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March 2008

SPECIAL OLYMPICS St. Mary's County March 2008

Mary Lu Bucci **County Director** 301-373-3469 25926 Whiskey Creek Rd, Hollywood, MD 20636 somdsmc@md.metrocast.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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BB Season Bounces Through March

Calvert.

Prince

Competition

this

George's Counties.

The teams had a

great time and the

competition was ex-

cellent. Our teams

are preparing for the

on March 15. With

Basketball is always a popular sport for Special Olympics. This year, St. Mary's County is training five full-court teams, six half-court teams, and over 30 skills athletes. We also have a unified team this year. We appreciate the support and practice times from our partners to make this team successful. Oualifiers were held at Huntington High School is Huntington. The St. Mary's local tournament was held on March 2



Shaun Ridley, a member families, of the unified team, looks down-court for his team members.

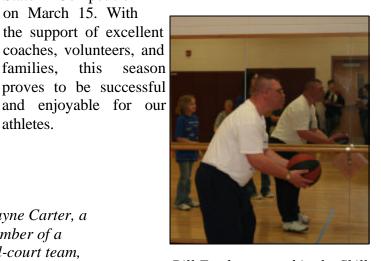


Wayne Carter, a member of a full-court team, defends the ball against Calvert in the recent tournament.



Joey Anderson works the ball past Emoni Butler, both players are in their first year of Basketball in St. Mary's.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL ATHLETES AT THE STATE COMPETITION!



Bill Ford competed in the Skills Competition. He was in the spot shot, dribble, and wall toss events to win a silver medal.

Spring/Summer Sports Training

TRACK and FIELD

Starts: Saturday, March 29, 9 am—11:30 am

Group 1 is from 9—10 am

Where: Great Mills High School

Local Games: April 29; State Tournament: June 6,7,8

BOCCE

Starts: Thursday, April 3, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Lawyers office on St. Andrew's Church Rd Local Games: April 29; State Tournament: June 6,7,8

SWIMMING

Started: Sunday, March 2, Great Mills Pool Held: 6pm—Beginners; 7pm—Advanced

Local Meet: May 4 for Beginners & some Intermediate

MEETS FOR STATE SWIMMERS District: Charles County on May 10 Local: May 18 at St. Mary's College State Tournament: June 6,7,8

SOFTBALL TEAM

Starts: Saturday, April 5, 8:00 am Where: Chancellors Run Regional Park

Local Qualifier to be announced Qualifier: Howard County, May 18 State Tournament: June 6,7,8

SAILING

Starts: Tuesday, June 10; 5:00 p.m.

Where: St. Mary's College State Tournament: July 26 and 27

KAYAKING

Starts: Wednesday, May 16; 5 to 6 pm, 6 to 7

Set Up Time: 4 to 5 pm

Where: Greenwell State Park State Tournament: July 26 and 27

CYCLING

Starts: Saturday, July 12

Held: 8 am-novice; 9 am-advanced Where: Location to be announced Local Tournament: September 6 State Tournament: September 27

GOLF

Starts: Thursday, July 24, 5 pm Where: Wicomico Golf Course

Tournament: Weekends of September and October

Use the registration forms in the newsletter. Our plans are based on these papers.

Winter Games Results

Snowshoeing

- Tom Bayne: 1st in 200M; 2nd in 100M; 1st in relay
- Russell Bucci: 1st in 100M; 1st in 200M; 1st in relay
- Angela Buckler: 4th in 400M; 3rd in 200M; 2nd in relay
- Austin Debeltz: 2nd in 100M; 1st in 200M; 2nd in relay
- Stephen Maras: 3rd in 200M, 4th in 100M, 2nd in relay
- Laura Marini: 3rd in 100M; 3rd in 200M; 1st in relay
 Andy Thompson: 2nd in 100M; 2nd in 200M; 1st relay
- Andy Thompson. 2 In Tools, 2nd in 2008, 1st Telay
- Jason Wright: 2nd in 200M; 1st in 200M; 2nd in relay

Alpine Skiing

NOVICE TEAM:

- Beth Goddard: Giant Slalom-5th: slalom-5th
- Christopher Reed: Slalom-4th; Giant Slalom-3rd
- Justin Thompson: Slalom-1st; Giant Slalom-1st
- Kayla Woolridge: Giant Slalom-3rd; Slalom-participation

INTERMEDIATE TEAM:

- Wayne Carter: Slalom-1st; Giant Slalom-5th; Unified-1st
- Terrel Nowlin: Downhill-3rd; Slalom-5th; Unified-1st
- Rebecca Chapman: Slalom-3rd; Giant Slalom-4th
- Thomas Smith: Downhill-2nd; Slalom-4th; Unified-2nd
- Amy Trowbridge: Downhill-1st; Giant Slalom-3rd
- Anna Hammett: Downhill-4th; Giant Slalom-2nd; Unified-1st *ADVANCED TEAM*:
- Annie Bassford: Downhill-4th; Giant Slalom-4th; Unified-2nd
- Samantha Oliver: Slalom-3rd; Giant Slalom-5th; Unif.-2nd
- Jayme Lorraine: Slalom-2nd; Giant Slalom-2nd; Unified-3rd
- Larry Mills: Downhill-3rd; Giant Slalom-4th; Unified-1st
- Sam Huffman: Downhill-1st; Slalom-1st
- Jimmy Hawkins: Giant Slalom1st; Slalom1st; Unified-1st
- Joey Owens: Slalom-2nd; Giant Slalom-1st; Unified-1st

Winter Games Features Alpine and Snowshoeing

The Wisp Ski Resort in Western Maryland was the site for this year's Special Olympics Maryland winter games competition. On February 26-28, a contingent of athletes, partners, coaches, and volunteers from St. Mary's County attended the annual event and enjoyed days of snow, sun, cool temperatures, rain, and wind. St. Mary's County took 25 athletes and 12 unified part-

St. Mary's County took 25 athletes and 12 unified partners to the Maryland competition this year. Nine ath-



First time skier Justin Thompson, trains with Ray Bucci.

letes competed snowshoeing. The alpine events consisted of three in novice slalom, eight in intermediate slalom. slalom, giant downhill, and five in advanced slalom, giant slalom, and downhill. County Director Mary Lu Bucci was pleased with their effort and commented, "Once again

our athletes rose to the challenge and were very competitive. The weather is always a factor, and this year was no different. I am proud of the achievements of our local athletes."

Snowshoeing was an exciting competition this year. This year over 70 athletes competed in 25, 50, 100, 200, 400, and 800 meter races and the 4x100 meter relay. Our athletes, who practiced on flat ground, met the challenge of a uphill slope for the actual competition. This year's snowshoers are Tom Bayne, Angela Buckler, Russell Bucci, Austin DeBeltz, Laura Marini, Stephen Maras, Andy Thompson, and Jason Wright. Supporting this year's showshoers were volunteers Kathie and Rob Wright, Connie and Gene Thompson, and Shelly Debeltz. Coach Gwen Guy worked with the athletes during the training season.

The novice alpine skiers competed using gates and turns to measure their accuracy and speed on the snow. Athletes Justin Thompson, Chris Reed, Beth Goddard, Wayne Carter achieved two gold medals for his performance. Athlete Kayla Woolridge competed using a bi-ski, tethered to her coach and dad, Randy Woolridge. The intermediate level skiers made improvements in their skiing abilities this year as well. Intermediate skiers were Wayne Carter, Rebecca Chapman, Anna Hammett, Terrel Nowlin, Thomas Smith, and Amy Trowbridge. The competition offered a challenging event for the intermediate skiers – the chance to compete in a unified event. Partners and athletes, in teams, each took a run on the course. Their times were combined and awards were presented. The intermediate teams were Terrel Nowlin and Courtney Bucci, Tho-



Some of St. Mary's Ski Team take a quick break on the slopes to pose for a picture. They are: (Standing) Ray Bucci, Annie Bassford, Jimmy Hawkins, Tom Emery, Samantha Oliver, Jayme Lorraine, Sam Huffman, Larry Mills, Joey Owens. (Front) Tyler Morlong, Marc Rinaldo, Lucas Garner, and Michael Bucci.

mas Smith and Meghan Herring, Wayne Carter and Michael Bucci, Anna Hammett and Bill Morlong. The teams had a great time.

The advanced St. Mary's skiers showed their skills on the slalom, giant slalom, or downhill courses. These skiers also participated in a unified slalom event. The advanced skiers were Annie Bassford, Jayme Lorraine, Larry Mills, Samantha Oliver, Joey Owens, Jimmy Hawkins, and Sam Huffman. Their partners were Lucas Garner, Tom Emery, Tyler Morlong, Bret Bucci, Ray Bucci, and Marc Rinaldo.

Supporting this year's ski team were coaches Steve Rinaldo and Brian Tierney. The delegation also included volunteers and parents who are the backbone of support to the athletes.

This year's events and practices were possible with the support of St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks and transportation by Coombs Bus and Truck Service.

Angela Buckler and Jason Wright competed in the 400 meter race in snowshoeing.





All proceeds to:





Saturday, April 19, 2008

\$150 BUY-IN, \$5000 CHIPS

Trophy for 1st Place. Cash Side Games Available.

Projected \$4,000 for 1st Place.

For more info. Contact Jim Bucci: jimjoebucci@yahoo.com or

240 - 431 - 1664

Sign-in Time: 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm -

Tournament starts: 2:00 pm

\$5000 CHIPS 30 MINUTE BLINDS Our Last Deep Stakes Tournament paid \$4,000 – 1st Place, \$1,800 for 2nd Place, & \$1,000 for 3rd Place.

(130 players max)





call:Tiffany at 301-373-8100 x *810

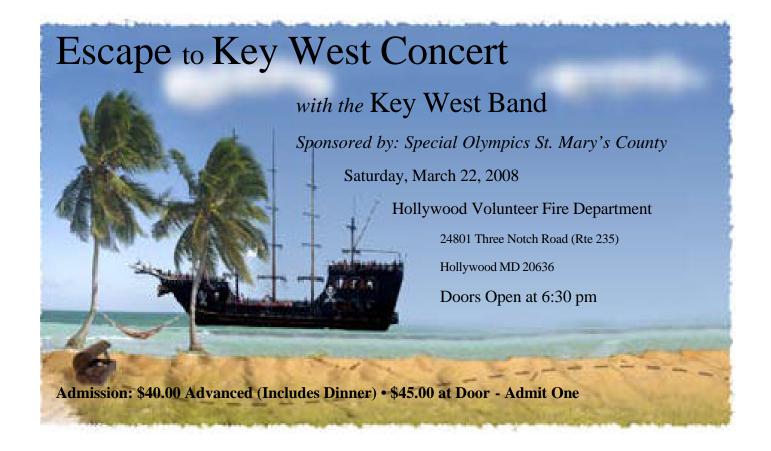
Advanced Payment required for guaranteed seat. Seating limited to the first 130 paid players. Pre-pay at the Center for Life Enrichment offices, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Pre-registered players must be registered by April 16th to guarantee a seat. Checks accepted up to the 10th of the month. Cash only after the 10th. Checks payable to: Center for Life Enrichment.

The Center for Life Enrichment (and Tournament Location) is located 1 mile north of the Rt. 235 & Rt. 245 intersection.

The Center for Life Enrichment is on the southbound side of Rt. 235 (25089 Three Notch Road.) This is a smoke free facility.

CALENDAR for March, April, May, June, July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 9 Swimming	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Swimming	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 EASTER	24	25	26	27	28	29 Track Begins
30 Swimming	31	APRIL 1	2 Management Meeting	3 Bocce Begins	4	5 Softball Begins
6 Swimming	7	8	9 School Score Day	10 Bocce	11 POKER	12 Track Softball
13 Swimming	14	15	16	17 Bocce	18	19 Track Softball
20 Swimming	21	22	23	24 Bocce	25	26 Track Softball
27 Swimming	28	29 SPRING GAMES	30	MAY 1 Bocce Rain Date SPRING GAMES	2	3 Track Softball
4 Local Swim Meet	5	6	7 Mgnt Meeting	8 Bocce	9 POKER	10 Track Softball
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14 Kayaking Starts	15 Bocce	16	17 Track Softball
18 Swim Meet at SMC	19	20	21 Kayaking	22 Bocce	23	24 Track Softball
25 Swimming— state only	26	27	28 Kayaking	29 Bocce	30	31 Track Softball
JUNE 1 Swimming– state only	2	3	4 Kayaking Mgnt Meeting	5	6 Leave for Summer Games	7 Summer Games
8 Summer Games	9	10 Sailing Starts	11 Kayaking	12	13 POKER	14
15 Father's Day	16	17 Sailing	18 Kayaking	19	20	21
22	23	24 Sailing	25 Kayaking	26	27	28
29	30	JULY 1 Sailing	2	3	4 HOLIDAY	5
6	7	8 Sailing	9 Kayaking	10	11 POKER	12 Cycling Starts
13 AWARDS BANQUET	14	15 Sailing	16 Kayaking	17	18	19 Cycling
20	21	22 Sailing	23 Kayaking	24 Golf Begins	25	26 Sailing Regatta Cycling



REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County **2008 GOLF SKILLS AND TEAM PLAY**

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 S	ize:	
Parent/Guardian Signa	ture:			

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION IMMEDIATELY TO:

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REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County **2008 Track and Field**

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 Signatur	re:		

Athlete will practice: At scheduled practices 9-10 Group—Track Skills 9-11:30 Group—Relays I am interested in attending the (check appropriate tournament):

LOCAL TOURNAMENT – April 29 DISTRICT- TBD STATE – June 6, 7, 8

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REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County **2008 Soft bal L**

Name:		Date of Birth:	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	re:				

District Tournament is May 18; STATE TOURNAMENT, June 6—8

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AWARDS BANQUET SET FOR JULY 13

SAVE the DATE: Sunday July 13, 2007

Special Olympics St. Mary's County Awards Banquet

Witness the Success and Achievements of Athletes,

Coaches, and Volunteers

To be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall,

Lexington Park, MD



Coach Training

Athletics, Bocce and Softball Coaches Training School

Visit the SOMD.org web site for More information.

Please let Mary Lu know is you will attend.

WISH LIST:

- Powerlifting Coach(s)
- Copy Paper
- Colored Paper
- #10 business envelopes
- Folding Chairs
- Volunteers
- Portable PA system



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, Tiffany

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:

- Help with Selling Merchandise, Food, and Fundraising
- Help with preparing articles for publicity
- Sports Equipment manager
- 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

REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County **2008 BOCCE**

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 S	lize:	
Parent/Guardian Signat	ure:			

Athlete will practice: At scheduled practices

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

LOCAL TOURNAMENT – April 29 DISTRICT– May 14 STATE – June 6, 7, 8

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VOLUNTEER Special Olympics St. Mary's County-2008

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

Basketball Cycling Golf Softball Bocce Kayaking

Snowshoeing Powerlifting Track and Field Bowling Sailing Equestrian Soccer Swimming Tennis Skiing

Golf Tournament Spring Games Texas Hold 'em

Fundraising Food Committee Local Basketball Publicity

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

Name:		Date of Birth	Date of Birth:		
Address: (Street)					
City:		Zip:			
Phone: (Home)		(Work)			
(Cell)		E-mail:			
School/Agency:		Grade:	Teacher:		
List any special nee	ds:				
Shoe Size:	Shirt Size:	Pant/Short S	lize:		
Parent/Guardian Si	gnature:				
I am interested in atte	ending the (check appropri	ate tournament):			

LOCAL TOURNAMENT – September 6 STATE TOURNAMENT – September 27

Do you have your own Bike?? _ Yes _ No Can you transport it?? _ Yes _ No

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REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County KAYAKING OR **SAILING**

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 S	lize:	
Parent/Guardian Sign	ature:			

I am interested in attending the STATE TOURNAMENT, July 26 and 27

Must be able to swim and be seizure-free to participate

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Glenn and Samone Vannoordt

Md. Charity Campaign

Ronald Glockner in memory of LaSwanda Biscoe

Marilyn & Ronald Wood in memory of Bonnie

Smith

RSBP, LLC - Bob Parkinson

Esperanza - for the bowling in Sept, Oct, Nov.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Noordzy

Wendy and Randall Headrick

Jane and Richard Wise

Kyle Rambo - St. Mary's Youth Soccer, Inc.

Kirk and Teresa Degler

Am. Legion Auxiliary Ridge Unit 255

Hollywood Lions Club

KC #10957

KC #9968

KC #1470

Donation from Jerry's Super Bowl Party

Brookbank Core Drilling

In memory of Mary Pettit:

Raymond and Mary Fenhagen

Rey and Marcia Bald

Richard Slavik

Johnny and Mary Monarchy

Ladies of Charity St. Aloysius Church

Steve Mattingly

Eileen and Bobby Hislop

Candide and William Rayle

Gwen and Ronald Tennyson

Virginia and Wayne Pettit

Clark Construction

Thank You

Knights Provide Long-Term Support

Special Olympics St. Mary's County receives ongoing financial support from the many Knights of Columbus Councils in the County. Each year, the Knights sponsor the tootsie roll campaign and the Charity Ball, among other events, to meet the needs of persons in the community with disabilities. During the recent months, Special Olympics received donations from Council #1470, #9968, #7914, and #8159. These are only a few of the Councils that support Special Olympics. We are grateful for their continued contributions that allow us to provide quality sports training programs for our athletes. With their ongoing support, the athletes can achieve greatness. Thank you for your commitment.

PARTICIPATE IN SPRING GAMES

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 amount of the deduction.



When Medicals expire. . . Spring Games is coming!

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.

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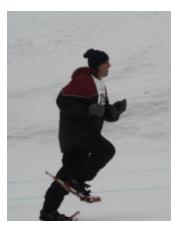
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FUTURE EVENTS:

SPRING GAMES is April 29, raindate of May 1
Track and Field practice starts on March 29
Bocce practice starts on April 3
Softball practice starts on April 5
Registration enclosed for Track / Softball / Bocce (pick 1),
Kayaking or Sailing (pick 1), Cycling, and Golf