Thirty One Athletes Win Titles
At 42nd Barefoot Water Ski Nationals

More than 70 competitors at the 42nd Barefoot Water Ski National Championships, Presented by Bank First, Aug. 22-24, at the Blue Moo in Alma Center, Wis. More than 70 barefoot water ski athletes competed in respective divisions for titles in wake slalom, tricks, jumping and overall during the three-day event.

The wake slalom event consisted of athletes crossing the boat wake as many times as possible in two 15-second passes (one pass in the forward position and one pass in the backward position). Tricks competitors performed as many tricks as possible in two 15-second passes. Jumpers, who were each allowed three attempts, went for distance while leaping off an 18-inch ramp.

In Open Pro Men, Jackson Gerard (Babson Park, Fla.) swept the slalom (18.80), tricks (11,600 points), jumping (77 feet) and overall (2,801.47 points), and Doug Jordan (Renton, Wash.) won jumping (45 feet).

In Open Men, Jerry Kanawyer (Byron, Calif.) won slalom (15.00), tricks (4,400 points) and overall (2,801.47 points), and Doug Jordan (Renton, Wash.) won jumping (45 feet).

In Open Women, Lexi McCauley (Winter Haven, Fla.) won titles in slalom (14.80), tricks (5,800 points) and overall (2,982.46 points), and Alex Youngblood (Highland, Mich.) won jumping (37 feet). McCauley’s winning score of 5,800 points is a new Open Women national tricks record.

In the Men divisions, Andrew Martin (San Francisco, Calif.) won Men A tricks (2,500 points), Rich Kaufman (Norristown, Pa.) won slalom (12.7), Don Stoppe (Ashland, N.H.) won jumping (36 feet) and Mark McCauley (Louisville, Ohio) won overall (2,839.23 points). In Men B, Todd Fipps (Greenback, Tenn.) won slalom (10.2), Sean Qualey (Madison, Wis.) won tricks (1,670 points) and Corey Jones (Collinsville, Ill.) won jumping (29 feet) and overall (2,174.53 points). In Men C, John Garrity (Byram Township, N.J.) won tricks (800 points), Roger Brummel (Lake Zurich, Ill.) won slalom (7.25) and Ryan Hayes (Chetek, Wis.) won overall (1,785.34 points). In Veterans Men, Al Hager (Stuart, Fla.) won slalom (3.23), tricks (420 points) and overall (2,000 points). In Senior Men, Paul Oman (Minneapolis, Minn.) won slalom (8.9), tricks (750 points) and overall (2,000 points).

In the Women divisions, Sharon Carlson (Conover, Wis.) won Veteran Women slalom (2.35), tricks (600 points) and overall (2,000 points). In Women A, Betsy Gilman (Gainesville, Ga.) won slalom (7.8), tricks (1,670 points) and overall (2,000 points). Gilman’s winning tricks score was later ratified as a new Women 4 national tricks record of 1,660 points (downgraded from 1,670 points after review). In Women B, Deanna Dean (Apollo Beach, Fla.) won tricks (390 points) and overall (1,912.90 points), and Ali Gates (Austin, Texas) won slalom (3.10).

In Junior Boys, Ellis Osborn (West Palm Beach, Fla.) won Boys A tricks (2,350 points), jumping (37 feet) and overall (2,774.51 points), and Michael Sousa III (Center Harbor, N.H.) won slalom (10.20).
Boys B, **Orval Cyr (Chisago City, Minn.)** swept the slalom (8.70), tricks (1,850 points), jumping (34 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points) titles.

In Junior Girls, **Ryleigh Stenson (Buffalo, Minn.)** swept the Girls A slalom (9.50), tricks (2,250 points), jumping (29 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points) titles. In Girls B, **Amara Bruns (Sioux Falls, S.D.)** won slalom (3.08), tricks (640 points) and overall (2,000.0 points).

In International Men, **New Zealand’s William Leigh** swept the slalom (15.4), tricks (4,500 points), jumping (73 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points) titles. In International Women, **Australia’s Ashleigh Stebbeings** swept the slalom (17.80), tricks (9,410 points), jumping (67 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points) titles.


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