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**Floridians win more than 120 medals at the 2009
National Senior Games**

TALLAHASSEE – While Florida Senior athletes had to travel a great distance to the San Francisco Bay area to compete in the 2009 National Senior Games, it didn't affect their success as more than 380 athletes earned a total of 121 individual medals and five team medals.

During the first two weeks of August on the Stanford University campus and other locations in the Bay area, Florida Senior athletes combined to win 46 gold, 46 silver and 29 bronze individual medals. Basketball teams won a gold and silver and two softball teams won gold medals. Floridians won medals in 16 of the 18 sports offered at the 2009 National Senior Games.

As has been the case in the previous three National Senior Games, held biennially, Florida swimmers brought home the most medals with a total of 27, winning 11 gold, six silver and 10 bronze medals. Track and Field athletes earned a total of 22 medals while Table Tennis players won 19 and Florida bowlers rolled their way to 15 medals.

Individually, two Florida swimmers combined for 12 medal winning performances. Nathan Leech, of The Villages, won gold medals in all six events he swam in the 60-64 age group. George Schmidt, of Palm Beach Gardens, won three gold and three silver medals in the 55-59 age group. In four National Senior Games since 2001, Schmidt has won 13 gold and 13 silver medals.

Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, the 2003 Florida Senior Games State Championships Female Athlete of the Year from The Villages, was a gold medal winning performer not only at the Track and Field Stadium but on the Softball field. Cazal won five gold medals and a silver in the 70-74 age group in track and field and earned a gold medal as a member of the Golden Gals 65+ Softball team.

Two of Florida's most experienced athletes, 94 year old Lillian Webb, from Sebring, earned three gold medals and three silver in track and field and bowling events combined and the only 100-year old athlete at the 2009 Games, Dunedin's Roger Gentilhomme, won gold medals in tennis and a gold in bowling.

The Magic Seniors 80+ Three-on-Three Basketball team won their second consecutive National Senior Games gold medal going undefeated in five games and are now undefeated in 11 consecutive games. The Magic Seniors teams includes Ron Harp of Clermont, Hugh Ressler of Clermont, Warren "Bud" Smith of St. Petersburg Beach, Norval Brown of Clermont and J.R. Read of The Villages



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The Freedom Spirit 70+ Women's Softball team, made up of a majority of players from the Tampa Bay area, won a medal for the third consecutive National Senior Games winning a gold. Freedom Spirit won a silver in 2007 and a gold in 2005.

The 2009 Florida Senior Games schedule of events continues with fall qualifiers with the Pensacola Senior Games in late-September. Other fall qualifiers in October and November include the Jacksonville Senior Games, Tampa Bay Senior Games, Gainesville Senior Games, Ormond Beach Senior Games, Martin County Senior Games and Golden Age Games (Sanford). Those lead up to the 2009 Florida Senior Games State Championships, to be held December 5-13 in Lee County and the City of Cape Coral. For a listing of qualifiers please visit http://www.flasports.com/page_seniorgames_localgames.shtml.

Florida medal winners at the 2009 National Senior Games *Results may be incomplete*

Archery – *Scores reflect two days of competition*

Barebow Compound

Women 65-69

2. Anna Smith, Sebring, 698

Compound Fingers

Men 55-59

1. Frank Mosser, 1638

Men 60-64

2. John Gauger, The Villages, 1518

Men 70-74

2. Carl Frank, The Villages, 1554

Men 85-89

1. John Horwath, Lady Lake, 1570 (National Senior Games Record)

Compound Release

Men 75-79

2. Jack Cason, Niceville, 1699

Recurve

Women 55-59

1. Angie Olds, Melbourne, 1486

Men 70-74

2. Leonard Brunotte, Rockledge, 1410

Badminton

Singles

Men 50-54

1. Dudley Chen, Miami (undefeated in six matches)

Women 65-69

2. Julie Bradley, The Villages

Basketball (3-on-3)

Men 65-69

2. Clearwater Aces (7 wins, 2 losses) *won bronze medal in 2007*

Harry Carothers, Pinellas Park; Jim McNulty, Longboat Key; John Salter, Oviedo; Clark Mosier, The Villages; Mike Campbell, Tampa

Men 80-84

1. Magic Seniors (5 wins, 0 losses) *won gold medal in 2007, undefeated in last 11 games at NSG*

Ron Harp, Clermont; Hugh Ressler, Clermont; Warren "Bud" Smith, St. Petersburg Beach; Norval Brown, Clermont; J.R. Read, The Villages

Bowling

Singles

Women 70-74

2. Carol Sadlek, Fort Lauderdale, 495

Women 90-94

1. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 470

Men 60-64

1. Peter Eisele, Lehigh Acres, 645

Men 85-89

2. Kenneth Broadhurst, Apopka, 476

Men 100+

1. Roger Gentilhomme, Dunedin, 350

Women's Doubles

65-69

1. Jeanette Ferrell, The Villages & Jan Wilson, Lady Lake, 1077

Men's Doubles

60-64

1. John Ramsey, Winter Haven & James Robarge, Auburndale, 1232; 2. Jim Ord & Ed Ploughmann, Sarasota, 1119

85-89

2. Kenneth Broadhurst, Apopka & Verl Powell, Longwood, 816

Mixed Doubles

65-69

3. Jeanette Ferrell, The Villages & John Ramsey, Winter Haven, 1089

Cycling

5K Time Trials

Men 65-69

2. Eric Lippens, Naples, 7:15

10K Time Trials

Women 50-54

3. Ellen Kirtley, Howey in the Hills, 16.33

Men 65-69

2. Eric Lippens, Naples, 15:10

20K Road Race

Men 65-69

2. Clifford Jackson, Lake Mary

40K Road Race

Men 65-69

3. Clifford Jackson, Lake Mary

Golf

Women 55-59

2. Connie Martin, Haines City, $89+91+101=281$

Women 65-69

2. Carla Stevenson, The Villages, $87+89+92=268$

Women 80-84

3. Mary Bourque, Bartow, $109+103+109=321$

Men 60-64

2. Nick Kent, The Villages, $76+77+77=230$

Men 65-69

2. Edward Scheid, Bradenton, $76+80+78=234$

Men 70-74

2. William Jones, The Villages, $81+79+81=241$

Horseshoes

Men 65-69

3. Robert Rickmyre, South Daytona

Race Walk – 5K

Women 70-74

2. Essie Faria, North Miami Beach, 36:47

Men 75-79

3. Ted Sager, Winter Haven, 36:13

**Racquetball
Singles**

Women's 75-79

1. Jean French, Fort Myers

Doubles

Women's 50-54

2. Jean French, Fort Myers & Cindy Tilbury (CO)

Mens 75-79

3. Gerald French, Fort Myers & Saul Cohen (CO)

Road Race – 5K

Women 75-79

3. Marilyn Walters, Jensen Beach, 31:22

Women 80-84

1. Doreen Johnstone, Fort Myers, 40:26

Road Race – 10K

Women 80-84

3. Leslie Higgins, Fort Myers, 1:40.31

Men 70-74

3. Benjamin Matthews, Jacksonville, 48:27

**Shuffleboard
Singles**

Women 55-59

2. Linda Armstrong, Lakeland

Women 60-64

1. Carol Helfer, The Villages

Women 65-69

1. Carol Weise, Sebring

Women 85-89

1. Ruth Parker, Sebring

Men 50-54

1. Roy Packard, Au Gres, MI

Men 60-64

3. Lee Helfer, The Villages

Men 85-89

1. Vernon Uzzell, Ocala

Doubles

55-59

3. Linda & Henry Armstrong, Lakeland

60-64

1. Carol & Lee Helfer, The Villages

65-69

1. Carol & Larry Weise, Sebring

80-84

1. John Mataya & Vernon Uzzell, Ocala

Softball

Women 65+

1. Golden Gals, The Villages

Janice Band; Lois Borie; Julie Bradley; Dottie Burrell; Judy Carts; Madelaine "Tiny" Cazell; Sue Crader; Beth Fryar; Sally Guerette; Barb Harju; Evelyn Hayes; Genette Heinz; Jan Kouris; Noreen Murphy; Marie Panza; Beth Quesnel; Lea Radford; Mary Lou Shields; Sandy Tundis; Jacqui Viers

Women 70+

1. Freedom Spirit, St. Petersburg *won silver medal in 2007, gold medal in 2005*

Jan Ellis; Del Bowyer; Helen Boyd; Jeannette Brown; Crysta Davidson; Beverly Eggert; Ruth Fellmet; Elaine Fislser; Maureen Gallina; Marilyn Heitman; Esther Kelly; Ethel Lehmann; Beverly Lesley; Harriet Mair; Mary Ann Scruggs; Shirley Smith; Jean Toberman; Doris Taylor; Martha Vidrine

3. Golden Gals, The Villages

Rosemary Austin; Marie Blanco; Nancy Boyer; Dawn Cherry; Donna Clark; Jean Daly; Midge Ferraro; Marcia Halvorson; Patty Hurd; Laine Kelly; Donna Kovach; Ellen McCarthy; Liz McElhinney; Ruth Paul; Alice Terrill

Swimming

50 Butterfly

Men 55-59

1. Gary Hall, 24.35; 2. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 26.43

Men 60-64

2. Randy Magin, Fort Myers, 29.96

100 Butterfly

Women 70-74

3. Martha Henderson, Cocoa, 2:01.72

Men 55-59

2. Gary Hall, 58.36

Men 60-64

3. Randy Magin, Fort Myers, 1:13.92

100 Individual Medley

Men 55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 1:00.48

Men 60-64

1. Nathan Leech, The Villages, 1:02.53

200 Individual Medley

Men 55-59

2. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 1:13.92

50 Freestyle

Women 65-69

3. Rae Suttie, The Villages, 36.96

Men 60-64

3. Roger Parsons, Jupiter, 27.47

Men 85-89

3. Howard Hall, Port Charlotte, 53.56

100 Freestyle

Men 60-64

1. Nathan Leech, The Villages, 54.89

200 Freestyle

1. Nathan Leech, The Villages, 2:01.71

50 Breaststroke

Women 90-94

2. Suzy Nothhouse, Estero, 2:03.52

200 Breaststroke

Women 50-54

3. Cynthia Lasher, Leesburg, 3:17.83

50 Backstroke

Women 50-54

3. Cynthia Lasher, Leesburg, 35.41

Women 80-84

3. Chris Man, St. Augustine, 1:07.01

Men 55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 29.11

Men 60-64

1. Nathan Leech, The Villages, 29.02

Men 65-69

3. Gail Friend, Naples, 39.32

100 Backstroke

Men 55-59

1. Gary Hall, 58.11; 2. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 1:01.83

Men 60-64

1. Nathan Leech, The Villages, 1:04.09; 3. Randy Magin, Fort Myers, 1:10.73

Men 85-89

2. Howard Hall, Port Charlotte, 3:01.23

200 Backstroke

Men 55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 2:15.13

Men 60-64

1. Nathan Leech, The Villages, 2:19.54

Table Tennis

Singles

Women 60-64

2. Danuta Andrzejewska, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea

Women 75-79

2. Sadako Tobias, Ocala; 3. Sari Kisbany, Redington Shores

Men 70-74

3. Leszek Filipowicz, Bradenton

Men 75-79

3. Alfred Palumbo, Safety Harbor

Doubles

Women 65-69

1 Danuta Andrzejewska, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea & Suzanna Sanders, Pembroke Pines

Women 70-74

1. Margo Lindsay, Clearwater & Sadako Tobias, Ocala; 2. Essie Faria, North Miami Beach & Phyllis Hughes (IL); 3. Marta Nykl (WA) & Sari Kisbany, Redington Shores

Women 85-89

1. Ruth Loewy, Pembroke Pines & Virginia Smith

Men 65-69

2. Jose Borges, Spring Hill & Raymond Look, Dunedin

Men 80-84

3. Stanley Rosenberg, Pembroke Pines & Lee Stadem (SD)

Mixed Doubles

65-69

1. Nahed Williams, Redington Shores & Raymond Look, Dunedin

75-79

- 1 Sari Kisbany, Redington Shores & Karl Schwarz (WA); 3 Sadako Tobias, Ocala & Gene Warden, Oxford

Tennis

Singles

Men 100+

1. Roger Gentilhomme, Dunedin

Mixed Doubles

50-54

2. Scott Makela, Anna Maria & Bradley Taylor, Bradenton

Track and Field

Javelin

Women 70-74

1. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 26.98m, 88-06

Shot Put

Women 55-59

3. Agnes Green, Belleair, 9.22m, 30-03.00

Women 90-94

1. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 4.05m, 13-03.50

Discus

Women 55-59

1. Agnes Green, Belleair, 27.84m 91-04

Women 70-74

1. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 21.26m, 69-09

Women 90-94

1. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 8.13m, 26-08

Pole Vault

Women 60-64

2. Janet Johnston, Apopka, 1.41m, 4-07.50

Men 65-69

2. Joe Johnston, Apopka, 3.19m, 10-05.50

Long Jump

Women 70-74

1. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 3.30m, 10-10.00

Women 90-94

2. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 1.25m, 4-01.25

Triple Jump

Men 90-94

2. James Kales, Bonita Springs, 4.88m, 16-00.25

100 Meter Dash

Women 55-59

1. Pearl Yearwood, St. Michael, Barbados, 14.37

Women 90-94

2. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 32.69

Men 70-74

2. Thomas Joaquin, Leesburg, 14.53

200 Meter Dash

Women 55-59

2. Pearl Yearwood, St. Michael, Barbados, 30.39

Women 90-94

2. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 1:17.26

Men 60-64

3. Bill Tharpe, Tallahassee, 26.30

400 Meter Run

Women 65-69

3. Lynne Lauck, Summerfield, 1:34.81

Women 70-74

1. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 1:30.61

800 Meter Run

Women 70-74

2. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 3:37.84

Men 75-79

2. Herman Lofton, Eagle Lake, 3:16.73

4X 100 Relay

60-64

2. Florida 'A', 1:09.88 (Diann Kaerwer, Francia Reynolds, Susan Hill, New Smyrna Beach, Debbie Stiles

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