Bucci, Brady Carrigan, Melanie Shannon, Joe Quade, Andy Thompson, Bill Ford, Betti Russell, Jeffery Hagen, Laura

Marini, Stephen Maras, Michael Bald, Joshua Fondren, and Linda Higgs. Their performance at the event resulted in 9 gold medals, 10 silver medals, 3 bronze, 5 fourth place, and 1 fifth place.

Over 35 local athletes have been training since July at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station under the watchful eye of Police Chief John Romer and his staff. The Station provided a safe training course for the athletes.



Pictured clockwise, Bill Ford, Melanie Shannon, Suzanne Green and Linda Higgs (at local event) and Russell Bucci taking the turn.



Athletes at the State Cycling: (left to right) Andy Thompson, Laura Marini, Kyle Russell, Kegan Zimmerman, Michael Bald, Brady Carrigan, Jeffery Hagen, Linda Higgs, Betti Russell, Russell Bucci, Joe Quade, Amanda Lowe, Michael Nahrgang and Stephen Maras.



Cycling Facts:

Did you know that Special Olympics St. Mary's County has one of the LARGEST cycling delegations in the State? Many athletes compete using their own bikes and SOSMC currently has 22 bikes that athletes compete with. And thanks to Extra Attic Storage, our bikes are now stored in a safe, dry location during the months they're not in use. Thanks Extra Attic Storage for keeping our equipment costs down!!

Golfers Conclude an Exceptional

Can you believe it? Another Golf season is behind us. WOW!!!!

"Coaches & athletes just dominated the competition," reports head coach Joe Owens following this year's State Competition.

In the Skills competition on Saturday, Christy Brinkley scored her personal best combined score of 100 & captured the GOLD medal. Keith Stamp & Ronnie Noordzy both received the SILVER medal. Karla Kless & Rebecca Elwell both received the BRONZE medal. As you can see 5 medals for the skills athletes. They were awesome on Saturday by showing their skills in chipping, putting and driving the golf ball.

Athletes who have advanced from skills to the course are Kegan Zimmerman, Andrew Gill, Joey Owens, Annie Bassford, Russell Bucci, playing 9 holes, and Jimmy Hawkins, playing 18 holes. Each athlete is joined by a Unified Partner and they play alternate shot. These teams have been playing for weeks to hone their skills, visiting some of the best courses in Maryland

Results for Unified Golfers were: Level 3 Jimmy Hawkins & Bill Lowe shot a 101 & received the GOLD. Level 2 Russell Bucci & Paul Guy with a score of 53 received the GOLD and Personal Best. Level 2 Kegan Zimmerman

& Jason Zimmerman scored 56 & received the GOLD and personal best. Level 2 Annie Bassford & Joe Owens shot a 50 & received the GOLD Medal (personal Best). Level 2 Andrew Gill & Dave Gill with a score of 55 received the SILVER Level 2 Joey Owens & Brian Tierney 58 & receiving the BRONZE.

According to coach Owens, "We had 11 chances at the Gold Medal in the Golf competition & received 5. We knew when to turn it up a notch. What a GREAT SEASON."

A special thank you to Marty Owens, Sandy Hawkins & Ethel Brinkley. Without you the individual skills athletes would not have been at their best as they were in their competition. And of course thank you to our head coach, Joe Owens!

Pictured right: 2010 Golfers present Wicomico Shores Golf Pro Patty Meyers with a Thank You plaque.



Top left to right, Annie Bassford is on the ball, with Coach Owens. Unified Partner Bill Lowe hams it up with Jimmy Hawkins. Andrew and Dave Gill scope out the competition.



Bowlers Compete at Regional AND State Levels

Many of our bowlers proceeded to the Southern Regionals competition in either traditional or Unified Doubles. Traditional teams were: Tom Bayne and Michael Bald, 3rd; Andrea Brown and Chong Fairclough 1st; Melody Chase and April Newton, 1st place; Austin Debeltz and Ronnie Noordzy, 2nd; Kelly Guffey and Linda Higgs, 5th; Michelle Haley and Tom Stewart, 2nd; Tim Higgs and Joe Quade, 4th; Marshall Thompson and James Woodland, 2nd; Micheal Wood and Keith Stamp, 4th.

Unified Teams were: Russell Bucci and Susan Beaudwin, 3rd; Barry Burris and Annette Hartz, 1st; Kyle Russell and Brian Hartz, 2nd; Hope Taylor and Kathie Wright, 5th; Jason and Rob Wright, 4th; and Kegan and Marqui Zimmerman, 3rd.



Above, Barry Burris and Unified Partner Annette Hartz wearing their Gold medals at Southern Regionals. Right, April Newton and Melody Chase with their gold medals at Regionals.

Two traditional and one Unified team continued on to the State Bowling competition on December 4th and 5th.

Congratulations to Barry Burris and Unified Partner Annette Hartz for their 3rd place finish in the top division.

Melody Chase and April Newton also finished 3rd in their traditional bowling division. Andrea Brown and Chong Fairclough ended their season in 4th place in their division.

Thanks to head coach Rob Wright for all his work in coordinating this year's Special Olympics St. Mary's County Bowling Season.

REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County

PICK ONE



Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address: (Street)			
City:		Zip:	
Phone: (Home) (Cell)		(Work) E-mail:	
School/Agency:		Grade:	Teacher:
List any special needs:			
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:			

Athletes will practice: Beginning January 20th- Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30. at Leonard Hall Drill Hall
 On-Snow Training: February 12 & 13 (skier only) State Winter Games: February 27 - March 1 @ Whitetail

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SKI & SNOWSHOE FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED ASAP

REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County 2011 VOLUNTEER

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address: (Street)			
City:		Zip:	
Phone: (Home) (Cell):		(Work) E-mail:	
School/Agency:		Grade:	Teacher:
Circle the Sport or Event you wish to help with:			

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|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Basketball | Skiing | Snowshoeing | Aquatics |
| Bowling | Sailing | Kayaking | Cycling |
| Golf | Softball | Track and Field | Bocce |
| Equestrian | Powerlifting | Golf Tournament | Volley ball |
| Flag Football | Local Tournaments | Fundraising | |
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 volunteer for BASKETBALL
 Saturday mornings - one hour**

**WILL NEED HELP WITH
 TRACK & FIELD**

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REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County 2011 BASKETBALL

When you join a team, it is for the full season of competitions

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address: (Street)			
City:		Zip:	
Phone: (Home)		(Work)	
(Cell)		E-mail:	
School/Agency:		Grade:	Teacher:
List any special needs:			
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:			

If you registered last season, you only need to include your NAME and CHANGES.

Athlete will practice: At scheduled practices

I am interested in attending the (check appropriate tournament): Local SUPER QUALIFIER: Sat. March 12 @ Chopticon Skills & Half Court Local Tournament — Sunday March 13, Margaret .Brent STATE – March 26 and 27

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REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County 2011 SWIMMING

Beginner or Intermediate 6pm Advanced (lanes)

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address: (Street)			
City:		Zip:	
Phone: (Home)		(Work)	
(Cell):		E-mail:	
School/Agency:		Grade:	Teacher:
List any special needs:			
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:			

If you registered last season, you only need to include your NAME and CHANGES.

I am interested in attending the STATE TOURNAMENT, June 10-12 Local Beg/Inter, Event on May 1 @ Great Mills Pool. Local Advanced Meet on May 15 @ St. Mary's College

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Golf Tournament Thank You

This year's Golf Tournament to Benefit Special Olympics and The Center for Life Enrichment was a beautiful, sunny day. Nearly 100 golfers participated in the tournament at Wicomico Shores Golf Course. Teams played throughout the day and also competed for: closest to the hole, longest drive, and straightest drive. Athlete Russell Bucci played in the event.



Picturesque Wicomico Shores



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Putting Contest & Prizes sponsored by: [Community Bank of Tri County](#)
Luncheon compliments of Expressions Catering www.expressionscatering.net 410-257-3011

Thank you to all our sponsors and supporters for a successful day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2	3	4 WG Soccer	5 Area Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11 WG Soccer	12	13	14	15 Tryouts for ALL Basketball TEAMS
16	17 School Holiday	18 Basketball - Adult Teams	19	20 Ski / Snowshoe Training Begins 4:30 pm	21	22 Basketball Practice COACH Ski Training @ Whitetail
23 COACH Ski Training @ Whitetail	24	25 Basketball - Adult Teams	26	27 Ski / Snowshoe Training	28	29 Basketball Practice
30	31	FEBRUARY 1 Basketball WG Soccer	2 Area Meeting	3 Ski / Snowshoe Training	4	5 Basketball Practice
FEBRUARY 6	7	8 Basketball WG Soccer	9	10 Ski / Snowshoe Training	11	12 Basketball Practice ON SNOW skiers Training @ Whitetail
13 ON SNOW Training skiers @ Whitetail	14 	15 Basketball WG Soccer	16 Basketball School Day @ LH drill hall	17 Ski / Snowshoe Training	18	19 Basketball Practice
20	21 School Holiday	22 Basketball WG Soccer	23	24 Ski / Snowshoe Training	25	26 Basketball Practice
27 Winter Games @ Whitetail / Hagerstown	28 Winter Games @ Whitetail	MARCH 1 Winter Games No WG Soccer	2 Area Meeting	3	4	5 Basketball Practice
MARCH 6 Swimming Starts	7	8 Basketball WG Soccer	9	10	11	12 BASKETBALL SUPER QUALIFIER @ Chopticon HS
13 Swimming BASKETBALL Half Court & Skills @ Marg. Brent	14 	15 Basketball WG Soccer	16	17	18	19 Basketball practice
20 Swimming	21	22 WG Soccer	23	24	25	26 STATE BASKETBALL: Half Court & Skills
27 Swimming STATE BASKETBALL Full Court	28	29 WG Soccer	30	31 Bocce starts	APRIL 1	2 Track BEGINS @ Great Mills High Softball Practice
APRIL 3 Swimming	4	5	6 Area Meeting Track School Day LHS	7 Bocce	8	9 Track @ GM Softball Practice
10 Swimming	11	12	13 raindate Track School Day	14 Bocce	15	16 Track Softball Practice
17 Swimming	18	19	20	21 Bocce	22	23 Track Softball Practice
24 EASTER  No swimming	25	26	27 SPRING GAMES	28 Rain date for Spring Games	29	30 Track Softball Practice
MAY 1 Local Swim Meet @ Great Mills (beg/	2	3	4	5	6	7



Stephen's Fund Supports Swimming & Basketball

Special Olympics St. Mary's County received a grant from the "Stephens Fund", supported by the Mechanicsville Rotary Club, to help two sports programs during 2010.

Steve and Shirley Mattingly honor the memory of their son, Stephen, by supporting local organizations that support youth in the county.

This year, the Mattinglys awarded the application submitted by Special Olympics. Athletes train several months in the sports of basketball and swimming, using local facilities. The grant from the Stephens Fund will offset the cost of these facilities and improve the lives of young athletes through sports training, exercise and competitive experiences.

Special Olympics is very grateful to Stephens Fund for their support of these two sports training sessions.



Steve and Shirley Mattingly are joined by several athletes at the recent local bowling competition to receive a small token of appreciation for providing the "Stephens Fund" to offset costs in our basketball and swimming training facilities.

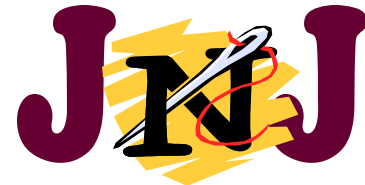
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Right now we REALLY NEED basketball partners ages 12 to 17! Call Mary Lu to help!

Memorable Soccer Season

Over 50 athletes, coaches, partners, and family members traveled to the Crown Sports Complex near Salisbury, for the SOMD Soccer Fall Classic. The St. Mary's County contingent consisted of three traditional soccer teams (7v7) and a player development team. Teams from around the state played a series of games against similarly skilled opponents.

St. Mary's Team 1, coached by Jim Patrey, played extremely well. Their division included teams from Baltimore, Carroll, and PG counties. Each member of the team made stellar contributions to the team's success. Almost every team member scored a goal during the day. The team scored 19 goals against their opponents during their 3 games.

Coach Patrey was amazed with both the offense and defense. "The team played so well together with effective passing and trapping. The team's skills combined to be amazing." Returning players are Kyle Russell, Kristi Flagg, Allen Hill, Shelby Boyer, Annie Bassford, Andrea Brown, and Kegan Zimmerman.

Athletes playing soccer for the first season are James Dickerson, Tyeshia Holt and Anthony Cyrus. Athlete Angelica Ringgold was unable to make the state tournament due to an injury and her skills were missed. The team won first place in their division.

St. Mary's Team 2, led by Serge and Terri Lefebvre, went up against some aggressive competitors including a Unified team. In their first game, they played the Unified Team from Hartford. After two 20-minute halves, the game was tied at 1 to 1. They played two 5-minute sessions, still with a tied score. The teams then went to penalty kicks. The nail-biting process ended with the Lefebvre team winning 4-3. Outstanding performances were evident by defense players Laura Marini and April Towler, goalie James Sewell, and offensive players Russell Bucci and Andrew Gill.

Coach Lefebvre's outstanding coaching brought out the best in all of his players. During the day, the team scored 8 total goals. Goalie James Sewell only allowed 4 scores. The team only had 1 sub player for the day, giving them little relief. The team played hard and never

gave up. The other teams in this division were Carroll and Anne Arundel Counties. The Lefebvre team won the division with the gold medal.

St. Mary's Team 3 was inspiring. This team includes athletes who have joined soccer for the first time, or are in their second year of playing. The Fondren team played against teams from Baltimore City, Howard County and the Lower Shore. Coach Fondren worked to get playing time for each of the athletes and encouraged them to do their best. Goals were scored by Michael Vannoordt, Dane Woodborn, and Jason Swift. (pictured at right.)

"Our team was awesome. They met the challenge of every aggressive play and stepped up. Every athlete should be very proud of how they played," Coach Mark Fondren commented. This team won the Bronze medal for their day's efforts.

St. Mary's Player Development Team, led by Coach Cherie Leonard, also did well. This team consists of athletes who are just learning team soccer along with coach mentors who play on the field with the athletes, directing and supporting them in the game. Michelle Johnson played goalie for the first time this season and played well in spite of lots of shots from the opposing teams.

Novice player Stephen Maras played amazing with the help of fellow athletes Kristen Klear and Vincent Treglia. Andy Thompson and Tom Bayne primarily played defense but did get the chance to go forward and scored a couple of goals each. Partners Vicki Pilkington, Patrick Camacho, and Shelly Debeltz helped the athletes perform their best. The player development team received the SO Challenge Medal along with teams from Baltimore County, Anne Arundel, and Howard Counties.

Thanks for a Great Season everyone!



April Towler, from the gold medal winning team coached by Serge Lefebvre, goes for the ball.

New athlete James Dickerson (below) - enjoys his first time traveling to any state event, while team-mate Annie Bassford looks for the pass.



Kristi Flagg (below) on gold medal winning team coached by Jim Patrey, goes for the clear.



SO World Games 2011 SOCCER TEAM UPDATE

The St. Mary's County World Games Soccer Team will continue to practice through the winter. Special thanks to our dedicated "official" coaches -John Toner and Ken Cohen -as well as all of the dedicated volunteers who are helping train our Greece-bound athletes.



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