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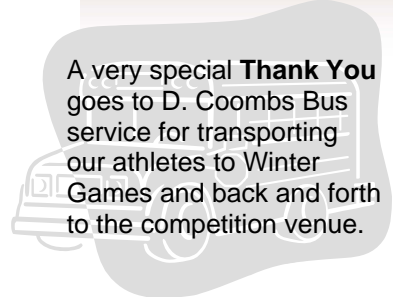
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Special Olympics Maryland St. Mary's County Winter Games: New Venue - Exciting Challenges for All!



St. Mary's County Alpine Skiers along with their Unified Partners own the awards stand at the 2011 Winter Games. Pictured from left to right: new partner Ben Raley, Justin Thompson, Jimmy Hawkins, partners Annah Rice and Courtney Bucci and athlete Thomas Smith.

After more than a decade of traveling to Wisp Ski Resort in Western Maryland, Special Olympics Maryland announced that this year's competition would be closer to home -- at Whitetail Ski Resort near Hagerstown. This new venue meant a shorter drive to the competition, but no housing on the hill meant driving from hotels in

Hagerstown to the competition sites -- 30 minutes away. Even with new transportation and communications challenges the 2011 Winter Games went off with very few complications. The weather, of course, was another story!

With temperatures near 50 degrees in the days leading up to Winter Games, Whitetail Resort went out of its way to make the snowshoeing venue the best it could be. The night before competition, they moved snow from up on the hill to the race course, to give the athletes the best snow possible. Rain on Monday delayed competition but all races were completed by the end of the day.

Athletes Russell Bucci, Michael Nahrgang, Melody Chase and first year snowshoer Jason Swift competed in the 50 and 100 meter races. Michelle Johnson, Austin Debeltz, Justin Fowler, and Stephen Maras competed in the 100 and 200 meter races. Race officials were amazed at the turnout of spectators at the snowshoeing event and they all packed into a small equipment building when the rain came in!

Unified partners Courtney Fowler and Marqui Zimmerman ran with athletes

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Snowshoe athletes and their partners celebrate another great season with a group picture at Whitetail. From left to right, partner Brian Hartz, Stephen Maras, partner Marissa Parlock, Michelle Johnson, partner Marqui Zimmerman, Michael Nahrgang, Austin Debeltz & partner Courtney Fowler.

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Note These Dates

*Spring Games: April 27th
(rain date April 28)
Moose Picnic: May 14th
Summer Games: June 10-12*

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Athlete will practice: At scheduled practices
 Spring Games will be April 27th. Regional Competition will be determined. Summer Games will be June 10, 11, 12

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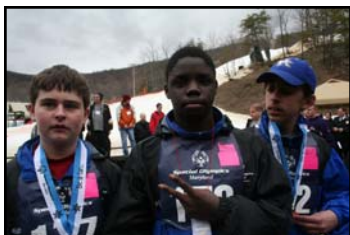
Snowshoers

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Michael Nahrgang and Austin Debeltz, winning the gold medal. Michelle Johnson and Stephen Maras ran with unified partners Brian Hartz and Marissa Parlock for a silver medal.

Russell Bucci, Melody Chase, Tom Bayne and Justin Fowler ran a traditional relay, winning a 4th place ribbon on the second day of competition, with the sun shining and temperatures getting into the 50's.

Thanks to head coach Gwen Guy and Paul Guy, Jason Zimmerman, Shelly Debeltz, Jackie Fowler, Virginia Swift and Ray Nahrgang for their help in getting our athletes ready to race. A special thanks to Connie Thompson for her help during the training season!



St. Mary's snowshoers - from left to right - Austin Debeltz, Justin Fowler, and our newest snowshoe athlete, Jason Swift, with their awards from the 100 meter race.

Below, Tom Bayne, Melody Chase, and Russell Bucci display some of their awards at Whitetail Resort.



Josh Fondren has lots to smile about at Winter Games. In his second year skiing Josh moved up from novice to intermediate and did well in all of his races including his Unified Race with partner Kelsey Morlong, pictured.

Kayla Woolridge shows top form in her Bi-Unique ski, as her coach (and dad), Randy, skis behind. Next year Kayla will try skiing with a mono-ski.



Winter Games: Skiing

The crazy weather kept the alpine skiers busy at the 2011 Winter Games. A fast moving thunderstorm delayed the racers and even stranded athlete Joey Owens and coach Tom Emery at a small building part-way down the mountain! But the rain let up and the races resumed with St. Mary's County athletes shining.

Laura Marini rejoined the skiers this year, skiing in the intermediate events along with Kayla Woolridge and Josh Fondren, who both moved up to intermediate level in 2011. Advanced alpine skiers included Wayne Carter, Jimmy Hawkins, Larry Mills, Terrel

Nowlin, Samantha Oliver, Joey Owens, Thomas Smith, and Justin Thompson. Each athlete skied in two individual events and one Unified race.

A special thanks to our hardworking Unified Partners: Michael, Bret, and Courtney Bucci, Amy Brookbank, Lily Emley, Lucas Garner, Kelsey, Tyler and Billy Morlong, Ben Raley and coaches Bret Bucci, Marc and Steve Rinaldo, Annah Rice, Brian Tierney, TJ Parkes and Tom Emery—who did a great job at our dryland training along with Jim and Sandy Hawkins.



Some of the 2011 skiers, including, from bottom, front row, Justin Thompson, Lily Emley, Joey Owens, Annah Rice, and Michael Bucci. Middle row, Samantha Oliver, Lucas Garner, Amy Brookbank, Marc Rinaldo, and Larry Mills. And back row, Laura Marini, Terrel Nowlin, Bret Bucci, Thomas Smith, Wayne Carter and Steve Rinaldo.



Samantha Oliver, left, and Unified Partner Courtney Bucci each take a run down the Super G. Their times were combined to make their official Unified race time.



Athletes & Coaches Going to Athens, Greece



Special Olympics
WORLD SUMMER GAMES
ATHENS 2011

Special Olympics St. Mary's County's soccer team will be competing at the 2011 World Summer Games in Athens, Greece in less than 100 days! Congratulations to Sam Huffman, Larry Mills, Thomas Smith, Terrel Nowlin, Branden Chan, Shaun Ridley, Stephen Summerfelt, Avery Long, Wesley Thompson, and Alan Hill, who were selected for the team last year.

These athletes have been working hard to make our county, our state and our country proud with weekly practices and conditioning with Coaches Ken Cohen and John Toner. The St. Mary's County team will be the ONLY soccer team going to Greece to represent the USA in the soccer competition! As part of their training they will also be traveling to San Diego, California March 27th, to meet up with other athletes who will be traveling to Athens.

From June 25th to July 4th in Athens, 7500 Special Olympics athletes from 185 nations will compete in 22 Olympic-style sports. Prior to the start of the games, our athletes will have an opportunity to

experience the beauty and culture of Greece in the *Host Town Program*. Delegations will be staying in various cities throughout Greece, meeting local citizens, enjoying traditional cuisine and training for the games. We wish our athletes, coaches and chaperones all the best as they take on the world -- at the Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece.



Apollon



The Sun mascot, symbolizes optimism, joy and glory.

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If you registered last season, you only need to include your NAME and CHANGES.

Athletes will practice at scheduled times.

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Practices will be held in June and July. State Competition is at the Mid-Summer Classic July 30 & 31.

This sport will be offered only if there are enough registrations.

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Practice will be held: at scheduled times

Local competition will be held September 17. State Competition will be October 22.

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Spring & Summer Sports Training Information

TRACK and FIELD

Starts: Saturday, April 2
 9 to 10 am Group 1 *
 10 to 11:30 am Group 2 *
 Where: Great Mills High School
 State Tournament: June 10, 11, 12
 *Call if you need to determine your group



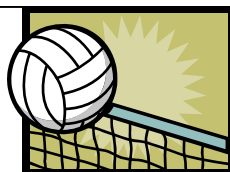
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Starts: Thursday, April 7th
 Held: 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
 Where: Seakeeper Offices on
 St. Andrews Church Road (same place, new name)
 State Tournament: June 10, 11, 12



VOLLEYBALL

Starts: June
 Held: TBA
 Where: TBA
 State Tournament: July 30, 31
 Call Mary Lu for details.



SWIMMING

Started: Sunday, March 6
 Held: 6pm—Beginners; 7pm—Advanced
 Where: Great Mills Pool
 Local Tournament: May 1 for Beginners
 Local Swim Meet : May 15 at St. Mary's College for int. and advanced
 District Meet: May 7, Charles Co. State Tournament: June 10, 11, 12



EQUESTRIAN

Started: March
 Where: Greenwell
 State Competition
 will be June 4th



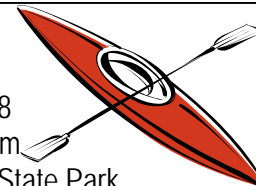
SURPRISES

are not good to start
 a season!!
 Please do not
 just "show up"
 at the first practice.
 Send your registration
 (or call Mary Lu)
 BEFORE the first
 practice so we have
 enough coaches,
 volunteers and
 equipment available for
 all of our athletes.

Thank You!

KAYAKING

Starts:
 Wednesday, May 18
 Held: 5 pm—7:00 pm
 Where: Greenwell State Park
 State Tournament: July 30, 31



CYCLING

Starts: July 16
 Where: Pax River
 Local: Sept 17
 State Tournament:
 October 22



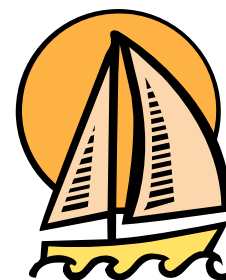
GOLF

Starts: July 21st
 Where: Wicomico Shores
 State Tournament:
 September 24—25th



SAILING

Starts: Tuesday,
 May 31.
 Held:
 5 pm—7 pm
 Where:
 St. Mary's College
 State Tournament:
 Mid-Summer Classic, July 30, 31



WE'RE LOOKING FOR UNIFIED PARTNERS

Do you know how to sail, kayak, play golf, or play volleyball?? Your skills can be beneficial to our teams. We are currently looking for players without intellectual disabilities to join our teams, forming now, in these sports. Unified Partners work side-by-side with athletes to build skills and friendships. Call Mary Lu today!

Spring Games—April 27;
Mark Your Calendar NOW!!

Registration forms are included in this Newsletter.

Basketball News

Another outstanding season is underway for the Special Olympics St. Mary's County's basketball teams. Our teams have attended local and regional tournaments and are planning for the State tournament on March 26th and 27th. Good luck everyone!



Tyesha Holt goes up for the ball as teammates Wayne Carter, Justin Thompson (behind Wayne), James Dickerson and Dillon Kelley rush in to help.



Andy Thompson takes the shot.

Vicki Farmer is all smiles.



St. Mary's County 2011 Basketball Teams

Traditional 5v5 teams:

Coach Wil Ridley

Coach Lloyd Grayson
Coach Charlie Jackson
Sam Huffman
Avery Long
Robert King
Larry Mills
Terrel Nowlin
Shaun Ridley
Thomas Smith
Brandon Thompson

Coach Jim Russell

Coach Henry Hill
Coach Dale Becker
Shelby Boyer
Wayne Carter
James Dickerson
Allen Hill
Tyeshia Holt
Dillon Kelley
Angelica Ringgold
Kyle Russell
Justin Thompson

Coach Jim Patrey

Coach Matt Menard
Timmy Menard
April Newton
Andrea Brown
Patrick Flagg
Billy Groves
April Towler
Joey Owens
Marcus Windsor

Coach Don Bewick

Andrew Gill
James Sewell
Joe Quade
Anthony Cyrus
Jim Downs
Jason Wright
Joseph Williams

Traditional 3 v 3 Teams

Coach Mark Fondren

Patrick Boyle
Nicholas Crouch
Rebecca Elwell
Joshua Fondren
Jennifer Haley
Michael Vannoordt

Coach Greg Weaver

Coach Jeff Sheperd
Moses Weaver
Dylan Donnells
Daniel Clarke
Austin Debeltz
Rachel Vanecho

Coaches Chuck & Tracy Latham

Tikira Blackwell
Stephen Ennels
Dylan Latham
Jason Swift
Khadijah Young

Coach Marcia Bald

Vicki Trossbach
Russell Bucci
Keith Stamp
James Woodland
Melody Chase

Coach Diane Huseman

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

Coach Jeff Hagen

Coach Jack Green
Jeffery Hagen
Suzanne Green
Casey Chappellear
Ronnie Noordzy
Christy Brinkley

Player Development 3v3

Coach Tom Maras

Stephen Maras
Michelle Johnson
Vincent Treglia
Andy Thompson
Marshall Thompson
Kourtney Baker - Mentor

Coach Dan Shannon

Brady Carrigan
Jeremy Degler
Melanie Shannon
Jordan Swann
Justin Degler - Mentor
Michael Merry - Mentor
Brad Shannon - Mentor

Coach Gallagher

Tom Bayne
Michael Wood
Bobby Hislip
Betty Russell
Tyler Baker - Mentor
Connie Thompson - Mentor



Amy Trowbridge holds off Russell Bucci at the local competition.



Daniel Clarke, #5, moves the ball up the court.

James Woodland, #35, goes for the ball.



Basketball skills athletes get together for a group picture. Front row, left to right, coach Connie Thompson, Vicki Farmer, Julie Barker, Tammy Wise, Bill Ford, Gloria Armstrong, community service volunteer, Linda Wathen and Shelly Pickerall. Behind, l to r, volunteer Karen Wathen, Jimmy Finch, Karen Servaty, volunteer, Charlie Sayers, Angela Pitts, volunteer Jimmy Davis, and volunteer.

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2011 KAYAKING or SAILING** Please CIRCLE Choice

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Athletes will practice at scheduled times. Mid Summer Classic will be July 30 and 31st

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**REGISTRATION FORM Special Olympics St. Mary's County
2011 GOLF**

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Athletes will practice at scheduled times. Local Competitions in August and September at various locations.
State Competition: September 24 for level 1 skills and September 25 for level 2 thru level 5.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 13 Swimming	14	15	16	17	18	19 .
20 Swimming	21	22	23	24	25	26 STATE Basketball 3v3 & Player Dev
27 STATE Basketball 5v5 Swimming	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1	2 Track Practice Starts @ Great Mills
APRIL 3 Swimming	4	5	6 AREA MEETING Track School Score Day	7 Bocce starts	8	9 Track practice
10 Swimming	11	12	13 Rain Date for Track School Score Day	14 Bocce	15	16 Track practice
17 Swimming	18	19	20	21 Bocce	22	23 Track practice
24 EASTER	25	26	27 SPRING GAMES	28 Rain date Spring Games	29	30 Track practice
MAY 1 Local Swim Meet (Beg)	2	3	4 AREA MEETING	5 Bocce	6	7 Track Swimming Ch. Co.
8	9	10	11	12 Bocce	13	14 Track practice MOOSE PICNIC
15 LOCAL Swim Meet (Int & Adv)	16	17	18 Kayaking Starts	19 Bocce	20	21 Track Practice CASH BASH
22	23	24	25 Kayaking	26 Bocce	27	28 Track Practice
29	30 Memorial Day	31 Sailing Starts	JUNE 1 SUMMER GAMES COACHES MEETING Kayaking	2	3	4 Track Practice EQUESTRIAN
JUNE 5	6	7 Sailing	8 Kayaking	9	10 SUMMER GAMES	11 SUMMER GAMES
12 SUMMER GAMES	13	14 Sailing	15 Kayaking	16	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY	20	21 Sailing	22 Kayaking	23 WORLD Games ATHENS, GREECE	24	25
26	27	28 Sailing	28 Kayaking	30	JULY 1	2
JULY 3	4	5 Sailing	6 AREA MEETING Kayaking	7	8	9
10	11	12 Sailing	13 Kayaking	14	15	16 Cycling Starts
17 LOCAL AWARDS BANQUET	18	19 Sailing	20 Kayaking	21 Golf Starts	22	23 Cycling Practice
24	25	26 Sailing	27 Kayaking	28 Golf practice	29	30 MID-SUMMER CLASSIC Cycling Practice
31 MID-SUMMER CLASSIC	AUGUST 1	2	3 AREA MEETING	4 Golf practice	5	6 Cycling Practice

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in honor of Ronnie Noordzy
and his parents
Lauren and Scott McGhee
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Pat and Jim Downs
JF Taylor in honor of Brian Evans

Lynn Baker's Benefit Lunch
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Dee Coombs Bus Service
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Bennett Building Poker Tournaments
Nu Sigma Chapter
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St. Mary's Rockin' Red Hatters
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St. Mary's Council 1470
Mount Zion United Methodist Church
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Gryphon Technologies

United Way of St. Mary's County



Knight of Columbus - Tootsie Roll Fundraisers

St. Michael's Council 2065 in Ridge
St. Francis Xavier
Council 10957 in Leonardtown
Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM)
Council 9968 in Lexington Park



*Marcia Bald accepts Tootsie Roll
money from Knights of Columbus IHM
Council member Curt Winters at their
annual pancake breakfast.*

A SPECIAL DONATION

We'd like to share a very special donation that we recently received.

"Dear Ms. Bucci,

My name is Lauren McGhee and my husband and I were married in October. In lieu of traditional wedding favors, we would like to make a donation to Special Olympics St. Mary's County in the amount of \$400. We make this donation in honor of our cousin, Joey Owens.

With love, Lauren and Scott McGhee."

What a wonderful gift from a very thoughtful newlywed couple.

It's all in the family - at the 2011 Winter Games



The **Bucci Clan**, pictured above. Front row Lucas Garner and athlete Russell Bucci. Back row, left to right, Mary Lu, Bret, Courtney, Ray and Michael Bucci and Amy Brookbank. Not pictured, Bret, Jr., who helped with our on-snow training with the athletes.

Below left, the **Rinaldo Gang**, l to r, Steve, Annah Rice and Marc Rinaldo. Annah and Marc will be getting married this summer. Congratulations!!

Below right, part of the **Guy Family** - Paul and tucked out Kelby. Gwen coached our snowshoers and has also coached swimming, kayaking and golf. Paul is also a golf partner.

Special Olympics St. Mary's County has always had great support from family and friends. At this year's Winter Games we were able to snap a few family photos, to prove our point. These dedicated families help in a variety of sports programs throughout the year - Thank you all for being there for ALL of our athletes!!



Above, athlete **Jimmy Hawkins** with his family, Sandy and Jim Hawkins and partner Lily Emley. Mr. Hawkins is the man behind the scenes who keeps everything running smoothly at all of our major events.

Below, l to r, are Tyler **Morlong**, Ben Raley, Kelsey Morlong and Billy Morlong. In addition to skiing, Billy was a huge help with our golf program. This was Ben's first year as a volunteer with us but we really hope he comes back again next season!



The **Zimmerman's** continue to find new ways to pitch in throughout the year. Pictured at right are Jason, Marqui and Kegan Zimmerman. This year Jason and Marqui worked with our snowshoe athletes.

Kegan began training for his second season as an alpine skier but was injured at the on-snow practice. Not one to give up on attending the Winter Games, Kegan was able to attend as a representative for Special Olympics Maryland and spent most of his day with a microphone in his hand - announcing the winners of the alpine, snowshoe and cross country competitions. Great job Kegan!!

THANK YOU -- To ALL the families who support Special Olympics!

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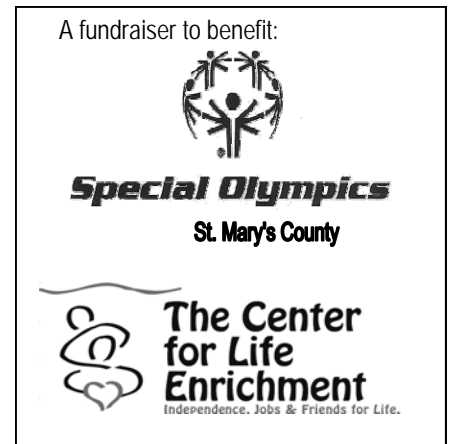


Saturday, May 21

Noon - 5:00pm

(Rain or Shine - Doors open at 11 am)

Hollywood Firehouse Carnival Yard



\$ 10,000 in cash and prizes will be given away including a \$5000 Cash Prize Drawing

Additional chances to win cash and prizes will take place during the event: (50/50, raffles, etc.)

\$ 30.00 per ticket (Only 1000 tickets will be sold)

MUST HAVE TICKET TO ENTER AND BE 21 YEARS OF AGE

You do not need to be present to win. Cost includes the chance to win cash and prizes, plus complimentary all-day buffet, beer, and soda

Questions: Call 301-373-8100