

The Winner



**Special Olympics
Maryland**
ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Special Olympics Maryland, St. Mary's County

State Bowling is AWESOME!

In St. Mary's County, Special Olympics local bowling program is held in the fall. In 2008, over 90 athletes participated in the fall bowling program. A small group is then selected for additional training in January and February to prepare for the state 10-pin bowling competition. This year, St. Mary's County took 19 athletes to the state competition. They competed against fellow athletes from across the state in singles, doubles, teams, and Unified doubles. The event was held in Dundalk, near Baltimore, on February 7-8, 2009.

Our bowlers were divided with fellow athletes with similar averages. They bowled two games each and scores were compiled for awards. In the singles competition, St. Mary's athletes brought home some impressive awards. Athletes also competed in doubles. Seven athletes and partners competed in unified doubles. With the support of our partners, our athletes achieved a new milestone in their sports career.

Our athletes practiced at Esperanza Bowling Lanes. A special thanks to Dave Long for his support during this and the previous season.

Michael Bald won gold and bronze medals at the State Bowling competition.



Athlete	Singles Award	Doubles Award
Chong Han Fairclough	2nd	3rd
Hope Taylor	2nd	3rd
Angela Pitts	4th	2nd
Kim Ballard	1st	2nd
Debbie Davis	2nd	2nd
Linda Higgs	1st	2nd
Joanie Himes	4th	1st
Joe Quade	2nd	3rd
Ronnie Noordzy	4th	5th
Tom Stewart	3rd	2nd
Keith Stamp	3rd	5th
Bob Hislop	1st	2nd
Steve Gildersleeve	4th	5th
Michael Bald	3rd	1st
Tim Higgs	3rd	3rd
Russell Bucci / Susan Beaudwin	1st	4th
Austin Debeltz / Kathie Wright	4th	4th
Barry Burris / David Debeltz	3rd	3rd
Kelly Guffey / Ray Guffey	3rd	2nd
Shaun Ridley / Wil Ridley	2nd	2nd
Jason Wright / Rob Wright	4th	1st
Kegan Zimmerman / Jason Z.	1st	4th

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Winter Games is Cold Experience
- > Bowlers capture awards at State
- > Spring Training is here. Look inside for registration forms for Track, Bocce, Softball, Sailing, Kayaking

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Spring Sports Training

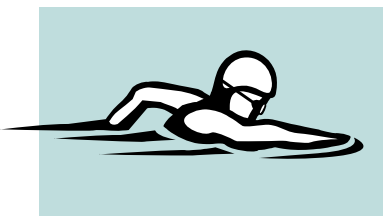
TRACK and FIELD

Starts: Saturday, March 28
9 to 10 am for track athletes *
10 to 11:30 am for Relay teams
Where: Great Mills High School
State Tournament:
June 5, 6, 7
* Call for your time



BOCCE

Starts: Thursday, April 2
Held: 6:00 pm
Where: Law Offices on St.
Andrews Church Road
State Tournament: June 5, 6, 7



SWIMMING

Started: Sunday, March 8 Held: 6pm—Beginners; 7pm—Advanced
Where: Great Mills Pool
Local Tournament: May 3 for Beginners
Swim Meet for State: May 17 at St. Mary's College
State Tournament: June 5, 6, 7

SOFTBALL TEAM

Starts: Saturday, April 4 Held: 8 am
Where: Chancellors Run Regional Park
District Meet in Howard County: May 17
State Tournament: June 5, 6, 7



KAYAKING

Starts: Wednesday, May 13
Held: 6 pm—7:30 pm
Where: Greenwell State Park
State Tournament: July 25, 26



SAILING

Starts: Tuesday, June 9
Held: 5 pm—7 pm
Where: St. Mary's College
State Tournament: July 25, 26

EQUESTRIAN

Starts: in April
Where: Greenwell State Park
State Tournament: June 13
Call Mary Lu Bucci if interested
301-373-3469



CYCLING and GOLF

Starts: In July
More information to follow.
Registrations to be sent in June.



Registration forms are included in this Newsletter.

Spring Games—April 28; Set your calendars
Leonardtwn High School

Basketball Season is Bouncing Along

Basketball season is in full swing in St. Mary's County. Our individual skills, 3v3, 5v5, player development, and unified teams have been keeping the courts jumping.

On March 7, 30 athletes competed in the local individual skills competition. Everyone had a wonderful time and were pleased to be joined by representatives from Prince George's County.

On March 8, St. Mary's County was joined by teams from Calvert, Prince George's, Howard, Baltimore County, Carroll, and Anne Arundel to keep the courts active at both Margaret Brent Middle School and Chopticon High School. The games

were intense; several games went into overtime.

Representatives from Special Olympics Maryland were on-hand to assess teams in preparation for the state tournament on March 21.

Our unified team has been playing in a league in Washington, D.C. To date, they are undefeated. Congratulations!

A special thanks to all the coaches, partners, volunteers and family members who helped to make the local tournament a success. Best of luck to the teams who will be playing in the district and state tournaments.



(above) Tiffany Johnson guards a Prince George's player during the local competition.

(below) Dylan Latham aims for the basket during the 3v3 games.



St. Mary's County 2009 Basketball Teams

Unified 5v5 team Jim Patrey / Jim Bucci
 Larry Mills Thomas Smith
 Sam Huffman Shaun Ridley
 William Fenwick Wil Ridley
 Sid Ridley Charlie Jackson
 Kevin Bishop

Traditional 5v5 teams:
Team 1 Don Bewick / Lloyd Grayson
 Tiffany Johnson Robert King
 Terrell Nowlin Joe Quade
 Dan Simpson Jayme Lorraine
 Brandon Thompson

Team 2 Joe Owens / Rob Wright
 Joey Owens Billy Groves
 Jason Wright Kegan Zimmerman
 Tanesha Davis Angelica Ringgold
 Joseph Williams Joe Anderson
 RJ Axtell

Team 3 Jim Russell/Hill/Menard
 Andrea Brown Wayne Carter
 Allen Hill Dillon Kelley
 Tim Menard Kyle Russell
 Marcus Windsor Emoni Butler
 Shelby Boyer James Woodland

Team 4 Douglas Mason
 Jim Downs James Sewell
 Samantha Oliver Annie Bassford
 Avery Long Brandon Chan
 Jackie Morgan David Higgs

Traditional 3v3 teams:

Team 1 Marcia Bald
 Debbie Davis Karla Kless
 Hope Taylor Amy Trowbridge
 Michael Bald Michelle Haley

Team 2 Diane Huseman
 Russell Bucci Vicki Trossbach
 Angela Buckler Chong Fairclough
 Melody Chase Keith Stamp

Team 3 Mark Fondren
 Justin Thompson Moses Weaver
 Joshua Fondren Patrick Boyle
 Rebecca Elwell

Team 4 Lisa Owens/Chuck Latham
 Daniel Clarke Michael Vannoordt
 Dylan Latham Jennifer Haley

Team 5 Jeff Hagen / Jack Green
 Christy Brinkley Ronnie Noordzy
 Jeffrey Hagen Casey Chappelle
 Suzanne Green

Player Development 3v3 teams:

Team 1 Dan Shannon
 Stephen Ennels Justin Fowler
 Melanie Shannon Jeremy Degler
 Brad Shannon

Team 2 John Gallagher
 Betti Russell Stephen Maras
 Michael Wood Connie Thompson

Team 3 Tom Maras
 Tom Bayne Andy Thompson
 Michele Johnson Ryan Gerhold
 Darryl Whipple



Unified partner Kevin Bishop heads down the court during the local games.

Tammy Wise dribbles during the local skills competition for St. Mary's County.



Winter Games are Chillin' Experience



Wayne Carter (top) shows great form coming down the slope, winning the Gold. Joey Anderson (below) was in the novice category this year. His coaches are looking forward to his years to come.



While St. Mary's County was getting blanketed in snow March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, over 80 athletes, coaches, partners, and volunteers went looking for snow in the mountains of western Maryland at the 2009 Winter Games. The sub-zero wind chill shortened many of the events from two runs to one, but all events were held, with St. Mary's County athletes representing the largest delegation at Wisp Resort with 13 snowshoe and 15 downhill athletes. Our downhill ski racers bundled up and gave it their best despite blowing snow and frigid temperatures. First time skier Joey Anderson showed everyone how it's done when he finished with Gold Medals in both his

events, as did veteran racer Samantha Oliver. Joey Owens came home with three Gold medals, two individual and one for his Unified Race with Partner Annah Rice. Other Gold medal winners include athletes Wayne Carter, Jimmy Hawkins, Larry Mills, Thomas Smith, and Amy Trowbridge. Silver medalists include Annie Bassford, Jayme Lorraine, Terrel Nowlin, Justin Thompson, and Kayla Woolridge. RJ Axtell received a participation ribbon for his time trial and JW St. Clair got in a day of skiing before needing to leave before the races began. Unified Partner Amy Brookbank, Bret Bucci, Jr., and Lilly Emley each helped their duo win a gold medal. Partners earning Silver included Holly

Fleury, Courtney Parkes, and Marc Rinaldo. Brooke Bucci and Tom Emery each helped their partner win a Silver medal and Courtney Bucci earned 4th. Lucas Garner also competed as a partner but his team was disqualified. Thanks to our hard working ski coaches Steve Rinaldo, Brett Bucci, Ray Bucci, Brian Tierney, Alex Dyar, Joanie Emberland, Randy Woolridge, and Jarret Walters. A special thanks goes to Coach Tom Emery and Mary Lu Bucci who worked with our athletes at the weekly dry land training sessions at the Drill Hall, and to TJ Parkes, the Owens family, and Hawkins family for getting everything organized for our Winter Games athletes.

Thank You

Through Volunteers and Financial Support, our Athletes Succeed!!

Special Olympics St. Mary's County relies on volunteers and donations to run the quality programs here in the county. The following individuals or organizations have donated their time or financial support to our local program. If you see one of these folks, say Thank You.



Kegan Zimmerman and his fellow snowshoers offer their thanks to the Bald Family for hosting our local competition on their beach.

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- Dorothy Williams
- Ralph Baken
- Hollywood Lions Club
- Esperanza Lanes
- Nicks of Clinton
- United Way



Snowshoe Athletes Win Bling

Snowshoeing events were also quite exciting. New snowshoer Kegan Zimmerman showed his athletic prowess with three Gold Medal finishes. Several of our snowshoe athletes, led by coach Gwen Guy, came home with two Gold Medals including Tom Bayne, Matt Dobson, Michelle Johnson, and Jason Wright. Russell Bucci, Melody Chase, Austin Debeltz, Justin Fowler, Laura Marini, Andy Thompson,

Stephen Maras, and Angela Buckler each earned Silver Medals in at least one of their events. Unified Partners Louis "Porkchop" Porchazka and Paul Guy ran in the 4x100 relay with athletes Kegan Zimmerman and Jason Wright. They were really fast and won the Gold. Connie Thompson and Jackie Fowler were partners with Andy Thompson and Michelle Johnson in the 4x100 meter relay. They also won

the Gold. Despite less than ideal conditions, our snowshoe athletes and their support team of Kathy and Rob Wright, Gene Thompson, and Jason Zimmerman kept their focus on the races at hand and their winning performances show that their hard work paid off. Special thanks to Marcia and Rey Bald for the use of their beach for a local snowshoe event.



Snowshoe relay athletes were Laura Marini, Austin Debeltz, Stephen Maras, Angela Buckler, Tom Bayne, Russell Bucci, Matt Dobson, and Justin Fowler. They won silver and gold medals in the traditional 4x100 meter relay.

"Our snowshoe athletes braved winds and cold temperatures to win awards in 100, 200, and 400 meter courses."

Prediction Race is Success

Each November, the Chesapeake Running Club sponsors the Prediction Race, also known as the Turkey Run, because frozen turkeys go to the winners.

This year, about 100 participants braved brisk winds and cold temperatures to run or walk the 5K course at Historic St. Mary's City. Several St. Mary's Athletes, their families, and friends also attended the race and helped to make the event a success. Thanks to Suzanne Edgar and the Chesapeake Running Club for their ongoing support of Special Olympics.

As we look forward to next year's event, we encourage more athletes to participate in a shorter race/walk. More details to follow.



LOOKING FOR UNIFIED PLAYERS

Do you know how to sail, play softball, play golf, or play volleyball?? Your skills can be beneficial to our teams. We are currently looking for players to join teams, forming now, in these sports.

REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County 2009 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 Signature:			

Athletes need to attend regular Saturday practices.

Spring Games: April 28 District Tournament: to be announced State Summer Games: June 5, 6, 7

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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:			

- | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Basketball | Skiing | Snowshoeing | Aquatics |
| Bowling | Sailing | Kayaking | Cycling |
| Golf | Softball | Track and Field | Bocce |
| Equestrian | Powerlifting | Tennis | |
| Golf Tournament | Local Tournaments | Poker on Fridays | Fundraising |
| Food Committee | Publicity | Computer Skills | |

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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:			

Athletes will practice on Saturday mornings

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

DISTRICT— May 17 STATE – June 5, 6, 7

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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:			

I am interested in attending the STATE TOURNAMENT, June 5, 6, 7 Local events are in May.

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**REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County
2009 KAYAKING**

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:			

Athlete will practice: At scheduled practices

I am interested in attending the STATE competition at St. Mary's College on July 25 and 26, 2009.

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2009 SAILING**

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:			

I am interested in attending the STATE TOURNAMENT, July 25 and 26, 2009.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 15 Swimming	16	17	18	19	20	21 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
22 Swimming	23	24	25	26	27 ESCAPE to Key West Gala	28 Track Practice begins Great Mills
29 Swimming	30	31	APRIL 1 Area Meeting Track Skills Day at Leonardtown	2 Bocce starts	3	4 Track Softball Practice Athlete Congress
5 Swimming	6	7	8	9 Bocce	10 Poker Night	11 Track Softball Practice
12 EASTER	13	14	15	16 Bocce	17	18 Track Softball Practice
19 Swimming	20	21	22	23 Bocce	24	25 Track Softball Practice
26 Swimming	27	28 SPRING GAMES	29 Rain date for Spring Games	30 Bocce	MAY 1	2 Track Softball Practice
3 Local Swim Meet	4	5	6	7 Bocce	8 Poker Night	9 Track Softball Practice
10 Mothers Day	11	12	13 Kayaking	14 Bocce	15	16 Track Softball Practice
17 District Swim Meet at St. Mary's College District Softball	18	19	20 Kayaking	21 Bocce	22	23 Track Softball Practice
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Kayaking	28 Bocce	29	30 Track Softball Practice
31	JUNE 1	2	3 Kayaking	4	5 SUMMER GAMES	6 SUMMER GAMES
7 SUMMER GAMES	8	9 Sailing	10 Kayaking	11	12 Poker Night	13 State Equestrian Moose Picnic
14	15	16 Sailing	17 Kayaking	18	19	20
21	22	23 Sailing	24 Kayaking	25	26	27
28	29	30 Sailing	JULY 1 Kayaking	2	3	4
5	6	7 Sailing	8 Kayaking	9	10 Poker Night	11
12	13	14 Sailing	15 Kayaking	16	17	18 Cycling Starts
19 LOCAL AWARDS BANQUET	20	21 Sailing	22 Kayaking	23 Golf Starts	24	25



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We welcome a new sponsor of Special Olympics St. Mary's County. They are helping us store some sports equipment and materials in a safe environment.
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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 need to register on line at www.mycommunityrewards.com or at one of the McKAYS Stores customer service desk so that your purchases will be credited to Special Olympics. Only purchases made through the Gold Card will be credited. The program began on October 1, 2008 and will end on April 30, 2009. 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 St. Mary's AS YOUR CHARITY.

Athlete Congress Trains Members

On Saturday, April 4, your local representatives to Athlete Congress will attend a training session to learn how to better serve the athletes of their county. The group will examine the concerns of athletes from around the state and make preliminary recommendations for the most critical items.

If you have a concern about Special Olympics Maryland or your local program, please contact one of the following athletes at your next practice or competition:

Chris Huseman

Jim Downs

Jerry Gatton

Or Group Liaison, Connie Thompson.

Make your voice heard.

KNIGHTS-OUR MAJOR SPONSOR



Council 9968 of the Knights present a check to management Board Member Diane Huseman. The funds were raised during the Knights' Tootsie Roll Campaign to support persons with disabilities.



Other Councils who have supported us in the past 3 months are:
 Council #2065
 Council #8159
 Council #1470



Council 10957 of the Knights present a check to management Board Member Connie Thompson. The funds were raised during the Knights' Tootsie Roll Campaign.

FACTS About Our Unified Basketball Team



Larry Mills and Sid Ridley were named most valuable players for the championship game.

- Team consists of 5 athletes and 4 partners
- Played 7 league games throughout season. Games were held in Washington, D.C. Six teams were in the league.
- Remained undefeated, including playoffs
- Sid and Kevin joined the team each week from the University of Maryland
- Each player was critical to the team's success



Thomas Smith enjoyed the chance to play in the league against worthy opponents.



Team Roster (from left to right): Jim Bucci, Kevin Bishop, Thomas Smith, Shaun Ridley, Larry Mills, William Fenwick, Sam Huffman, Sid Ridley, Charlie Jackson, Wil Ridley, and Jim Patrey.



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