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Four U.S. Water Ski Teams Win Gold Medals
At IWWF Pan American Senior Water Ski Championships

Twenty U.S. athletes win individual medals

POLK CITY, Fla. – Sixteen U.S. Senior Pan American Championships Water Ski Team members and four U.S. independent athletes combined to win 49 medals, including 25 gold, at the 2019 IWWF Pan American Senior Water Ski Championships, Oct. 23-27, in Bujama, Peru. All four – 35+, 45+, 55+ and 65+ – U.S. teams competing at the biennial event won overall team gold medals.

The U.S. 35+ team won the gold medal, scoring 7,164.33 points. Colombia earned the silver (3,357.51 points) and Brazil earned the bronze (2,085.38 points). Members of the 35+ team were: Brian Ansel (Madison, Wis.), Renee Jaquess (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.), Lauren Malitz (San Antonio, Texas) and Kyle Petit (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.). Ansel won gold medals in men’s jumping (148 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points). Jaquess won gold medals in women’s tricks (2,500 points), jumping (93 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points), and earned the silver medal in slalom (2 buoys at 32 feet off). Malitz earned bronze medals in women’s slalom (3-1/2 buoys at 22 feet off), tricks (1,090 points), jumping (0 feet) and overall (1,278.0 points). Petit earned silver medals in women’s tricks (1,220 points), jumping (52 feet) and overall (1,416.85 points).

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). 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).

The U.S. 55+ team won the gold medal, scoring 8,636.54 points. Canada earned the silver (5,602.75 points) and Brazil earned the bronze (2,094.13 points). Members of the 55+ team were: Anne Bennett (Zachary, La.), Connie Bergmark (San Diego, Calif.), Janie Fausold (Pleasant Grove, Calif.), Mitch Grau (Carrollton, Texas), Tina Lindsey (Martindale, Texas) and Greg Tate (Auburn, Wash.). Bennett won the gold in women’s tricks (3,050 points) and earned the bronze in overall (2,578.96 points). Bergmark earned the bronze in women’s slalom (3 buoys at 32 feet off) and overall (2,621.23 points), and the bronze in tricks (2,650 points). Grau won gold medals in men’s jumping (137 feet) and overall (2,964.89 points) and earned the silver in men’s tricks (2,440 points). Lindsey won gold medals in women’s jumping (86 feet) and overall (2,851.54 points) and earned the silver in tricks (2,650 points). Tate earned the silver in men’s slalom (4 buoys at 38 feet off).

The U.S. 65+ team won the gold medal, tallying 6,306.07 points. Canada earned the silver medal (2,882.35 points). Members of the 65+ team were: John Able (Houston, Texas), Mike Bray (Marlow, Okla.), Steve Raphael (Southlake, Texas) and Cheryl Schmitt (Mount Vernon, Ind.). Able earned silver medals in men’s tricks (960 points), jumping (82 feet) and overall (2,357.16 points). Bray won the gold medal in men’s slalom (2 buoys at 38 feet off); Raphael earned the silver in men’s slalom (1-1/2 buoys at 38 feet off); Schmitt won gold medals in women’s slalom (3-1/2 buoys at 75 feet/Long Line), tricks (380 points), jumping (0 feet) and overall (3,000.0 points).

Several U.S. independent water ski athletes also competed in the tournament. Carol Brooks (Canyon Lake, Calif.) won the gold in women’s slalom (2 buoys at 35 feet off); Jeff Lindsey (Martindale, Texas)
won the gold in 55+ men’s tricks (2,440 points) and earned silver medals in jumping (124 feet) and overall (2,868.34 points); Dave Goode (Ogden, Utah) earned the bronze in 55+ men’s tricks (1,530 points); and Diana Parker-Olson (Canyon Lake, Calif.) earned the bronze in 55+ women’s jumping (64 feet).

Marc Shaw (Ocoee, Fla.) served as the coach. The teams were selected by the 35+ Sub Committee of the American Water Ski Association’s International Activities Committee.

For complete results, visit http://www.iwwfed-ea.org/classic/19PER06/.

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