SPECIAL OLYMPICS St. Mary's County March 2006

Mary Lu Bucci **County Director** 301-373-3469 25926 Whiskey Creek Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636 somdsmc@gmpexpress.net Office: 301-373-8480 SPECIAL OLYMPICS is a year round sports training program for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and closely related disabilities. St. Mary's County offers training and competition in 14 sports coached by wellqualified volunteers. Athletes must be at least six years of age to train with us.

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### **State Bowling Tournament is Success**

Our bowling athletes competed in singles and doubles events at the state competition near Baltimore. In the singles competition, local athletes competed in a series of games and were awarded the following, based on their performance: Bob Hislop-5th, Brian Hargan-7th, Joanie Himes-4th, James Sewell-4th, Patty Lippincott-3rd, Steve Gildersleeve-4th, David Higgs-1st, Michael Bald-2nd, Grant Polen-1st, Tim Higgs-1st, Joe Quade-2nd, Russell Bucci-4th, Keith Stamp-3rd, Ronnie Noordzy-participation, Kim

sell Bucci-4th, Keith Stamp-3rd, Ronnie Noordzy-participation, Kim Ballard-5th, Kristen Granger-6th, Tom Stewart-5th, Kelly Guffey-5th. In the doubles competition, the team of T. Higgs/Quade won 1st, Noordzy/Stamp-4th, Ballard/Granger-6th, Bald/D.Higgs-7th, Himes/Debbie Bowen-6th, Hislop/Hargan-7th, Bucci/Guffey-3rd, Lippincott/Sewell-5th. We are proud of the bowlers' success. They trained in the fall and then in January to prepare them for this competition.



### Special Tribute to Sue Long

Sue Long departed this world at the end of December. Even though we are all saddened by her death, we are also blessed to have had the chance to be a part of her life and the gifts she bestowed to all around her—kindness, gentleness, generosity, and caring. Sue was a spectacular Special Olympics volunteer for many years. The following persons expressed their sympathy with a donation to Special Olympics St. Mary's:

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## **SPRING and SUMMER**

## Sports Training

### **SWIMMING (Advanced with lanes)**

Started: Sunday, March 5 Held: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Where: Great Mills Pool

Local Meet on May 7

Swim Meet on May 13 in Charles County

State Tournament: June 9-11

### **SWIMMING (Beginners)**

Started: Sunday, March 5 Held: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Where: Great Mills Pool Local Meet on May ??

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Starts: Saturday, April 2

Held: Great Mills High School

Local Spring Games: May 4

District Meet possibly May 6 in Charles County

State Summer Games: June 9-11

### **BOCCE**

Starts: Thursday, April 6
Held: Every Thursday
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Center for Life Enrichment

Local Meets to be scheduled State Tournament: June 9-11

### SOFTBALL Traditional and Skills

Starts: April 2

Held: Every Saturday

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Where: Chancellors Run Park Qualifier - May 21, Howard County

State Tournament - June 9-11



### **UNIFIED SOFTBALL**

Starts: March

Where: Chancellors Run Park

District Qualifier on May 21 in Howard County

State Tournament on June 9-11

Nationals Tournament on July 1 through 7

#### **KAYAKING**

Starts: Wednesday, May 24 Held: 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Where: Greenwell State Park State Tournament: July 29, 30

### **SAILING**

Starts: Tuesday, June 6

Be There: 5:00 p.m.

Where: St. Mary's College State Tournament: July 29, 30

#### **CYCLING**

Starts: Saturday, July 22 Held: 8 am to 11 am

Where: Patuxent River Naval Air Station

State Tournament: September 30

#### **GOLF**

Starts: first week of August
Held: to be announced
Where: Wicomico Shores
State Tournament: October 7 and 8

Use the registration forms in the newsletter for athletes.

#### WISH LIST:

- Powerlifting Coach(s)
- Copy Paper, Colored Paper
- #10 business envelopes
- Golf Cart
- Folding Chairs



### Winter Games Features Slalom, Downhill and Cross Country Skiing

Another year of snow? Does the weather in Wisp get colder and more snowy when it knows that Special Olympics is coming? Well, it happened again. Two days of snow and cold temperatures greeted the athletes, coaches, partners, and families at this year's Winter Games at Wisp Ski Resort.



Anna Hammett has skied for several years. She won a 1st and 3rd place in her races.

St. Mary's County took 17 athletes to Wisp this year. Two athletes competed in cross country, three in novice slalom, eight in intermediate slalom and downhill, and seven in advanced slalom and downhill. Andy Smoot, who competed in the novice races last year, continued to race in this event. The athletes had the chance to experience a variety of conditions—wind, blinding snow, very cold temperatures, and 8 inches of fresh powder. Accompanying the athletes this year were partners Bret

Bucci, Tom Emery, Lucas Garner, Lisa Kelley, Courtney Parkes, Bret Bucci, Jr., Michael Bucci, Courtney Bucci, Tyler Morlong, Ryan Kelley, and Mark Rinaldo. Steve Rinaldo, Ray Bucci, Brian Tierney, TJ Parkes, and Ann Goddard served as coaches. There are many volunteers and parents who have supported the sea-

son; thank you for your continued support.



Rebecca Elwell won a gold medal in the 50 meter Nordic Race.



One of the highlights of this year's event was the unified racing events in both Intermediate and Advanced levels. In the advanced division, Larry Mills partnered with Bret Bucci, Samantha Oliver with Brook Bucci, and Sam Huffman with Lisa Kelley (not shown). The ladies won the gold in this division.



St. Mary's athletes and partners pose for a picture during the 50's dance. Poodle skirts were made by coach TJ Parkes and helped to make the evening a success.

#### Athletes and Results

Russell Bucci: 3rd-50M Nordic: 2nd-100M Nordic

Rebecca Elwell: 1st-50M Nordic; participation-100M Nordic

Andy Smoot: 1st-Alpine Novice Slalom; 2nd-Alpine Novice Giant Slalom

Rebecca Chapman: 4th-Alpine Novice Giant Slalom; 5th-Alpine Novice Slalom

Kristen Granger: 5th-Alpine Novice Giant Slalom; participation-Alpine Novice Slalom

Annie Bassford: 4th-Alpine Intermediate Slalom; Participation-Alpine Inter. Giant Slalom

Anna Hammett: 1st-Alpine Inter. Downhill, 3rd Alpine Inter. Giant Slalom

Dillon Kelley: 2nd-Alpine Inter. Slalom, 4th-Alpine Inter. Giant Slalom **Laura Marini:** 1st-Alpine Inter. Giant Slalom; 1st Alpine Inter. Slalom

Terrel Nowlin: 1st Inter. Giant Slalom, 2nd-Alpine Inter. Downhill

Thomas Smith: 1st-Alpine Inter. Downhill, 1st-Alpine Inter. Giant Slalom

**Amy Trowbridge**: 2nd-Alpine Inter. Downhill; 6th-Alpine Inter. Slalom

Larry Mills: 1st-Alpine Adv. Downhill

Samantha Oliver: 2nd-Alpine Adv. Giant Slalom; 3rd-Alpine Adv. Downhill Joey Owens: 3rd-Alpine Adv. Downhill, Participation-Alpine Adv. Giant Slalom

Brandon Thompson: 2nd-Alpine Adv. Downhill; 4th-Alpine Adv. Slalom Jimmy Hawkins: 1st-Alpine Adv. Giant Slalom; 3rd-Alpine Adv. Slalom Sam Huffman: 1st-Alpine Adv. Downhill; 2nd-Alpine Adv. Slalom



Rebecca Chapman competed in the Novice Alpine events for the first time. She tried really hard in her events and won 4th and 5th place ribbons.

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for more information.

Note: the laws change on

January 1, 2005 regard-

January 1, 2005 regarding the amount of the deduction.



# Thanks for your Donation of Support

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### SPRING GAMES SCHEDULI SET FOR MAY 4 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## ATTENTION: School-age athletes.

The School Score Day is April 12. Athletes who practice at school may or may not be brought to this event to get scores. If you would like to participate in Spring Games, the Games Management Team MUST get a score of your abilities two weeks prior to the event. If you are not at the School Score Day, please come to a scheduled practice on Saturday at Great Mills High School

# Families, we need your help!

Special Olympics events and activities are brought to you and your children year-round without cost. At this time of year, in preparing for spring games, we need your help. Our routine donors are no longer available to prepare the 1,000 lunches we serve on the day of Spring Games. We are requesting a donation from each family to help us defray the costs. Only a few dollars would help us meet this challenge. Do you realize that parents of Recreation and Parks athletes pay \$40 to \$80 per season per sport for their children. We are only asking for a small amount to help us get through Spring Games. If you are able to help, please give your donation to Mary Lu Bucci or Connie Thompson at your child's next practice.



## **CALENDAR** for March, April, May, June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Swimming	13	14	15	16	17	18 Basketball
19 Swimming	20	21	22	23	24	25 Basketball
26STATE BASKETBALL	27	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1 Softball Track & Field
2 Swimming	3	4	5 Local Mgnt Team Meeting	6 Bocce Begins	7	8 Softball Track & Field
9 Swimming	10	11	12 School Score Day	13 Bocce	14	15 Track & Field Softball
16 Swimming	17	18	19	20 Bocce	21	22 Track & Field Softball
23 Swimming	24	25	26	27 Bocce	28	29 Track & Field Softball
30 Swimming	MAY 1	2	3 Local Mgnt Team Meeting	4 Spring Games	5 Rain date for Spring Games	6 Track Meet in Charles County
7 Swimming Tournament	8	9	10	11 Bocce	12	13 Track & Field Softball Swim Meet in Charles
14 Swimming	15	16	17	18 Bocce	19	20 Track & Field Moose Picnic
21 Swimming Softball in Howard	22	23	24 Kayaking Begins	25 Bocce	26	27 Track & Field
28 Swimming	29	30	31 Kayaking	JUNE 1 Bocce	2	3 Track & Field EQUESTRIAN
4 Swimming	5	6 Sailing	7 Summer Games Coach Meeting Kayaking	8 Bocce	9 Summer Games	10 Summer Games
11 Summer Games	12	13 Sailing	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Sailing	21 Kayaking	22	23	24
25	26	27 Sailing	28 Kayaking	29	30	JULY 1
3	4	5 Sailing	6 Kayaking	7	8	9
	NA	TIONAL GA	MES IN AM	IES, IOWA		

### St. Mary's Competes in Basketball Tournaments

The athletes of St. Mary's County have been training in basketball since January. This year, our athletes are participating in full-court, half-court, and individual skills activities.

One of the full-court teams led by Rey Bald traveled to Virginia to compete against other full-court teams. This gave the players some on-court time to get their game together. Members of the Bald team are Larry Mills, Tiffaney Parker, Terrel Nowlin, Melvin Sears, James Thomas, John Gregory, William Fenwick, and David Scriber. This team also traveled to Richmond, VA, to play another Virginia team to gain experience.

On March 12, St. Mary's hosted its local tournament, with teams visiting from Calvert, Charles, and Prince George's Counties. The day-long event featured full-court teams and half-court teams, as well as individual skills athletes. The day's events were quite exciting with very close games among the full court and



Thomas Smith defends against Prince George's.

half-court teams. The day also included a little extra excitement. Chopticon High School had an electrical and water malfunction during the night. Personnel were working diligently to repair the systems; however, most of the tournament was held with bottled water and portable bathrooms. The facilities crew of St. Mary's County Public Schools pulled it together and helped Special Olym-

pics St. Mary's hold a great tournament for the athletes.

New coaches Jim Patrey and Mike McGlynn prepared a full court team and has brought out their talent and strengths. This team attended the qualifier in Calvert County. At the local St. Mary's Tournament they played Charles and Prince George's County teams. The scores were very close, with good defense, offense, shooting, and strategic playing. The members of this team are Joe Quade, Brandon Thompson, Samantha Oliver, Robert King, Tommy Kidwell, Sam Huffman, and Thomas Smith.

St. Mary's has two other full-court teams led by coaches Joe Owens and Serge Lefebvre. The Owens team consists of athletes Matt Jinnette, Joey Owens, Jim Downs, Andrew Gill, Brandon Chan, Cedric Long, and Cedtwan Long. The Lefebvre team's players are Annie Bassford, Scott Lefebvre, Joey Barnes, Beth Goddard, Jackie Morgan, Kelsey Schramm, and James Woodland. Both of these teams played extremely well in close competition

St. Mary's has seven half-court teams. The team led by Marcia Bald consists of Tom Bayne, Angela Buckler, Michelle Johnson, Wanda Morgan, Vicki Trossbach, Chong Han Fairclough. The Diane Huseman team players are Russell Bucci, Michael Bald, Debbie Davis Hope Taylor, and Amy Trowbridge. Thomas

Ayala is training a group of new athletes including Wayne Carter, Christopher Reed, Kyle Russell, Andrew Brown, April Towler. These 3 teams were in the same division at the St. Mary's Tournament and all of the games were very close.

Matt Menard coached a team with a lot of enthusiasm. They are Timmy Menard, Dillon Kelley, Betsy Long, Billy Groves, and David Higgs. Lorenzo Ayala is working with some seasoned athletes in the half-court arena. They are Melody Schase, Tim Higgs, Jason Wright, and Peter West. These two teams were also together for the local competition.



Ronnie Noordzy uses his special technique to shoot for 2 points during the recent tournament.

One of our youngest teams was led by Maureen Boyle. The members are Jennifer Haley, Patrick Boyle, Daniel Clarke, Michael Scalsky, Rebecca Elwell, and Marshall Thompson. They played well against two Calvert teams.

Our 7th half-court team is led by coaches Jack Green and Jeff Hagen. The team consists of Christy Brinkley, Ronnie Noordzy, Casey Chappelear, Suzanne Green, Jeffrey Hagen, and Andy Thompson. They really enjoyed playing in their games.

Our local individual skills program has attracted about 30 athletes of all ages. Of this group of athletes, several attended the local and district tournament and plan to attend the state tournament in Baltimore. These athletes include Bill Ford, Gilbert Walters, Angela



Pitts, Vicki Farmer, Karen Servaty, Betti Russell, and Austin Debeltz. All of the teams are preparing for the State tournament on March 26. Good luck to everyone.

Wanda Morgan dribbles to the hoop during the local tournament. All of the teams played well.

## REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County **2006** Track and Field

Name:		Date of Birth	:	
Address: (Street)				
City:		Zip:		
Phone: (Home)		(Work)		
(Cell)		E-mail:		
If you are a student,		Grade:	Teacher:	
what school do you a	attend?:			
List any special need	ds:			
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:		
Parent/Guardian Si	gnature:			

Athlete will practice: At scheduled practices

I am interested in attending the (check appropriate tournament):

LOCAL TOURNAMENT – May 4 DISTRICT-May 6 STATE – June 9-11

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## REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County **2006 B OCCE**

Name:		Date of Birth	:	
Address: (Street)				
City:		Zip:		
Phone: (Home)		(Work)		
(Cell):		E-mail:		
If you are a student,				
what school do you a	nttend?:	Grade:	Teacher:	
List any special need	ls:			
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:		
Parent/Guardian Sig	gnature:			

I am interested in attending the STATE TOURNAMENT, June 9-11

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2006 SOFTBALL ? Traditional Team ? Skills ? Unified

Name:		Date of Birth	:	
Address: (Street)				
City:		Zip:		
Phone: (Home)		(Work)		
(Cell):		E-mail:		
If you are a student,				
what school do you attend?:		Grade:	Teacher:	
List any special need	ls:			
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:		
Parent/Guardian Sig	nature:			

Local Tournament May 4; Games with Calvert County; District on May 21; State on June 9-11

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Name:		Date of Birth	:	
Address: (Street)				
City:		Zip:		
Phone: (Home)		(Work)		
(Cell):		E-mail:		
If you are a student, what school do you attend?:		Grade:	Teacher:	
List any special need				
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:		
Parent/Guardian Sig	gnature:			

State Competition on July 29-30.

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## **Spring Coach Training**

Athletics and Softball April 8, 9am – 3 pm Wheaton, MD

**Table Tennis** April 22, 9 am –1pm Gaithersburg, MD

**Tennis** April 30, 9am – 4 pm Olney, MD

Register at www.somd.org







### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We need your help! Our sports training programs serve more athletes than ever before. Some specific help we need is:

Help with Selling Merchandise Help with preparing articles for publicity Sports Equipment manager Members of Food Service Team

### When Medicals expire. .

When you receive this newsletter, please note the date on the address label that indicates the date that the athlete's medical expires. If this date is prior to Spring Games, please get a new medical as soon as possible. This needs to be filed with the State office before the event. Thank you.

### **Texas Hold'em Tournament**

To benefit Special Olympics St. Mary's and The Center for Life Enrichment

Held the second Friday of each Month

Prior registration recommended, call: 301-373-8100. Laurie

Sign in at 6:15pm



## REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County **2006 SAILING** (must be seizure free for one year)

Name:		Date of Birth:		
Address: (Street)				
City:		Zip:		
Phone: (Home) (Cell)		(Work) E-mail:		
If you are a student, what school do you attend	d?:	Grade:	Teacher:	
List any special needs:				
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short S	ize:	
Parent/Guardian Signatu	ire:			

I am interested in attending the STATE TOURNAMENT, July 29-30

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## REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County CY CL I NG

Type of bike: ? 2-wheel ? 3-wheel Do you have your own bike? ? Yes ? No

Name:		Date of Birth	:	
Address: (Street)				
City:		Zip:		
Phone: (Home)		(Work)		
(Cell):		E-mail:		
If you are a student,				
what school do you attend?:		Grade:	Teacher:	
List any special need	ls:			
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:		
Parent/Guardian Sig	gnature:			

I am interested in attending the STATE TOURNAMENT, September 30

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Name:	Date of Birth:	
Address: (Street)		
City:	Zip:	
Phone: (Home) (Cell)	(Work) E-mail:	
If you are a student, what school do you attend?:	Grade: Teacher:	
Sport you wish to help with:		

BasketballCyclingSkiingGolfSoftballBocceKayakingSnowshoeingPowerliftingTrack and FieldBowlingSailingEquestrianSoccerSwimming

Tennis Table Tennis

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**Golf** ? Skills ? Team with Partner

Name:		Date of Birth:	
Address: (Street)			
City:		Zip:	
Phone: (Home)		(Work)	
(Cell):		E-mail:	
If you are a student,			
what school do you	attend?:	Grade:	Teacher:
List any special nee	ds:		
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short Size:	
Parent/Guardian Si	gnature:		

Tournaments are held on the weekends of August, September, October.

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**BASKETBALL**: Four full-court teams, seven half-court teams, and seven skills athletes are training to attend the State Basketball Tournament on March 26. Read about the local tournament, page 6.



**BOWLING**: Nineteen St. Mary's County athletes traveled to Dundalk, MD, for the Annual State Bowling competition. Read more on page 1.



**SKIING**: Cold temperatures and lots of snow greeted our Winter Games athletes. Everyone learned new ways to tackle the fresh snow. Page 3 tells more about this event.

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

SPRING GAMES—May 4 Leonardtown High School Softball Tournament, Howard Co., May 21 Sailing and Kayaking Regatta

Swim Meet in Charles County, May 14

nt, SUMMER GAMES, Towson, June 9, 10, 11
Moose Picnic, Hollywood, May 21
ng Regatta State Equestrian Competition, June 3
Local Awards Banquet, July 23