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PRESS RELEASE

Water Ski Athletes Anna Gay, Craig Timm
Earn USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Best Of July Honors

Athletes are now eligible for United States Olympic & Paralympic
Committee honors

POLK CITY, Fla. – USA Water Ski & Wake Sports has selected Anna Gay (Winter Garden, Fla.) as its Female Athlete of the Month and Craig Timm (Center City, Minn.) as its Male Athlete of the Month for July. The USA Adaptive Water Ski Team was selected Team of the Month. Gay, Timm and the USA Adaptive Water Ski Team are now eligible for the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee’s Best of July Team USA Awards, presented by Dow.

Gay won gold medals in women’s tricks (10,530 points) and overall (2,663.50 points) and led the U.S. Under 21 Water Ski Team to a fourth-place finish at the 9th Under 21 Water Ski World Championships, July 4-7, at Shalom Park in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Gay advanced to the finals in all three events – slalom, tricks and jumping – and won the overall title with top scores of 10,530 points in tricks (finals), 2 buoys at 38 feet off in slalom (finals) and 136 feet in jumping (preliminary round). Gay also won Open Women tricks with a score of 10,420 at the 2019 Southern Regional Water Ski Championships, July 25-28, at Lymanland in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Timm swept gold medals in Standing Men slalom (1.50/58/18.25), tricks (850 points), jumping (98 feet) and overall (2,194.59 points) in leading the USA Adaptive Water Ski Team to the gold medal at the 14th Barbara Bolding/Jim Grew Fund Disabled Water Ski World Championships, July 25-28, in Skarnes, Norway.

The USA Adaptive Water Ski Team won the gold medal at the 14th Barbara Bolding/Jim Grew Fund Disabled Water Ski World Championships, July 25-28, in Skarnes, Norway. Australia earned the silver medal and Great Britain earned the bronze medal. Fourteen athletes represented the 2019 USA
Adaptive Water Ski Team at the biennial event. More than 40 athletes from 11 countries participated in the championships. The United States tallied 13,757.91 points, followed by Australia with 8,069.92 points and Great Britain with 7,355.63 points. U.S. team members earned a total of 26 individual medals, including eight gold medals, 10 silver medals and eight bronze medals.

Members of the USA Adaptive Water Ski Team were: **Marco Bungert (Huntersville, N.C.)** – Seated Men; **Nicholas Fairall (Andover, N.H.)** – Seated Men; **Chad Guzman (Gilbert, Ariz.)** – Seated Men; **Elijah Hager (Alexis, N.C.)** – Seated Men; **Katie Mawby (Grand Haven, Mich.)** – Vision Impaired Ladies; **Elisha Nelson (Woodland, Calif.)** – Standing Ladies; **Robbie Parks (Lexington, N.C.)** – Seated Men; **Janet Paulsen (Acworth, Ga.)** – Seated Ladies; **Connor Poggetto (Carmichael, Calif.)** – Seated Men; **Mike Royal (Magnolia, Texas)** – Vision Impaired Men; **Gregg Stokes (Rocky Mount, N.C.)** – Standing Men; **Sarah Switzer (Madison, Ala.)** – Seated Ladies; **Craig Timm (Center City, Minn.)** – Standing Men; and **Chuck Wesson (Charlotte, N.C.)** – Seated Men. **Geneva Brett (Los Banos, Calif.)** served as manager; **Jessica Van Dyk (Belding, Mich.)** was the assistant manager; **Matt Oberholtz (Oroville, Calif.)** was the coach; **Brian Detrick (Elk Grove, Calif.)** was the assistant coach; and **Dr. Keith Barbour (Monroe, Mich.)** served as the team physician.

Mawby won gold medals in Vision Impaired Ladies slalom (5.50/55/18.25) and tricks (670 points); Royal won the gold medal in Vision Impaired Men slalom (5.50/58/12.00) and the bronze medal in tricks (590 points); Timm swept gold medals in Standing Men slalom (1.50/58/18.25), tricks (850 points), jumping (98 feet) and overall (2,194.59 points); Guzman earned the silver medal in Seated Men slalom (1.00/49); Hager earned bronze medals in Seated Men tricks (1,620 points) and overall (2,436.52 points); Nelson earned silver medals in Standing Ladies tricks (400 points), jumping (29 feet) and overall (1,545.49 points), and the bronze medal in slalom (1.50/40); Poggetto won the gold medal in Seated Men overall (3,012.28 points) and earned silver medals in tricks (1,640 points) and jumping (75 feet); Stokes earned silver medals in Standing Men jumping (53 feet) and overall (1,302.80 points), and bronze medals in slalom (4.00/52) and tricks (170.0 points); Switzer earned silver medals in Seated Ladies jumping (38 feet) and overall (2,241.36 points), and the bronze medal in slalom (1.50/37); and Wesson earned the bronze medal in Seated Men jumping (69 feet).

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