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Brooke Baldwin, Sean Hunter And U.S. 45+ Water Ski Team
Earn USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Best Of October Honors

Athletes are now eligible for United States Olympic Committee honors

POLK CITY, Fla. – USA Water Ski & Wake Sports has selected Brooke Baldwin (Winter Garden, Fla.) as its Female Athlete of the Month and Sean Hunter (Dothan, Ala.) as its Male Athlete of the Month for October. The U.S. 45+ Pan American Water Ski Team was selected Team of the Month. Baldwin, Hunter and the U.S. 45+ Pan American Water Ski Team are now eligible for the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee’s Best of October Team USA Awards, presented by Dow.

Baldwin, a freshman at the University of Alabama, won the women’s overall title at the Syndicate Waterskis 41st Collegiate Water Ski National Championships, Oct. 10-12, at Bell Acqua Lakes in Rio Linda, Calif. She finished runner-up in slalom (1-1/2 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off), tricks (4,430 points) and jumping (147 feet) on the way to securing the overall title and leading Alabama to its highest finish (second place) in the history of the Collegiate Water Ski National Championships.

Hunter, a sophomore at the University of Alabama, won the men’s slalom title at the Syndicate Waterskis 41st Collegiate Water Ski National Championships, Oct. 10-12, at Bell Acqua Lakes in Rio Linda, Calif. Hunter scored 4 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off in winning the men’s slalom title for the second consecutive year and leading Alabama to its highest finish (second place) in the history of the Collegiate Water Ski National Championships.

Despite having only two team members, the U.S. 45+ Pan American Water Ski Team won the gold medal at the 2019 IWWF Pan American Senior Water Ski Championships, Oct. 23-27, in Bujama, Peru. The U.S. 45+ team won the gold medal, tallying 6,000.00 points. Canada earned the silver medal (2,804.55 points) and Brazil earned the bronze medal (2,417.16 points). Members of the 45+ team were Lori Krueger (Martindale, Texas) and Marc Shaw (Ocoee, Fla.). Krueger won gold medals in women’s slalom (1 buoy at 38 feet off), tricks (3,820 points), jumping (112 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points), and recorded the highest scores in slalom, tricks and jumping across all – 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+ – female divisions. Krueger’s jump distance of 127 feet in the preliminary round was a new Pan American Senior Water Ski Championships record for the 45+ division. Shaw won gold medals in men’s slalom (1-1/2 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off), tricks (3,610 points), jumping (166 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points), and recorded the highest scores in slalom, tricks and jumping across all – 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+ – male divisions. Shaw’s jump distance of 166 feet in the finals was a new Pan American Senior Water Ski Championships record for the 45+ division.

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