Twenty Eight Athletes Win Titles On Day 4 Of 77th GOODE Water Ski National Championships

World’s largest 3-event tournament continues Saturday at 8 a.m.

POLK CITY, Fla. – The 77th annual GOODE Water Ski National Championships continued Friday at Okheeleelee Park in West Palm Beach, Fla., with 28 athletes winning national titles in respective divisions and events. Nearly 700 water ski athletes from across the United States are competing for national titles in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall in respective age divisions and two Open divisions during the five-day tournament that culminates Saturday.

Advancement to the world’s largest three-event water ski tournament was primarily earned through placement on the national rankings list. Athletes also could qualify by placing in the top-five in the previous year’s event or at respective 2019 regional championships. The American Water Ski Association, a sport discipline organization of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports, and the Ski Club of the Palm Beaches are hosting the tournament.

Among the highlights on Friday:

Tim Huston (Lake Wales, Fla.) won the Men 5 national slalom title, defeating Michael Robinson (Charleston, S.C.) in a runoff. After both skiers tied with a score of 3 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off, Huston won the subsequent runoff, scoring 3 fees off to Robinson’s 2-1/2 fees off. Alison Poulsen (Ketchum, Idaho) won Women 5 slalom for the second consecutive year, scoring 4 buoys at 35 feet off. Mitch Grau (Carrollton, Texas) won his sixth national jumping title in the past seven years, taking top honors in Men 6 (148 feet). He also won his fourth career national overall title. Chris Clark (Laotto, Ind.), the 14th seed in the 52-skiier field of Men 4 slalom, won his first career national title, scoring 4-1/2 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off. In addition to Clark, 10 athletes — John Able (Houston, Texas), Whitney Burnash (Fenton, Mich.), David Carter (New Smyrna, Fla.), Deana Cowger (Frisco, Texas), Daniel Greene (St. Louis, Mo.), Steve Lohr (Milford, Va.), Diana Parker (Canyon Lake, Calif.), Jonathan Paulovich (Manasquan, N.J.), Monica Seal (Panama City, Fla.) and Brandon Waters (Lake, Fla.) – became first time national champions today.

Friday’s (Day 4) National Champions

Masters Men Slalom: Greg Sund (Stony Brook, N.Y.), 1 buoy at 41 fees off; Women 5 Slalom: Alison Poulsen (Ketchum, Idaho), 4 buoys at 35 feet off; Women 1 Slalom: Jenna Morgan (Odessa, Fla.), 1 buoy at 38 fees off; Women 2 Slalom: Whitney Burnash (Fenton, Mich.), 4-1/2 buoys at 32 fees off; Women 3 Slalom: Deana Cowger (Frisco, Texas), 2 buoys at 35 fees off; Men 4 Slalom: Chris Clark (Laotto, Ind.), 4-1/2 buoys at 39-1/2 fees off; Women 7 Slalom and Overall: Leza Harrison (Chuluota, Fla.), 2 buoys at 35 fees off/2,192.0 points; Women 8 Slalom: Gwendola Wamhoff (Hope, Mich.), 2 buoys at 28 fees off; Women 8 Overall: Brenda Cavenaugh (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.), 1,649.80 points; Women 10 Slalom: Mary Parcheta (Stillwater, Minn.), 1 buoy at 15 fees off; Masters Women Slalom: Jennifer LaPoint (Windermere, Fla.), 1 buoy at 38 fees off; Men 3 Tricks: Benjamin Lohr (Orlando, Fla.), 5,590 points; Men 9 Tricks and Overall: Stan Switzer (Mulberry, Fla.), 1,920 points/2,494.3 points; Men 7 Tricks: Steve Lohr (Milford, Va.), 2,130 points; Men 7 Overall: John Able (Houston, Texas), 2,154.9 points; Men 10 Tricks and Overall: Bruce Kunde (Sterling, Ill.), 550 points/2,169.8 points; Men 11 Tricks: Elgin Faulkner (Houston, Texas), 560 points; Men 11 Overall: Roger Wahl (Prior Lake, Minn.), 1,782.7 points; Men 2 Tricks: David Carter (New Smyrna, Fla.), 4,300 points; Men 1 Tricks: Daniel Greene (St. Louis, Mo.), 4,890 points; Women 2 Jumping: Monica Seal (Panama City, Fla.),
106 feet; Women 3 Jumping: Rebecca Bartlett (Wolfeboro, N.H.), 85 feet; Women 4 Tricks and Jumping: Jane Greenwood (Little Rock, Ark.), 3,570 points/121 feet; Women 5 Jumping: Diana Parker (Canyon Lake, Calif.), 0 feet; Masters Women Jumping: Brenda Nichols (Winter Garden, Fla.), 123 feet; Men 5 Slalom: Tim Huston (Lake Wales, Fla.), 3 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off; Men 5 Jumping and Overall: Mitch Grau (Carrollton, Texas), 148 feet/2,806.2 points; Masters Men Jumping: Brandon Waters (Lady Lake, Fla.), 161 feet; and Men 2 Jumping: Jonathan Paulovich (Manasquan, N.J.), 171 feet.

Competition continues Saturday at 8 a.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend.

For complete results and more information, visit www.waterskinations.com.

The first national championships was held in 1939 at Jones Beach in Long Island, N.Y. Except for three years during World War II (1942-1944), the Nationals has been held every year since 1939.

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