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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 training and competition in 14 sports coached by well-qualified volunteers. Athletes must be at least six years of age to train with us.

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2006 Sailing and Kayaking Regatta

Summer breezes, sunny skies, and hot temperatures—the characteristics of a typical weekend in St. Mary's County—these are the conditions that greeted sailors and kayakers from across the state who gathered at St. Mary's College for the annual Mid-Summer Classic. 50 Sailors and their partners, and 60 Kayakers traveled to enjoy the weekend's events.

In the sailing program, athletes and their skippers sailed on hobie cats or monohulls, in various divisions—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 the river. St. Mary's County was represented by one sailor and his skipper in the



Sailor Tom Bayne and Tom Tubbs, Wayne Carter and Brenda Clarke, and Jimmy Yurko and Joey Owens show off their medals and ribbons after a weekend of sailing.



Kayakers Shelby Alexander and Michelle Johnson competed in the 125 meter race.

hobie cat division—Jimmy Hawkins and Alan Nader. On the monohulls were Betsy Long, Russell Bucci, Wayne Carter, Keith Stamp, Joey Owens, Brandon Thompson, Tom Bayne, and Stephen Maras accompanied by partners John Dixon, Brenda Clarke, Tom Moulds, Tom Tubbs, Deb St. Clair, Jimmy Yurko,



The Kayak Season was possible with this chipper group of volunteers.

Tom Maras, and Dan Combs. Chris Huseman trained but was unable to compete. The kayakers also had a great season with instructor TJ Parkes, Brandon Breitberg, Louis Prochazka, Chris Cohan, Becky and Kara Wolf, Gwen Guy, and Rob and Kathie Wright. This year's athletes are Karla Kless, Wanda Morgan, Michelle Johnson, Kayla Woolridge, Michael Anthony, Jason Wright, Debbie Davis, Kyle Russell, Shelby Alexander, Andy Smoot, and Jayme Lorraine. Other athletes who trained during the season were Rebecca Elwell, Grant Polen, Dillon Kelley, Brady Carrigan, Annie Bassford, and Bryan McCarthy.

All athletes, skippers, coaches, volunteers, family and friends enjoyed the competitive spirit of the weekend. A special thanks to St. Mary's College and Greenwell State Park for their support throughout the season.

The monohulls of St. Mary's College are rigged to prepare for the sailing competition. This event is possible with the support of St. Mary's College.



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FALL Sports Training

CYCLING

Started: July 22
Held: 8:30 am to 11 am (3 groups)
Where: Patuxent River Naval Air Station
Local Tournament: September 16
State Tournament: September 30

GOLF

Started: Thursday, July 27
Held: 5:00 p.m.
Where: Wicomico Shores
Qualifiers throughout August, September, & October
State Tournament: October 7 and 8

SOCCER

Starts: Tuesday, September 5
Held: 4 to 5:30 pm
Where: Chancellors Run Regional Park
One team practices on Saturday mornings (8 am)
Local Tournament: October 15
State Tournament: October 28

LOCAL BOWLING

Starts: Saturday, September 9
Held: 11 am to 1 pm
Where: Esperanza Lanes
Local Tournament: November 11

TENNIS

Started: June 5
Where: Dorsey Park
State Tournament: October 28

Start Planning for the Winter

SNOWSHOEING

Starts: Thursday, January 4
Held: 4 to 5:30 pm
Where: Leonard Hall Drill Hall
State Tournament: February 24-26

Use the registration forms in the newsletter for athletes.

Equestrian Competition at State Level

Sixteen St. Mary's County athletes competed in the 2006 Special Olympics Maryland Equestrian Competition at Prince George's Equestrian Center. They were supported by their two coaches



Nicholas Crouch

and nearly two dozen volunteers. Riders competed in a variety of riding styles with varying levels of assistance, including Walk English Equitation, Walk/Jog Western Equitation and Dressage.



Wanda Morgan

Three athletes were new to the Equestrian competition this year: Wanda Morgan won a Silver Medal, Jackie Morgan earned a Silver medal, and Gregory Geller earned a Bronze medal in his first Equestrian and first ever Special Olympics competition.

St. Mary's County athletes earning Gold medals at the

Equestrian Competition were Kristen Granger, Anna Hammett, and Sarah Dickerson. Riders who earned Silver medals were Grant Polen, Issac Weiser, and Nicholas Crouch. Third place Bronze medal winners included Ryan Sutter, Scott Lefebvre, and Chris Reed. Fourth place winners were Austin Kraese and April Towler. Wayne Carter earned 5th place in his Equestrian event and Christa Hammett received a participation ribbon for her performance.



Austin Kraese

This program is possible with the facilities, management, volunteers, and horses of Greenwell Therapeutic Riding Program. Thank you for training our athletes.

NOTE
TIME
CHANGE

Summer Games Features Track and Field, Pentathlon, Bocce, Aquatics, and Softball

Over 100 athletes represented St. Mary's County at the 2006 Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games. The summer competition brought together athletes from 19 Maryland counties.

The Aquatics competition was held at Towson University's Burdick Hall. Aquatics events are as diverse as the athletes, with events ranging from a 15 meter flotation race, to traditional 100 meter freestyle competitions

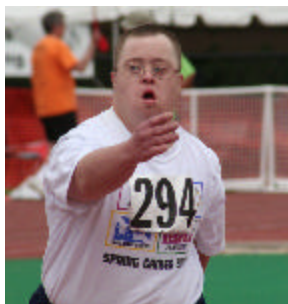


Laura Marini just learned how to swim this year and competed in the State competition.

in addition to Unified Partner Relays. St. Mary's County athletes trained at the Recreation and Parks swimming pool in Great Mills. This year's aquatics athletes are: Annie Bassford, Anna Hammett, Shaun Ridley, Tom Bayne, Laura Marini (swimming for her first year), Ronnie Noordzy, Wanda Morgan, and April Mielcarek.

In addition to individual competition, several athletes participated in Relay events. St. Mary's Unified team of Gwen Guy, Shaun Ridley, Sid Ridley, and Annie Bassford won the Gold medal for the Unified 4x25M free and the traditional relay team of Bayne, Mielcarek, Hammett, and Noordzy brought home Bronze medals in the 4x25 Freestyle Relay.

Participants in the Track & Field events also had a wide range of venues, including 25 meter walk, 30 meter motorized wheelchair slalom, and softball throw and traditional field events such as shotput and high jump. Five of St. Mary's athletes participated in the Pentathlon, which is scored



Steve Gildersleeve walked 400 meters to capture the gold medal.

on their combined performances in five events: 400 meter run, 100 meter run, long jump, high jump and shotput. Athletes representing St. Mary's were Tiffany Johnson, who was awarded a Gold medal for her performance. Newcomer Jayme Lorraine placed second in his division; he cleared the high jump bar higher than all other participants. Terrell Nowlin, who came home with a Silver Medal, was the fastest sprinter. Brandon Thompson was awarded the Gold Medal in his division; he excelled in the shotput area, throwing the farthest of all competitors. Thomas Smith was the overall winner, achieving the highest score of everyone. He proudly wore home the Gold Medal.

Over 40 athletes represented St. Mary's in the track and field events. Athletes are: Michael Anthony, Trisha Baynard, Andrea Brown, Angela Buckler, Wayne Carter, Rebecca Chapman, Casey Chappelle, Melody Chase, Austin Debeltz, Jim Downs, Ann Marie Fanzo, Bill Ford, Deborah Gatton, Jerry Gatton, Steve Gildersleeve, Andrew Gill, Beth Goddard, Christa Hammett, Allen Hill, Michelle Johnson, Dillon Kelley, Karla Kless, George Mattingly, Jackie Morgan, Desi Ogden, Samantha Oliver, Joey Owens, Michael Palmer, Angela Pitts, Lakaya Randles, Christopher Reed, Charlie Sayers, Megan Sheehan, Shawn Somerville, Donnell Thompson, April Towler, Vicki Trossbach, Michael Williamson.



Betsy Long was among the athletes who played Bocce at State Games.

St. Mary's County brought 19 bocce athletes to Summer Games. Ten of these athletes have trained and competed in Bocce since 2003 when Bocce first began in St. Mary's County. Athletes participated in single and doubles competition. At the end of two days of competition St. Mary's County brought home 10 Gold medals, 4 Silver medals, 17 Bronze medals, and six 4th place awards. Athletes in Bocce are: Michael Bald, Kim Ballard, Chong Fairclough, Laura Fender, Kristen Granger, Brian Hargan, Linda Higgs, Joanie Himes, Bobby Hislop, Terry Insley, Lisa Jones, Betsy Long, Keith Stamp, Hope Taylor, Andy Thompson, Marshall Thompson, Peter West, James Woodland, and Jason Wright.



St. Mary's Pentathlon athletes showed incredible form and stamina this year. Athletes are (left to right): Tiffany Johnson, Thomas Smith, Terrel Nowlin, Brandon Thompson, and Jayme Lorraine.

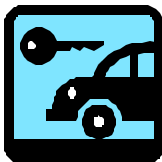
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 Call Mary Lu Bucci at 301-373-3469
 for more information.**

**Note: the laws change on
 January 1, 2005 regard-
 ing the amount of the
 deduction.**



ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Pop Warner Football League is exploring a team for persons with disabilities. Step 1 is to find a coach/coordinator. If interested, contact Mary Lu Bucci.

Softball at Summer Games

St. Mary's County fielded two Softball teams. The traditional softball team featured athletes Russell Bucci, Matt Dobson, David Higgs, Tim Higgs, Sam Huffman, Robert King, Joe Quade, Sean Schramm, James Sewell, Amy Trowbridge, Donald Walker. The team mounted the podium after two days of play to receive the Silver medal for their excellent performance.



The Unified Softball Team came home with the Gold medal as well as the Sportsmanship Award for their outstanding play and camaraderie at the Summer Games. Team members Jimmy Hawkins, Allen Hill, Tommy Kidwell, Larry Mills, Steven Summerfelt, James

Robert King advances to third despite the beckoning of the opposing team to throw the ball and get him out. This is Robert's first year in Softball.

Thomas, Wesley Thompson, and Unified Partners Ray Bucci, Adam Chesser, Jason Colegrove, Bryan Payne, Annah Rice,






Marc Rinaldo, and Steve Rinaldo defeated the only other Unified Team, Frederick County, with a decisive victory. In a unique turn of events, the coaches determined that rather than play the scheduled second game, the teams should be combined and redistributed into two "new teams" to utilize the talents of all the players on both teams.

Alan Hill sprints to the base during their game with Frederick County.

Donations in Memory of Sue Long

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CALENDAR for August, September, October, November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AUGUST	1	2	3 Golf Practice	4	5 Cycling Governor's Cup
6	7	8	9	10 Golf Practice	11	12 Cycling
13	14	15	16	17 Golf Practice	18	19 Cycling
20 Golf Qualifier	21	22	23	24 Golf Practice	25	26 Cycling
27 Swann Point Golf Qualifier	28	29	30	31 Golf Practice	SEPTEMBER 1	2 NO CYCLING
3	4 HOLIDAY	5 Soccer Starts	6	7 Golf Practice	8	9 Bowling Starts Cycling Coaches Training Rattlewood Golf
10	11	12 Soccer	13	14 Golf Practice	15	16 Local Cycling Tournament Bowling
17 Compass Pt. Golf Qualifier	18	19 Soccer	20	21 Golf Practice	22	23 Cycling Bowling Bowling Training
24 Eastern Club Golf Qualifier	25	26 Soccer	27	28 Golf Practice	29 Golf Tournament at Wicomico	30 State Cycling Bowling 
OCTOBER 1 	2 Rain Date for Golf Tournament at Wicomico	3 Soccer	4	5	6	7 NO BOWLING State Golf Tournament
8 State Golf Tournament	9	10 Soccer	11	12	13 United Way Day of Caring	14 Bowling
15 Local Soccer Tournament	16	17 Soccer	18	19	20	21 Bowling
22	23	24 Soccer	25	26	27	28 State Soccer Competition Bowling
29	30	31	NOVEMBER 1	2	3	4 Bowling
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Local Bowling Tournament
12	13	 Brandywine Lions Club Craft Fair Special Olympics St. Mary's will be selling sausages at a booth.		16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Team Maryland Brings Home the Gold in Softball First Ever National Competition in Iowa!

Special Olympics USA hosted the first-ever National Games this July in Ames, Iowa. At the wonderful campus of Iowa State University, 5000 athletes plus coaches, volunteers, family, and friends joined to celebrate and compete in summer sports.



The Unified Softball Team rests for a team picture. They were successful in winning the gold medal against some tough competition.

The Team Maryland delegation of about 70, consisted of the Unified Softball Team from St. Mary's, accompanied by coaches Jim Hawkins and Mary Lu Bucci, Bocce player James Woodland and coach Connie Thompson. Also representing Maryland were 3 more bocce athletes, 2 golf teams, a soccer team, 4 aquatics athletes, 4 track and field athletes, 4 gymnastics athletes, 4 powerlifting athletes, accompanied by their coaches, families, and Maryland representatives. The week's events were filled with intense competition, and the chance to make new friends from around the United States.

There were TV stars, country music artists, football stars, and Special Olympics stars at the events. Some of the cast of the movie, "The Ringer" were on hand to greet the



athletes at opening ceremonies and throughout the week. It was amazing to see all of the state representatives march into opening ceremonies with their state colors. As Maryland, our delegation proudly marched into the stadium with elegant crab hats. We were the talk of the campus. There was some intense trading of pins and hats going on for the next week.

The Softball team played South Dakota and Arkansas. These teams were tough, but our team was able to pull it together and win the gold in the top division. They were especially encouraged by the number of family members who either flew or drove to Iowa to be there for this historic event.



Team Maryland was supported by many family and friends at the National Competition, some of whom drove all of the way to Iowa to witness this inaugu-

The bocce team played doubles games against Arizona, West Virginia, New York, and Louisiana. Each game was very close in points; each throw of the bocce ball changed the outcome. One of the doubles games went over 1 hour and was the talk of the venue the next day.

The Team Maryland Bocce team included James Woodland and Connie Thompson of St. Mary's County (top row).



Fall Coach Training



Soccer

September 9, 9 am, Salisbury, MD



Powerlifting September 9, 9 am, Salisbury, MD



Bowling

September 23, 1:30 pm,

Esperanza Bowling

Lanes

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



WISH LIST:

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

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Patuxent Moose Lodge for a
Wonderful Picnic*

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

Golf Tournament, September 29 — preparing food dishes, collecting door prizes, helping the day of the event

Brandywine Lions Club Craft Fair, September 30 & October 1 — help in the Special Olympics Sausage booth

Local Bowling on Saturdays — lane monitors

Soccer Tournament, October 15—persons in the food stand and helping at the fields

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

Thank you, Pax Velo



Pax Velo, the local cycling organization, recently presented St. Mary's with a large donation. They raised these funds at their annual Cycling Race and numerous events throughout the year.

Congratulations! Lottery Winners

This year's lottery winners are: Connie Oliver, Mike Gardiner, Will Snellman, Marian Hayes, Ann Robrecht, Pat Downs, Pam Veitch, Richie Huseman, Jeanne Reisler, Joseph Fuchs, Arby's, Corinne Penny, Michael Herbert, Rob Wright, Brian Hektaen, Helen Norris, Arlene Isenberg, Earl Willis, Betty Tennyson, Francis Bowles, Karen MacRae, S. Rinaldo, Alice Cromwell, Francis Oliver, Debby Beatty, Joe Cheseldine, C. Power, Barbara Boatright. Thank you for your support of Special Olympics St. Mary's County. A special thanks to Hilda Trossbach, Barbara Bayne, and Pat Gray for keeping this lottery going.



Spring Games Is Success with Your Support

St. Mary's County Spring Games were a huge success this year with the support of parents, friends, and neighbors. Some athletes achieved their personal bests and are quite proud of their efforts. This year's event attracted over 210 athletes, the most ever. We were able to successfully execute this event with LOTS of support from the community and from our Special Olympics families. Thank you, everyone. The following organizations helped to make this event superior! A Special Thanks for the families who donated funds and food for the event.

- Lincoln Military Housing
- KR Systems
- First Command Financial Planning
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- Printing Press
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- St. Mary's County Public Schools

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.

Eagan, McAllister & Associates, Northrop Grumman
and Mercantile Southern Maryland Bank

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The 15th Annual Golf Tournament

To Benefit The Center for Life Enrichment &
Special Olympics St. Mary's County

Friday, September 29, 2006 (Rain date Monday, October 2, 2006)

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)

Includes: Green fees, Cart, Refreshments during play & Luncheon reception after tournament

Prizes: Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Teams based on flights & Door prizes!

Contest: Putting Contest, Straightest Drive, Longest Drive (men & women) & closest to the pin

RSVP: by Wed., September 20, 2006 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 20, 2006.**

OPEN TO FIRST 128 PRE-PAID ENTRANTS!

ENTRY FORM

Send check & entry form by **Wednesday, September 20, 2006** 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

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FUTURE EVENTS:

Soccer starts on September 5; Local Tournament on October 15; State Tournament is October 28.

Cycling: Local Event on Sept 16; State Tournament is September 30

Bowling starts on September 9; Local Tournament is November 11

Golf Qualifiers in August, September; State Tournament is October 7-8