



SPECIAL OLYMPICS St. Mary's County

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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

qualified volunteers.

with us.

training and competition in

14 sports coached by well-

Athletes must be at least

six years of age to train

Summer Games at Towson

The culmination of a Special Olympics sports season is the state competition. After months of training, 48 track and field athletes, 13 softball players, 12 swimmers, and 23 bocce players spent 3 June days participating in qualifiers and competition at Towson University.



Samantha Oliver pushes past a competitor in the 100 meter dash.

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events consisted of 50, 100, 200, and 400 meter runs and walks. shotput, turbojav, softball throws, running and standing long jumps, 4x100 relays, and pentathlon events. Several athletes participated in the newest sport of turbo-jav. This year's penathletes tathlon were Larry

Mills, Terrel Nowlin, Shaun Ridley, Thomas Smith, Tiffaney Johnson, Jayme Lorraine, and newcomer Wayne Carter. They participated in 100 and 400 meter races, running long jump, shotput, and high jump events, accumulated points, and were awarded medals based on these scores. The competition this year was quite close, demonstrating the abilities of the athletes.

Our athletes competed in three events; 40 of our 48 athletes competed in relays as well. The athletes who participated in track and field events were: Michael Anthony, Joey Barnes, Trisha Baynard, Angela Buckler, Emoni Butler, Brandon Chan, Casey

Chappelear, Melody Chase, Austin Debeltz, Jim Downs, Ann Marie Fanzo, Kristian Flagg, Bill Ford, Debbie Gatton, Jerry Gatton, Andrew Gill, Beth Goddard, Jeffery Hagen, Michelle Haley, Carlos Jackson. Mi-Johnson. chelle Karla Kless, Natalie Lanigan, Avery Long, Jackie Morgan, Desi Ogden, Samantha Oliver.

Jerry Gatton is presented

the sportsmanship award for

track to acknowledge his

encouragement to his fellow

athletes.



Bill Ford tosses the turbojav during the weekend's events. This is the first year for this sport.

Joey Owens, Michael Palmer, Angela Pitts, Chris Reed, Charlie Sayers, Shawn Somerville, Brandon Thompson, Donnell Thompson, Justin Thompson, April Towler, Vicki Trossbach, Michael Vannoordt, Gilbert Walters, and Michael Wil-

liamson.

In total, St. Mary's track and field athletes brought home 29 gold medals, 36 silver medals, 24 bronze, and 27 ribbons.

The St. Mary's County softball team placed second of four in their division, playing against Montgomery, Prince Georges, and Lower Shore teams. This vear's softball team are Matt Dobson, Jimmy Hawkins, David Higgs, Tim Higgs, Robert

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FALL Sports Training

SOCCER

Starts: Tuesday, September 4 Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm (Toner/Hawkins Team on Saturday, 8-9:30 am) Where: Chancellor's Run Regional Park Field #2 Local Event:: October 21 at Dorsey Park District Event: October 14 in Anne Arundel County State Tournament: October 27, Mt. St. Mary's College

BOWLING

Starts:Saturday, September 8Time:11:00 a m to 1:00 pmWhere:Esperanza LanesLocal Competition:November 3, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

TENNIS (based on registrations)

Starts:Last week of AugustWhere:Dorsey Park, LeonardtownState Tournament:October 27

CYCLING

Started:Saturday, July 21Time:8:30-11:00 am, Leonardtown High SchoolLocal Event:September 15; State:September 29

GOLF

Started:Thursday, July 19Where:Wicomico Shores Golf CourseState Tournament:October 6 and 7

Use the registration forms in the newsletter for athletes.

Equestrian Athletes Brave the Heat to Compete

In cooperation with the Greenwell Equestrian Program, St. Mary's athletes have the opportunity to learn the skills to ride, walk, and handle horses. The program is coordinated by Julie Wathen and runs in spring and fall sessions. During the spring session, local athletes prepare for the annual Maryland State competition at the Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro.

This year, 12 athletes prepared for the

state competition held on June 2nd. With the help of nearly 40 Greenwell volunteers and the horses,



Anna Hannett rides in the walk-trot/ jog trail event. She won a silver medal in this competition.

our athletes were ready for the walk-trot, walk-jog, walk-trail, walk-English categories.

Wayne Carter placed 1st in the walk-trot/job trail/ obstacle event. Sarah Dickinson placed 3rd in this event. Anna Hammett placed 2nd in her competition. In the walk equita-

tion event, Austin Kraese won 2nd, Amanda Lowe won 1st, and Mary Randall



Amanda Lowe feeds Stormy a snack in appreciation of his work with her.

placed 2nd. In the walk trail/ obstacle event, Jackie Morgan won 4th, JW St. Clair won 2nd, and April Towler won 1st.

In the walk English equitation, Wanda Morgan won 3rd, Justin Thompson, 8th, and Isaac Wieser won 4th. Mary Randall won 2nd in the walk equitation.

St. Mary's would not be able to offer this sport without the support of

Greenwell Foundation.

This year, the Charlotte Hall Rotary Foundation presented Special Olympics St. Mary's County with a grant to help offset the cost of equestrian training at Greenwell. The donation was made in

memory of Stephan Mattingly, the son of Rotarian Steve and Shirley Mattingly. This grant gives our athletes a chance to train and not worry about the expense.



JW St. Clair is assisted by two Greenwell volunteers as he competes. He won a silver medal for his efforts.

Sailing Marks 25th Anniversary; Kayaking Program Grows

St. Mary's College hosted the annual Mid-Summer Classic for Special Olympics Maryland during the last weekend of July. The weekend's

activities consisted of various classes of sailing and kayaking competitions on the St. Mary's River. Approximately 50 Sailors and their partners, and 80 Kayakers traveled to Southern Maryland to enjoy the weekend's events.

In the sailing program, athletes and their skippers sailed on hobie cats or monohulls, in various divisions—



Keith Stamp and Tom Tubbs carefully work their sails during the 25th Annual Maryland Sailing Regatta.

whether tending to sails, steering part of the time, or steering the full time. They were challenged by the changing wind conditions and the current of



Porkchop recited the Coach's oath at opening ceremonies. This is his third year working with St. Mary's Kayakers.

the river. Special Olympics St. Mary's County was represailors sented by were Tom Bavne (3rd), Russell Bucci (2nd), Wayne Carter (2nd), Austin Debeltz (3rd), Stephen Maras, Joey Owens (1st), Keith Stamp (2nd), and Justin Thompson (3rd), accompanied partners Tom by Moulds, Tom Tubbs, Jimmy Yurko, Tom Maras, Dan Combs, Jenkins. Brvan Al

Nader, and head coach Brenda Clarke. Athletes and skippers worked their sails and tillers to capture medals and ribbons of distinction. They have been training for eight weeks at the St. Mary's College facilities.

The weekend's activities also included a kayaking component – races of 125 meter, 125 meter sla-

lom, 250 meter, and 500 meter lengths. The kayakers also had a great season with instructor TJ Parkes, Louis "Porkchop" Prochazka, Gwen Guy,

> and Kathie and Rob Wright. This year's athletes are Karla Kless. Wanda Morgan, Michelle Johnson, Kayla Woolridge, Michael Anthony, Jason Wright, Rebecca Elwell, Debbie Davis, Kyle Russell. Annie Bassford. Brandon Thompson, Isaac Wieser, Terrel Nowlin, Chris Reed, and Jayme Lorraine. Other athletes who trained during the season were Dillon Kelley, Brady Carrigan, Shelby Alexander,

and Bryan McCarthy. The water and wind conditions varied between the days of competition; however, the athletes did well. Several divisions of athletes scored within seconds of one another, indicating the close races that were held. The St. Mary's County athletes trained for eight weeks at Greenwell State Park.

Congratulations to the local athletes, their coaches, and volunteers for a successful competition. A special thanks to the staff and volunteers of St. Mary's College who help Special Olympics Maryland in executing this event.



Wanda Morgan competed in the 125 Slalom, finishing in the top third of the State.

SUMMER GAMES, continued from page 1



Kelsey Schramm stops on third, fly, listening to Coach Aggie. The and St. Mary's Team won second in defitheir division. thei

King, Sam Huffman, Joe Quade, Antonio Queen, Kelsey Schramm, James Sewell, Robbie Thompson, Amy Trowbridge, a n d D o n a l d Walker.

Our aquatics teams swam in a variety of events this year including free style, back-stroke, butterfly, breaststroke,

and relays. They definitely made their coaches proud by bringing home 6

well, Kyle Russell, Stephen Maras, and Wanda Morgan.

This year's bocce pro-

gram grew even lar-

ger than last year's. Twenty-three athletes

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matches between fel-

low St. Mary's ath-

letes and with other

counties. Bocce is a

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state

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competition.

gold, 5 silver, 7 bronze, and 27 ribbons. For the first time in our history, two of our athletes competed in a 100 meter event (Barry Burris in a medley and Annie Bassford in butterfly) and a team did the 4x25 meter medley. The St. Mary's aquatics team consisted of: Annie Bassford, Barry Burris, Tom Bayne, Ronnie Noordzy, Anna Hammett, April Mielcarek, Christa Hammett, Laura Marini, Rebecca El-



Barry Burris, top, and Annie Bassford, pass each other in the medley relay.

game of strategy and patience and gives our athletes a chance to demonstrate these characteristics. This year's bocce athletes are: Kim Ballard, Russell Bucci, Debbie Davis, Chong Fairclough, Laura Fender, Kristen Granger, Brian Hargan, Linda Higgs, Joanie Himes, Bob Hislop, Terri Insley, Lisa Jones, Patti Lippincott, Betsy Long, Megan Sheehan, Keith Stamp, Hope Taylor, Andy Thompson, Marshall Thompson, Peter West, Michael Wood, James Woodland, and Jason Wright. Practices were held in the lawn next to the Law offices of Norris and Dudderar. Thank you for allowing us to use your lawn.

A special thanks to the coaches, volunteers, and family members who worked so hard to make this a wonderful event for our athletes.



Terri Insley plans the positioning of her throw during the Bocce competition.

Peter West was selected as the sportsmanship winner for Bocce. He will be representing Maryland at the Special Olympics World Games in China in October 2007.



Lottery Results

Congratulations to the following individuals who were winners in the annual Lottery to benefit Special Olympics Maryland, St. Mary's County:

Kevin Thompson, Kelly Juenger, Vivian Walden, Helen Norris, Kathy Moore, Marian Burris, Jensen Kids, Barbara Weigman, Kathy Moore, Sean Hill, Karen White, Stephen Fenhagen, Rodney McDaniel, Marilyn Barrett, Ruby Lacey, Keith Fairfax, Cindy Baden, Joseph Owens, Sr., Jerry Hammett, Samantha McKay, Sam Wren, Patricia Gray, Vicky Sapp, Shirley Kovich, Clyde Hayden, Agnes Wedding, Mary Boyle, Shelby Bowles, CPA, PC, Brenda Wren, Brent Fondren

A Special Thanks to all the families and volunteers who helped to sell tickets and made this a winning fundraiser for Special Olympics.

CALENDAR for August, September, October, November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 19	20	21	22	23 Golf	24	25 Cycling
26	27	28	29	30 Golf	31	September 1
2	3 HOLIDAY	4 Soccer Begins	5 Area Meeting	6 Golf	7	8 Cycling Bowling at 11am
9	10	11 Soccer	12	13 Golf	14 Poker	15 Local Cycling Tournament Bowling Practice
16	17	18 Soccer	19 PARENT MEETING	20 Golf	21	22 Cycling Bowling
23	24	25 Soccer	26	27 Golf	28 Golf Tournament	29 State Cycling Tournament Bowling Practice
30	October 1	2 Soccer	3 Area Meeting	4 Golf	5	6 Bowling State Golf Tourn
7 State Golf Tourn	8	9 Soccer	10	11	12 Poker Day of Caring	13 Bowling
14 District Soccer Tournament	15	16 Soccer	17	18	19	20 Bowling
21 Local Soccer Tournament	22	23 Soccer	24	25	26	27 Bowling State Soccer Tour
28	29	30	31	November 1	2	3 Local Bowling Tournament State Awards
4	5	6	7 Area Meeting	8	9 Poker	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

THANK YOU: With Your Support, Special Olympics St. Mary's can Succeed



Ronald and Mary Elwell Tim and Bonnie Smith Chipotle Grand Opening Ed Gildersleeve Local Management Board Chesapeake Trophies St. Mary's Youth Soccer-Kyle Rambo Maryland Charity Campaign Chan Family Patuxent River Officers Spouses Club Mid-Atlantic Military Family Patuxent River CPO Association United Way of St. Mary's County Mechanicsville Lions Club Emily Ouinn Patrick McGarrity Margaret and Donald Haskin John and Linda Clem Jeffery Conopask Loyal Order of the Moose, Mechanicsville American Legion Post #221 St. Mary's Lexington Park Rotary Hollywood Lions Club Phil and Carlene Falcone Robert and Cecelia Price Carol and Bill Moody CA LaMarr Lottery Coordinators and Helpers-B. Bayne, H. Trossbach, P. Gray McKay's Gold Card Program Patuxent Moose Lodge Donation and the Annual Picnic Karon and Ronald Strickland Coombs Bus and Truck Company Donation from St. Mary's College for swim competition All staff and volunteers who came to summer games



Knights of Columbus Holy Face #3849 Knights of Columbus Leonardtown #1470 Knights of Columbus Immaculate Heart #8159 Knight of Columbus St. Francis #10957

Donations in Memory of Debbie Bowen

Louise West Eileen Hislop Bucci Family Richard and Barbara Fowler William and Monika Bowen Lola and Wesley Brubacker Francis and Elizabeth Davis Sylvia Gibson Jim and Sandy Hawkins Bill and Janet Barlett May, Faye, and Jason Bean Mary Ann Bean Carl Bean Donald and Amy Bean Bob, Ken, Ike, Bill, Charlie, and Parran Raymond and Linda Wible Gary Goldsborough and girls



ADF Bingo



Car Wash—Thanks to Tires Plus, the Hagens and their friends, the volunteers from Patuxent River, and athletes Jeffery Hagen, Joe Quade, Andy Thompson and Brandon Thompson.

Charlotte Hall Rotary, Stephan Fund



Pax Velo—Thanks to the teammates who ride in celebration of our athletes.



Escape to Key West, thanks to the sponsors, participants, coordinator Penny Brueggeman, and every person who helped make this a fun and successful event.

REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County **2007 SOCCER**

Name:		Date of Birth:			
Address: (Street)					
City:		Zip:			
Phone: (Home)		(Work)			
(Cell)		E-mail:			
School/Agency:		Grade:	Teacher:		
List any special needs	5:				
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short S	lize:		
Parent/Guardian Sig	nature:				

Athlete will practice at scheduled practices—team athletes must attend all competitions.

LOCAL TOURNAMENT – October 21 DISTRICT-October 14 STATE –October 27

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION IMMEDIATELY TO:

Mary Lu Bucci	Your Classroom	Terrie Carter	Mary Lu Bucci
25926 Whiskey Creek Rd.	Teacher	Center for Life Enrich.	Metro
Hollywood, MD 20636			Green Holly

REGISTRATION FORMSpecial Olympics St. Mary's County2007 LOCALBOWLING11 am-1 pm

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 Signatur	e:			

Local Tournament is November 3, 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Esperanza Lanes

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Awards Banquet Celebrates a Great Year!

The annual awards banquet attracted almost 300 athletes and their families to celebrate the sports season from July 2006 to June 2007. St. Mary's County is proud of each athlete. Each year our athletes achieve personal

and team goals that keep them moving forward and reaching new heights.

Some highlights from this year's event were: Jeffery Hagen singing

one of his favorite songs, music provided by Steve and Marc Rinaldo (ski coaches), beautiful cakes donated by the Gildersleeve family, good food and companionship. This year, with the help of our families and athletes, Mary Lu Bucci received a new patio set. Connie Thompson was presented with a gorgeous gold logo necklace uniquely designed by Rick's Jewelers. Both were surprised and very



Jeffery Hagen and Marc Rinaldo

thankful to everyone who contributed.

FOUND: Camera at the Awards Banquet. Call Mary Lu Bucci if it is yours.

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, ext 814 Sign in at 6:15pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

- Soccer Tournament on October 21
- Golf Tournament on September 28
- Help with Selling Merchandise, Food, and Fundraising
- Help with preparing articles for publicity
- Members of Food Service Team

UPCOMING EVENTS — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Texas Hold 'em Nights, second Friday of the month — help with registration and food

If you can help with any of these events, contact Mary Lu Bucci, 301-373-3469

WISH LIST:

- PA System
- Copy Paper
- Colored Paper
- #10 business envelopes
- Folding Chairs
- Volunteers

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK, or BOAT to Special Olympics St. Mary's. Call Mary Lu Bucci at 301-373-3469

for more information.

Note: the laws change on January 1, 2005 regarding the deduction.



ATTENTION Parents and Volunteers—A Very Important MEETING!

14 Sports

Make Plans Today

Equipment, Training Plans

- PURPOSE: To set the course for the future of the St. Mary's County program
- OBJECTIVE: Special Olympics needs your opinions and some of your time! We have a record number of athletes and need to improve our ability to effectively run our sports program, offer quality training, and ensure our athletes continue to progress.
- DATE: September 19, 2007
- TIME: 7:00 pm



- WHERE: The Center for Life Enrichment, Hollywood, MD
- RSVP: Mary Lu Bucci: 301-373-3469 or 301-373-8140

Connie Thompson: 301-475-5749

VOLUNTEER Special Olympics St. Mary's County

Name:			Date of Bi	rth:		
Address: (Street)						
City:			Zip:			
Phone: (Home) (Cell)			party			
School/Agency:			Grade:		Teache	er:
Circle the Sport or	· Upcoming Event you	ı wish to	help with:			
Basketball Snowshoeing Equestrian	Cycling Powerlifting Soccer	Golf Track a Swimn	and Field	ball Bow Tenn	U	Kayaking Sailing Skiing
Golf Tournament Fundraising	Craft Fair Food Committee		Spring Games Local Basketball		Texas Hold 'em Publicity	

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Eagan, McAllister & Associates, Northrop Grumman, the Knights of Columbus #1470, and Mercantile Southern Maryland Bank Sponsor The 16th Annual Golf Tournament To Benefit The Center for Life Enrichment & Special Olympics St. Mary's County Friday, September 28, 2007 (Rain date Monday, October 1, 2007) At the Wicomico Shores Golf Course, Chaptico, MD Time: Registration 7:45 a.m. Each member of your team must check in at the registration table to receive a golfing goodie bag. Shotgun Start 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$80 Per Person/\$300 Per Team (Captain's Choice Foursome) Green fees, Cart, Refreshments during play & Luncheon reception Includes: after tournament Prizes: Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Teams based on flights & Door prizes! Putting Contest, Straightest Drive, Longest Drive (men & women) & closest to Contest: the pin RSVP: by Wed., September 19, 2007 to The Center for Life Enrichment, Laurie at 301-373-8100 ext. *814. All teams must be pre-paid. No exceptions. Postmarked by Wednesday, September 19, 2007. OPEN TO FIRST 128 PRE-PAID ENTRANTS! ENTRY FORM Send check & entry form by Wednesday, September 19, 2007 to The Center for Life Enrichment, Post Office Box 610, Hollywood, MD 20636 Make checks payable to: The Center for Life Enrichment Please PRINT complete information for each player Contact: Name Name Address Address Phone Phone E-mail __ E-mail Name Name Address Address

Phone ______

E-mail ____

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS ST. MARY'SCOUNTY

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& THE CENTER FOR LIFE ENRICHMENT

BOTH ORGANIZATIONS ARE UNITED WAY AGENCIES

REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County 2007 TENNIS

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Phone: (Home)		(Work)			
(Cell)		E-mail:			
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Athlete will practice at scheduled practices STATE TOURNAMENT – October 27

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McKAYS "GOLD SHARING REWARDS" PROGRAM

Once again McKays will be offering the "Gold Sharing Rewards" program to all non-profit organizations doing work in the Southern Maryland community. Through this program, Special Olympics St. Mary's County can receive a percentage of \$50,000 determined upon the total amount of purchases for all organizations. In addition, the top three organizations will receive a bonus of \$2,500, \$1,500 or \$1,000 for the largest dollar amounts accumulated at the end of the program.

All supporters who are interested in designating to Special Olympics St. Mary's County <u>need to register on line at www.mycommunityrewards.com</u> or at one of the <u>McKAYS Stores customer service</u> <u>desk</u> so that your purchases will be credited to Special Olympics. Only purchases made through the Gold Card will be credited. The program begins on <u>October 1, 2007</u> and will end on April 30, 2008. Present your Gold Card each time you shop.

EVEN IF YOU REGISTERED LAST YEAR YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER AGAIN THIS YEAR AND INDICATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS (#4011) AS YOUR CHARITY.

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 the next sport, please get a new medical as soon as possible. This needs to be filed with the State office before the event. Thank you.



GREATNESS.

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Sailing and Kayaking, page 3

FUTURE EVENTS: Soccer Practice starts September 4; local is October 21; District is October 14; State is October 27 Bowling starts on September 8 Cycling Local Tournament on Sept. 15, State is Sept. 29 State Golf Tournament is October 6 and 7 Registration Forms enclosed