

# The Winner



## Special Olympics Maryland, St. Mary's County

### New Sport this Season - Flag Football

St. Mary's County athletes joined the inaugural season of Flag Football for Maryland. A group of energetic athletes and unified partners, some of whom were also playing soccer, practiced diligently and picked up the sport rather quickly.

St. Mary's developed two unified football teams with comparable ability and talents. The St. Mary's Blue team consisted of athletes Shaun Ridley, Daniel Simpson, Larry Mills, Dillon Kelley, and Jimmy Hawkins, and unified partners Wil Ridley, Alan Hill, and Wesley Thompson. The St. Mary's Black team consisted of athletes Thomas Smith, Terrel Nowlin, Brandon Chan, Robert King, Matt Dobson, and Sam Huffman with unified partners Marc Rinaldo, Annah Rice, and Don Bewick.

The State competition was held on October 31 at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg. The two teams played each other first, competing against athletes that are normally teammates. The Black team got out to a 6-0 when Marc Rinaldo scored a touchdown from a Thomas Smith pass. With good defense and constant pressure by Terrel Nowlin, the Black team held the lead for most of the game. The Blue team got a safety from Shaun Ridley to cut it to 6-2. With less than 5 minutes left, the Blue team scored a touchdown from a long pass by Wil Ridley to Larry Mills. The Blue team held tight on defense and scored another touchdown reception by Larry Mills to Daniel Simpson in the final seconds to give the Blue team a 15-6 win.

In the second game of the day, the Blue team played against the talented Lower Shore team. After an early score from Lower Shore, the Blue team was able to tie the game with a long run by Shaun Ridley after a short pass by Wil Ridley. The Blue team continued to move the ball offensively but could not get back on the score board. Lower Shore continued to put the pressure on, with a couple of long touchdown passes and runs and ended up winning 30-6. Even when they were down, the Blue team continued to play hard and made some nice

plays including a leaping interception by Larry Mills.

In the last game of the day, the Black team played against the Lower Shore team. The Black team played great defense early on, led by Terrel Nowlin, and took the lead after gaining good field position off an interception by Thomas Smith. A few plays later on 4th down, Thomas Smith ran a great route and caught a 5 yard touchdown pass from Marc Rinaldo in the back of the end zone. Lower Shore tied the game right before half after a long touchdown run. Lower Shore regained the lead on their first possession of the second half, and got another follow on score. The Black team continued to fight including a reception by Annah Rice that appeared to be a touchdown; however, it was ruled just short of the goal line with 3 minutes left in the game.

So, in this inaugural season, St. Mary's Blue team brought home the silver and the Black team took the Bronze.

Overall the teams played well and had a great time. Lower Shore athletes and partners played very well and were a lot of fun to be around. A special thanks to the unified partners who played and practiced with the teams and a very special thanks to Coaches Jim Hawkins, Lloyd Grayson, and Lisa Owens for their support.



*The very first flag football teams for St. Mary's had a great time this year. Wonder what the future holds for this group?*

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- > Local Athletes attend State Golf Tournament
- > St. Mary's Soccer Teams excel at State Competition
- > Cycling program continues to grow at the local level

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*The teams in action!*

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## Winter Sports Training

### SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Starts: Thursday January 14

Held: 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Where: Leonard Hall Drill Hall

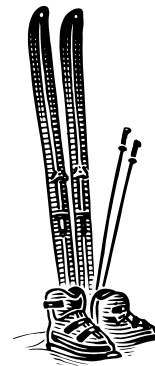
On-Snow Training for Coaches: January 9 and 10

On-Snow Training for Athletes: February 6 and 7

State Tournament: February 28, March 1, 2, 2010

### COACH TRAINING:

January 9 & 10



### SWIMMING

Starts: Sunday, March 7

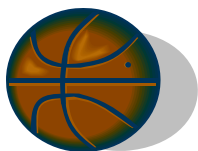
Held: 6pm—Beginners; 7pm—Advanced

Where: Great Mills Pool

Local Tournament: May 2 for Beginners

Swim Meet for State: May 16 at St. Mary's College

State Tournament: June 11, 12, 13



## Basketball Season Starts on January 17;

## Tryouts for Half-Court and Full-Court Teams

### BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: For

**Full-Court:**

**January 16,  
10 am, Spring  
Ridge Middle**

**Half-Court:**

**January 16,  
8 am, Green  
Holly Elem.**

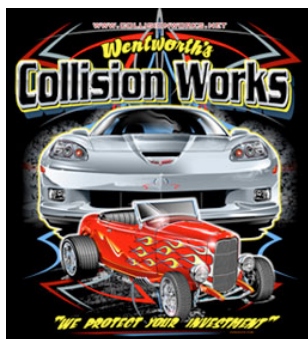
Full Court Tryouts—JAN. 16  
Spring Ridge Middle School,  
Rt. 235 south of the Base  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Half-Court Tryouts:  
Sat., Jan 16, 8:00 a.m.  
Green Holly Elementary

Tentative Calvert Tournament:  
March 6  
Local Tournament: March 7  
State Tournament: March 20 & 21

Full Court	Practice will be on Saturday mornings at Spring Ridge Middle School
Half Court—Adult	Practice for Bald and Huseman Teams on Tuesday nights at 6:30, Green Holly, large gym
Half Court—Adult	Practice for Hagen/Green and Gallagher/Maras Team on Tuesday nights at 6:30, Green Holly, small gym
Half Court—Youth	Practice on Saturday mornings at Green Holly (Jan 16), Times to be determined
Skills-Youth and Adult	Practice on Saturday, 10 am at Green Holly (Jan 16)

## The Kayaking Trailer gets a Face-Lift!



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## Maryland State Golf Competition

The Special Olympics St. Mary's County Golf Season attracted several athletes for skills events, 9-hole alternate shot, and 18-hole alternate shot play. Working in partnership with Wicomico Shores Golf Course, the athletes trained weekly to prepare for regional, state, and national competitions. Two athletes from St. Mary's attended the National Competition in Lincoln, Nebraska, bringing home the gold in alternate shot 18 holes. Jimmy Hawkins and partner Bill Lowe represented Maryland in the national event, playing against athletes from Tennessee, Massachusetts, and Maryland. They shot two of the best games ever with a 90 and 95 on a very challenging course. They brought home the gold in their division. Congratulations to both players. Local athletes training in the skills competition of putting, shooting, and chipping were Karla Kless, Keith Stamp, Ronnie Noordzy, Rebecca Elwell, Christy Brinkley, Michelle Johnson, and Amanda Lowe. These athletes went on to com-

pete at the state level. They represented St. Mary's County well, bringing home medals and ribbons, in spite of rain and cool winds. Karla was the only golfer out of 70 athletes to chip the ball onto the green and into the hole. Ronnie was the only athlete to pitch the ball over the barrier and land all five attempts into the circle. Wow! The regular golf season began in July with athletes practicing at Wicomico Golf Course. Three levels of competition were available. The level 1 skills athletes from St. Mary's worked on skill building, these athletes practiced and competed in driving, putting, and chipping competitions. On the courses of Chesapeake Golf Course, Paint Branch, Glade Valley, Geneva Farms, Compass Pointe, and Easton Golf Course, five local athletes and their partners played in Level 2 and Level 3 competitions. Level 2 is 9 holes, alternate shot and Level 3 is 18 holes, alternate shot. Athlete golfer Annie Bassford and partner Karin King placed first in their division, shooting a 57. Joey

Owens and partner Brian Tierney won 3rd place in their division and had their best game ever – a 53. Golfer Russell Bucci and his partner Paul Guy won 1st in their division, shooting their best game ever, a 61. Kegan Zimmerman and partner Jason Zimmerman shot a 70 during their first 9-hole competition. In level 3 competition, Jimmy Hawkins and Bill Lowe went up against formidable competition and won the gold medal. Head Coach Joe Owens noted the fine play by several athletes who were new to the sport this year. The support of family members during practices and competition was extremely valuable. He also added his gratitude to Patty Myers and her staff for the use of Wicomico Shores Golf Course for weekly practices. Special Olympics St. Mary County 2009 golf program was a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of the coaches, the athletes, and their families.



*Bill Lowe and Jimmy Hawkins captured gold at the State Competition. They have had quite a winning season*

**Local Golfers attend Maryland Competitions and are victorious!**



Golf Head Coach Joe Owens presents Patty Meyers with a token of our appreciation for the use of the Wicomico Shores Golf Course throughout the years.



Partners Russell Bucci and Paul Guy (left) and Joey Owens and Brian Tierney (above) did excellent at the competitions. Is that a water hazard next to Russell and Pau? Or just some friendly ducks?





*Cyclists Amanda Lowe, Andy Thompson, Bill Ford, and Jeffery Hagen line up for the time trials at the state competition. Below, Kegan Zimmerman and Kyle Russell prepare for the 10K race.*



## Cycling Season Proves Successful

The management and police department of NAS Patuxent River helped Special Olympics St. Mary's offer an exceptional cycling season. Mr. John Romer, Chief of Police, worked with local Special Olympics volunteers to set up and monitor a training location aboard the base that offered a warm-up area, straight-aways, turns, and hills. Officers monitored the training site each week to keep athletes safe. They also joined the athletes in riding the courses during training.

This year's cycling program was the largest in local history, attracting 36 cyclists on 2-wheel, 3-wheel, and hand-

controlled bikes. Volunteers with the program include NAS civilian employees, local contractor employees, and active duty personnel. Their efforts to maintain a safe training environment helped the athletes of all ages prepare for local and state competitions. Special Olympics St. Mary's County held a regional qualifier with 50 athletes from St. Mary's, Anne Arundel, Howard, and Montgomery Counties. For the state Special Olympics competition, 20 local athletes traveled to Sykesville and competed in 500 meter, 1K, 2K, 5K and 10K distances.

Athletes from the local delegation are Michael Bald, Russell

Bucci, Angela Buckler, Brady Carrigan, Casey Chappellear, Joshua Fondren, Bill Ford, Jeffery Hagen, Linda Higgs, Amanda Lowe, Stephen Maras, Laura Marini, Joe Quade, Betti Russell, Kyle Russell, Melanie Shannon, Andy Thompson, and Kegan Zimmerman. These athletes brought home medals and ribbons to acknowledge their participation and level of competition.

Coach JR Russell, is thankful for the superb support of Pax River. "The athletes trained in various distances and this environment allowed them to practice regardless of their experience levels. The athletes have improved tremendously this year."

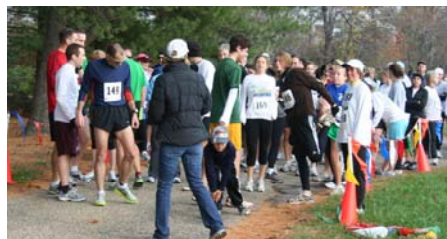


*This year's cyclists pose after the state competition. Over 50 athletes participated in the local event, including cyclists from Anne Arundel, Howard, and Montgomery Counties.*

**"This year's St. Mary's Cycling Program had the largest roster of cycling athletes ever."**

## Prediction Race by Chesapeake Running Club

The Chesapeake Running Club sponsored the 13th annual Prediction Race and Fun Walk to benefit Special Olympics St. Mary's. Over 40 athletes, families, and friends joined the 140 participants to run or walk in a 5K or 1.5K event at Historic St. Mary's City.



*A Special Thanks to Suzanne Edgar and Tamara Pennel who successfully organize and execute this event.*



**WHAT A GREAT TURN-OUT!**

*Save the date for next year!*



## Bowling Program Fills the House

Esperanza Lanes once again, was the site of the Special Olympics St. Mary's County training session for bowling. Mr. Dave Long opened the lanes to our athletes for bowling practice each week, for eight weeks. Over 90 bowlers participated and then competed in the largest local tournament, ever. This is a great partnership with Mr. Long and the Esperanza Lanes to benefit the athletes in St. Mary's County. A very sincere thanks to Dave and the staff at the lanes for their generous contributions to our athletes.

The local tournament occupied 24 lanes of the bowling alley. Awards were presented based on scores that day. Following are the results from this year's local tournament.

Lane 1 and 2: 1<sup>st</sup>-Amanda Lowe; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Arielle Gray; 3<sup>rd</sup>-Jeremy Degler; 4<sup>th</sup>-Danielle Krug;  
5<sup>th</sup> Shelby Beall

Lane 3 and 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Julie Barker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Betti Russell; 3<sup>rd</sup> Gloria Armstrong; 4<sup>th</sup> Tammy Wise;  
5<sup>th</sup> Michael Palmer

Lanes 5 and 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Brady Carrigan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricky Lasky

Lanes 7 and 8: 1<sup>st</sup> Austin Debeltz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Haley; 3<sup>rd</sup> April Newton; 4<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Finch;  
5<sup>th</sup> Terri Insley; 6<sup>th</sup> Angelica Ringgold; 7<sup>th</sup> Karla Kless

Lanes 9 and 10: 1<sup>st</sup> Kim Ballard; 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Hammett; 3<sup>rd</sup> Melody Chase; 4<sup>th</sup> Jack O'Brien;  
5<sup>th</sup> Melanie Shannon; 5<sup>th</sup> David Shipman

Lane 11: 1<sup>st</sup> Vicki Farmer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Hyson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Johnson; 4<sup>th</sup> Jerry Gatton; 5<sup>th</sup> Susan Epp

Lane 12: 1<sup>st</sup> Charlotte Coppage; 2<sup>nd</sup> William Butler; 3<sup>rd</sup> Trina Williams; 4<sup>th</sup> Edie Ferguson

Lanes 13 and 14: 1<sup>st</sup> James Woodland; 2<sup>nd</sup> Justin Fowler; 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Wood;  
4<sup>th</sup> Marshall Thompson; 5<sup>th</sup> Mandy Blackistone; 6<sup>th</sup> Ryan Gerhold

Lanes 15 and 16: 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Gildersleeve; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricky Stuver; 3<sup>rd</sup> Rachel Hicks; 4<sup>th</sup> Suzanne Green;  
5<sup>th</sup> Michael Bald; 6<sup>th</sup> Tom Bayne; 7<sup>th</sup> Debbie Gatton; 8<sup>th</sup> Joanie Himes

Lanes 17 and 18: 1<sup>st</sup> Hope Taylor; 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Maras; 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Brown; 4<sup>th</sup> Bill Ford;  
5<sup>th</sup> Linda Higgs; 6<sup>th</sup> Shelby Boyer; 7<sup>th</sup> Angela Pitts

Lanes 19 and 20: 1<sup>st</sup> Bobby Hislop; 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie Davis; 3<sup>rd</sup> Chong Fairclough; 4<sup>th</sup> Keith Stamp;  
5<sup>th</sup> Shawn Somerville; 6<sup>th</sup> Charlie Sayers; 7<sup>th</sup> Ann Marie Fanzo

Lanes 21 and 22: 1<sup>st</sup> Russell Bucci; 2<sup>nd</sup> Christy Brinkley; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Stewart;

4<sup>th</sup> Connie Buckler; 5<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Noordzy; 6<sup>th</sup> Michelle Haley; 7<sup>th</sup> Scarlet Cundiff; 8<sup>th</sup> Kelly Guffey

Lanes 23 and 24: 1<sup>st</sup> Jason Wright; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kegan Zimmerman; 3<sup>rd</sup> Barry Burris; 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tim Higgs; 5<sup>th</sup> Joe Quade; 6<sup>th</sup> Jim Downs; 7<sup>th</sup> Greg Geller; 8<sup>th</sup> Patty Lippincott

***"Our athletes' averages continue to rise each year. Bowling is a very popular sport."***



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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

On-Snow Training: February 6 and 7

State Winter Games: February 28, March 1, 2

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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 too help with:			

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

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## REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County 2010 BASKETBALL

When you join a team, it is for the full season of competitions

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Address: (Street)</b>			
<b>City:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	
<b>Phone: (Home)</b>		<b>(Work)</b>	
<b>(Cell)</b>		<b>E-mail:</b>	
<b>School/Agency:</b>		<b>Grade:</b>	<b>Teacher:</b>
<b>List any special needs:</b>			
<b>Shoe Size:</b>	<b>Shirt Size:</b>	<b>Pant/Short Size:</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Signature:</b>			

Athlete will practice: At scheduled practices

I am interested in attending the (check appropriate tournament): Skills Local Tournament — March 6

LOCAL TOURNAMENT – March 7    DISTRICT— March 6    STATE – March 20 and 21

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## REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County 2010 SWIMMING

Beginner or Intermediate 6pm                       Advanced (lanes) 7pm

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Address: (Street)</b>			
<b>City:</b>		<b>Zip:</b>	
<b>Phone: (Home)</b>		<b>(Work)</b>	
<b>(Cell):</b>		<b>E-mail:</b>	
<b>School/Agency:</b>		<b>Grade:</b>	<b>Teacher:</b>
<b>List any special needs:</b>			
<b>Shoe Size:</b>	<b>Shirt Size:</b>	<b>Pant/Short Size:</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Signature:</b>			

I am interested in attending the STATE TOURNAMENT, June 11-13    Local Skills Event on May 2, Local Meet on May 16

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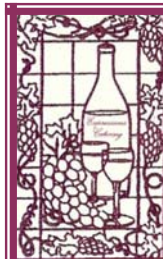
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# Golf Tournament Benefits Special Olympics and The Center for Life Enrichment

This year's Golf Tournament was a beautiful sunny day. 128 Golfers teams participated in the tournament at Wicomico Shores Golf Course. Teams played throughout the day, also participating in closest to the hole, farthest drive, and other competitions. Thank you sponsors and supporters for a successful day.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			JANUARY		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2
3	4	5	6 Area Meeting	7	8 Poker Night	9 Coach Ski Training
10 COACH Ski Training	11	12	13	14 Ski / Snowshoe Training Begins 4:30 pm	15	16 Tryouts for ALL Basketball TEAMS
17	18 School Holiday	19 Green/Hagen, Gallagher/Maras Bald/Huseman	20	21 Ski / Snowshoe Training	22	23 Basketball Practice
24	25	26 Green/Hagen, Gallagher/Maras Bald/Huseman	27	28 Ski / Snowshoe Training	29	30 Basketball Prac
31	FEBRUARY 1	2 Basketball Teams	3 Basketball School Day Practice / Area Meeting	4 Ski / Snowshoe Training	5 Poker Night	6 Basketball Practice On-Snow Training for Athletes
7 On-Snow Training for Athletes	8	9 Basketball Teams	10	11 Ski / Snowshoe Training	12	13 Basketball Practice
14	15	16 Basketball Teams	17	18 Ski / Snowshoe Training	19	20 Basketball Practice
21	22	23 Basketball Teams	24	25 Ski / Snowshoe Training	26	27 Basketball Practice
28 Winter Games—WISP	MARCH 1 Winter Games—WISP	2 No Basketball Winter Games—Wisp	3 Area Meeting	4	5	6 LOCAL BB Skills Competition District BB in Calvert
7 LOCAL Basketball Comp. Swimming	8	9 Basketball Teams	10	11	12 Poker Night	13 Basketball Practice
14 Swimming	15	16 Basketball Teams	17	18	19	20 STATE BASKETBALL 3V3, SKILLS
21 Swimming STATE BASKETBALL 5V5, UNIFIED	22	23	24	25	26	27 Track Practice begins Great Mills
28 Swimming	29	30	31	APRIL 1 Bocce starts	2	3 Track Softball Practice
4 EASTER	5	6	7 Area Meeting	8 Bocce	9 Poker Night	10 Track Softball Practice
11 Swimming	12	13	14	15 Bocce	16	17 Track Softball Practice
18 Swimming	19	20	21	22 Bocce	23	24 Track Softball Practice
25 Swimming	26	27	28 SPRING GAMES	29 Rain date for Spring Games	30	MAY 1 Track Softball Practice



*The Treglia Family (above) and the Morgan-Family (below) were instrumental in the success of the water sale at Annmarie Gardens.*



## Fundraiser Nets over \$1,000

The 2009 Water Sale at Annmarie Gardens "Artsfest" was another great success for Special Olympics St. Mary's County. Volunteers pulled wagons of cool, refreshing water, all the money collected went straight to our athletes and programs!! And with over 1000 bottles sold, that's a lot of money!

The volunteers and the sunshine were both plentiful this year. We had several athletes come out and help this year including Tasha and Talea Ingmire PLUS 6 of their friends and family members, Vincent and Carol Treglia, Chris and Michelle Johnson, Pat and Jim

Downs, Rebecca and Laura Elwell, Wanda and Pat Morgan, Barb and April Mielcarek, coach Don Bewick, plus pre-activity help from Andy, Brandon, and Gene Thompson.

Patuxent High School also sent us lots of help, including Nick Mosquera, Sydney Morgan, Emily Illar, Greg King, Lauren Tucker, Michael Killius, Lauren Trollinger, Mickey Jaffe, Justin Koper, Katherine Huseman, Melanie Stangl, Alexis Balinski and Courtney Parkes.

If you're interested in helping out next year (it will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September) contact TJ by

emailing her at [TheParkes@comcast.net](mailto:TheParkes@comcast.net) and you'll be on the list for next year!



Laura and Rebecca Elwell helped pull wagons of water during the weekend.

Let your grocery dollars work



## 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](http://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 begins on October 1, 2009 and will end on April 30, 2010. 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 Prepares for More Active Role

Have you heard about Athlete Congress? It consists of 2 representatives from each area/county of Special Olympics Maryland. The group meets twice per year to discuss concerns and issues of fellow ath-

letes and bring formalized statements to the Maryland Board of Directors for action and acknowledgement. In November, the representatives from St. Mary's joined other athletes to select position statements that reflect

how they feel about issues important to their fellow athletes. If you would like more information about this active group, contact athletes Chris Huseman, Jim Downs, or Jerry Gatton.

# Memorable Soccer Season

Special Olympics St. Mary's County sports competitions are a source of many remarkable events for the athletes and coaches who participate. This year's State Soccer Competition is no different. The competition and the accomplishments of the athletes are memorable.

Over 70 athletes, coaches, partners, and family members traveled to the Crown Sports Complex in Fruitland, Maryland, near Salisbury, to compete in a series of divisioned soccer games. The St. Mary's County contingent consisted of four traditional soccer teams (7v7) and a player development team.

Each team played in a series of games against similarly-skilled opponents. St. Mary's Team 1, consisting of all athletes, competed in a division with unified teams (consisting of athletes and partners). They played against teams from the Hartford, Howard, and Washington. This team worked really hard and brought home the gold. They were coached by John Toner and Jim Hawkins. John commented, "the whole team, down to the last man and woman, played better than I have ever seen them play. They definitely stepped up their game to a new level against a group of unified teams. One of the referees even commented on how potent our team's attack was. Also, Daniel Simpson stepped in and played goalie for the first time in the absence of Sam Hoffman and did a great job. He was very talkative throughout all of the games directing his teammates and shouting encouragement. He was a picture of how a goalie should play the game. Jim and I are very proud of the team and their accomplishment."

St. Mary's Team 2, led by Jim Patrey and Jim Bucci, played extremely well, also. They were set up with teams from Anne Arundel, Carroll and Prince George's. Each member of the team made stellar contributions to the team's success. Coach Patrey was amazed with athlete Shelby Boyer, "the dashes she made after making a goal was great." She scored five times during the overall competition. "Goalie James Sewell only allowed 3 goals in the six games that the team played this

entire season. Pretty impressive." This team brought home silver medals to acknowledge their performance. They were helped during practice by the McNamara Brothers.

St. Mary's Team 3, led by Serge and Terri Lefebvre, went up against some aggressive competitors, but they held their own. Teams from Garrett, Howard, and Anne Arundel were in their division. Coach Lefebvre commented, "Even though we were up against heavy competition, our team pulled together and did great." Team 3 brought home the silver medal.

St. Mary's Team 4 was inspiring. This team includes athletes who have joined soccer for the first time. They are not large in stature, but they are huge in spirit and enthusiasm. They successfully played against teams from Calvert and Baltimore, winning the gold medal. Coach Mark Fondren and Assistant Coach Lisa McAloon commented, "they played better than we have ever seen. They had so much energy and proved they knew the game. Each athlete should be very proud of how they played."

St. Mary's Player Development Team also did well. This team consists of athletes who are just learning soccer along with coach mentors who play on the field with the athletes, directing and supporting them in the game. This team played a nail biter against Anne Arundel County. In their second game, they competed against a team with more skilled players; however, they held their own. Michelle Johnson and Karla Kless played offense supported by Kristin Klear. They handled the ball and performed personal bests. With Ronnie Noordzy in the goal and defensive players Andy Thompson and Vincent Treglia, the team gained the confidence to continue play, even against a strong team. Partners Vicki Pilkington, Shelly Debeltz, Cheri Leonard, and Connie Thompson, along with Coach Gene Thompson were extremely impressed with the stamina and commitment of the athletes. As they continue to learn the sport, they can use this experience to be even better.

Congratulations to Everyone for a great season.



Amy Trowbridge

## Agile Footwork



Terrel Nowlin



Shelby Boyer

## It's a Score



Donnell Thompson, Austin Debeltz, and Joshua Fondren work together.





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