



Seminole Spirit

May 2008



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 16-17 – Summer Sports State Games May 31 – Swimming Season Begins June 1 – Summer Sports End Of Season Party
 June 14 – Powerlifting Begins June 17- Gymnastics Begins June 23 – Bowling Begins, Golf County Games

“SUMMER SPORTS” END OF SEASON PARTY

Track, Cycling, Soccer, Tennis, Bocce, & Volleyball

Saturday, June 1, 2008 from 12-4pm at Cranes Roost Villages Club House, 530 Cranes Way, Altamonte Springs FL 32701. We will have Awards, Food, Swimming, Tennis, Music & Lots of Fun! Please bring an item to share, such as a salad, dish, dessert, drinks, plates etc. *OPTIONAL*: Swim Suit, Goggles, Towel, Tennis Racket, Music CDs. RSVP to Mindy Setzer, 321-276-6463, MSetzer@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org
(This is not a sanctioned Special Olympics Event)

SWIM SEASON BEGINS

Swim season is scheduled to start on Saturday, May 31, 2008 RDV SportsPlex - 8701 Maitland Summit Blvd, Orlando, FL 32810 Intermediate & Advanced: 8-10am, Beginners: 9-10am
Westmonte Park – 624 Bills Lane, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 Intermediate & Advanced: 8-10am
Please make sure to contact us if you would like to participate. We need to provide you with the schedule, information on changes this year, and find out which facility your athlete wants to train at. **THANKS ☺**

Questions: Nin El-khoury, 407-929-7254 or Mindy Setzer, 321-276-6463 or Swimming@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: LoPorto Family

Our family has been involved with Special Olympics for about 7 years. Our very own Special Olympiad, Jimmy, has played several sports. He is now playing golf, swimming and, his new favorite, power lifting. What a thrill it was to see Jimmy earn a bronze medal at the power lifting state games in November 2007. Coach “Daddy” Sal has been a swim coach from the start and last year started his golf coaching career. He helps out at power lifting and also finds time to be involved with the management team. Our daughter, Maria, began her Special Olympic career by volunteering at swimming to earn community service hours and has added gymnastics to her coaching list. Maria is also a Radio Disney kidcaster and has arranged radio broadcasts to inform the community about Special Olympics. My involvement with Special Olympics has always been as the mother who makes sure that everyone gets where they need to be at the right time. This past year I was very interested in the power lifting athletes and decided to join the management team because I love helping such a dedicated group of individuals who have given so much to help all the wonderful, Special Olympiads in Seminole county. Special Olympics is a very big part of our lives and for good reason. They have given Jimmy the chance to go out & be the best that he can be & have fun at the same time. The coaches, volunteers & athletes are such a big, happy family. We feel blessed to be a part of this very special organization.

2008 BOWL-A-THON

THANK YOU ALL for your support and donations to the 2008 Bowl-A-Thon. We hope you join us in 2009 for the 3rd Annual Bowl-A-Thon. Together we were able to raise **\$3,542.15** for SOSC athletes!

Thank you to our Proud Sponsors: City of Altamonte Springs, The Advisory Board for the Disabled, Inc., The South Seminole Optimist Club

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers: Robert Cowan & We All C.A.N., Mindy and Lainey Dorris, UCF Adaptive PE Students
Special Thanks to Brett & Winston Jones: Alone they raised \$1,269.00 in sponsorships!

“FALL CLASSIC” SPORTS STARTING IN JUNE

Bowling- Begins Monday, June 23 from 3-5pm at the AMF Altamonte Lanes. Cost \$1.50/game which includes shoes. More info: Nin El-khoury, 407-571-8814 or Bowling@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

Gymnastics- Begins Tuesday, June 17 from 5:30-6:30 at Brown’s Gym in Altamonte. If we haven’t contacted you already, please contact us you want to join. Contact: Nin El-khoury, 407-929-7254, Gymnastics@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

Powerlifting- Begins on Saturday, June 14 from 1-3pm at Golds Gym Altamonte. Please contact Fran Carrozza for more information. 321-297-8669, francarrozza56@hotmail.com

Softball- Begins on July 26. Contact Vinnie Coon for details. 407-571-8812 or VinnieC@altamonte.org

NATHANIEL’S HOPE: SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008

Join us at the Nathaniel’s Hope Buddy Stroll at Lake Eola. To sign up, visit our website or contact: Kevin, 407-257-7730 or KLajeunesse@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

ATHLETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Richard Mendola got a matching grant from Wal Mart in the amount of \$532 for SOSC. He also gave a speech to the Rotary Club and received a \$1,000 donation for SOSC.

“Megz” Van Loon and Chris Friedman represented SOSC at the Publix Golf Classic, a SOFL fundraiser, on April 14th at the Reunion Resort. Both had the opportunity to meet over 160 participants from Publix and their distributors, as they headed to the first tee! Later that evening at the reception Chris made a wonderful speech, deserving of a standing ovation, the only one of the evening!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- MAY

Adrienne Allen, Katie Byrnes, Wayne Field, David Figueroa, Aaron Hudson, Robert McCrum, Irma Melendez, Angela Merrell, Stephen Miller, Beth Newberg, Michelle Perez, Brittany Tagliareni, Rashawn Vandestreek



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