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**GOVERNOR BUSH APPLAUDS FLORIDA SENIOR ATHLETES**

*~ Sunshine State Seniors Excel At National Senior Games, Earn Over 190 Medals ~*

**TALLAHASSEE** - Governor Jeb Bush today offered congratulations to more than 400 senior athletes from Florida who earned 193 individual medals and two team medals at the National Senior Games, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 3-18, 2005. Florida athletes won medals in 16 of the 18 sports contested at the National Senior Games, which featured more than 10,000 athletes from around the United States. The senior athletes, age 50 and older, qualified for the national meet as a result of their performances during the Florida Senior Games State Championships, held in December 2004 in The Villages.

"I am proud of Florida's seniors who represented the Sunshine State with robust competitive spirit last month in Pennsylvania," said Governor Bush. "The Senior Games program provides mature athletes nationwide with an ideal and exciting opportunity to participate in a wide array of sports events, while promoting fitness, camaraderie, and the good will of competition. We all have much to learn from the exuberance and passion exhibited by these Florida seniors, and I congratulate them on such an outstanding overall performance."

Florida swimmers led the way with 71 medals including 23 gold, 30 silver, and 18 bronze medals. George Schmidt, of Palm Beach Gardens earned six gold medals in swimming in the 55-59 age group and Thomas Bliss of Merritt Island won a gold medal and five silver medals in the 50-54 age group. James Anderson, the 2003 Florida Senior Games State Championships "Male Athlete of the Year," won a gold, silver, and two bronze medals in the 80-84 age group.

Track and field athletes brought home 29 medals, including 12 gold, 11 silver and six bronze. A pair of former Florida Senior Games State Championships "Female Athletes of the Year" accounted for ten of those 29 medals. Ethel Lehmann, the 1997 Female Athlete of the Year, from Largo won six gold medals and set National Senior Games records in the 100, 200, and 400-meter dash, as well as the javelin throw for the 75-79 age group. The 2003 Female Athlete of the Year, Madelaine "Tiny" Cazel of The Villages, won two gold and two silver medals and set National Senior Games javelin and discus throw records in the 65-69 age group.

The 2004 Florida Senior Games State Championships Female Athlete of the Year, 90-year-old Lillian Webb of Sebring, won three gold medals and a bronze competing in bowling and track and field. She won two gold medals in bowling (competing in singles and mixed doubles competition), and a gold medal, setting a National Senior Games record, in the shot put with a throw of 14-02.50. Her throw beat the second place finisher by one-fourth inch. Webb rounded out her medal count with a bronze in the discus.

Overseen by the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, the Florida Sports Foundation was founded in 1992 as the state's lead organization in promoting and developing both amateur and professional sports. The Foundation's goal is to develop and promote professional, amateur, and recreational sports and physical fitness opportunities that produce a thriving Florida sports industry and environment. For more information on the Foundation and the Florida Senior Games State Championships, go to [www.flasports.com](http://www.flasports.com).

### **Florida Senior Athletes winning medals at the 2005 National Senior Games**

*Complete Results can be found at [www.seniorchampion.com](http://www.seniorchampion.com)*

#### **Archery (4 medals total – 1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)**

Compound Fingers

Men

55-59

2. James Brown, Palm Coast, 1637

Compound Release

Men

60-64

2. Myers Parrish, Sarasota, 1726

Men

70-74

3. Jack Cason, Niceville, 1654

Men

85-89

1. C.R. Northcutt, Hernando, 1527 (Set National Senior Games Age Group Record)

#### **Badminton (9 medals total – 3 gold, 1 silver, 5 bronze)**

Men' s Singles

50-54

3. Owen Howe, Miramar

55-59

3. Charles Winters, Summerfield

Men' s Doubles

50-54

3. Dave Zarco, Miami & Owen Howe, Miramar

55-59

3. Charles Winters, Summerfield & Doug Wicks, Iowa

65-69

1. James Ho & Vishvas Date, Lakeland

Mixed Doubles

60-64

2. James Ho, Lakeland & Connie Lee, Virginia

65-69

1. Vishvas Date, Lakeland & Jean Bohn, Ohio

**Bowling (10 medals total – 7 gold, 3 silver)**

Women's Singles

75-79

1. Jan Wilson, Lady Lake, 567

80-84

1. Evelyn Gooding, Sebring, 540

90-94

1. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 446

Men's Singles

55-59

1. Stephen Gardino, The Villages, 629

90-94

1. Robert Bagdigian, Apopka, 492

Women's Doubles

70-74

2. Evelyn Gooding, Sebring & Erma Spangler, Missouri, 1036

Men's Doubles

55-59

2. Martin Danon, Tamarac & Richard Polishuk, Deerfield Beach, 1228

Mixed Doubles

90-94

1. Carl Laubach, Palmetto & Lillian Webb, Sebring, 900

**Cycling (6 medals total – 2 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze)**

5K Time Trials

Women

50-54

3. Gail Rosa, Palm Coast, 8:37.9

55-59

1. Diane Payne, Naples, 8:47.3; 2. Cathy Styles, Altamonte Springs, 8:53.1

10K Time Trials

Women

55-59

1. Diane Payne, Naples, 20:12.758

Men

65-69

2. George Olsen, St. Augustine, 17:47.701

20K Road Race

Men

65-69

2. Luigi Fabbri, Hallandale Beach, 34:54.60

**Golf (10 medals total – 5 gold, 1 silver, 4 bronze)**

Women

50-54

1. Janet Brown, Lakeland, 76, 75, 88 = 239; 3. Greta MacPherson, Lakeland, 93, 96, 99 = 288

70-74

3. Peggy Jefferson, Sebring, 94, 96, 92 = 282

75-79

3. Harriet Wollmers, Sun City Center

80-84

3. Bea Lorenz, Sun City Center, 106, 105, 102 = 313

Men

50-54

1. Ronnie Clark, The Villages, 71, 70, 79 = 220

55-59

2. Barry Beddow, Melbourne, 74, 78, 75 = 227

60-64

1. Edward Scheid, Bradenton, 76, 79, 75 = 230

80-84

1. Charles Hawkins, Sebring, 76, 74, 78 = 228

95-99 (9 hole totals)

1. Edward Ricca, Apollo Beach, 48, 50, 48 = 146

**Horseshoes (2 medals total – 1 gold, 1 silver)**

Women

50-54

2. Linda Hallock, Leesburg, 68 points

55-59

1. Linda Seibel, The Villages, 162 points

**Racewalk (4 medals total – 2 gold, 2 silver)**

5k

Women

60-64

2. Marjorie Pilla, Osprey, 32:32.00

80-84

1. Bess Grimm, The Villages, 41:51.00

1500m

Women

60+

2. Marjorie Pilla, Osprey, 9:04.42

80+

1. Bess Grimm, The Vilalges, 12:24.08

**Racquetball (5 medals total – 3 gold, 2 bronze)**

Men's Singles

50-54

3. Don Petrella, Gainesville

60-64

1. John Peck, Navarre

65-69

3. Donald Sperber, Palm Beach

Men's Doubles

70-74

1. Rudy Lapp, Wauchula & John Cruickshank, Longboat Key

**Road Race (5 medals total – 1 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronze)**

5k

Men

80-84

2. Bud Aronson, Englewood, 29:04

Women

65-69

3. Lynne Lauck, Summerfield, 27:09

10k

Men

60-64

3. David Ohnsman, Neptune Beach, 41:56

80-84

1. Thomas McDonald, Lake Placid, 1:03:45

Women

55-59

3. Barbara Galpin, The Villages, 1:10:58

**Shuffleboard (12 medals total – 4 gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze)**

Women's Singles

50+

1. Christine Corven, Tavares; 2. Linda Armstrong, Lakeland

70+

1. Doris Bumstead, Lakeland

75+

2. Patricia Hooper, St. Petersburg

Men's Singles

55+

2. Henry Armstrong, Lakeland

70+

2. Pasquale Troia, Lakeland

Mixed Doubles

50+

1. Walter Stoddard & Christine Corven, Tavares

3. Linda Armstrong & Henry Armstrong, Lakeland

70+

3. Joyce Armstrong & George Armstrong, St. Petersburg

**Softball (2 medals total – 1 gold, 1 bronze)**

Men

65+ Gold Division

3. Pompano Beach Bums

Women

65+

1. Freedom Spirit of Florida

**Swimming (71 medals total – 23 gold, 30 silver, 18 bronze)**

50-yard freestyle

Women

55-59

2. Karla Spencer, Cape Coral, 33.21

80-84

1. Patricia Bross, Atlantic Beach, 45.95

85-89

3. Martha Castillo, Orlando, 58.18

Men

80-84

2. Robert Sigersmith, West Melbourne, 37.15

90-94

1. Robert Espenscheid, Sarasota, 47.68

100-yard freestyle

Women

60-64

3. Janet Crisp, Jacksonville, 43.38

80-84

2. Patricia Bross, Atlantic Beach, 1:54.1

85-89

2. Martha Castillo, Orlando, 2:08.8

Men

80-84

3. Robert Sigersmith, West Melbourne, 1:24.50

200-yard freestyle

Women

60-64

3. Janet Crisp, Jacksonville, 3:21.9

75-79

1. Joan Campbell, Palm Harbor, 3:29.6

80-84

2. Patricia Bross, Atlantic Beach, 4:20.2

Men

80-84

3. Robert Sigersmith, West Melbourne, 3:26.3

500-yard freestyle

Women

75-79

1. Joan Campbell, Palm Harbor, 9:05.5; 2. Nancy Durstein, Palm Harbor, 9:21.1

Men

55-59

3. Dennis Matyco, Boca Raton, 6:20.2

100-yard IM

Women

55-59

2. Karla Spencer, Cape Coral, 1:21.42

65-69

3. Martha Henderson, Cocoa, 1:48.40

75-79

1. Nancy Durstein, Palm Harbor, 2:00.9

Men

50-54

2. Thomas Bliss, Merritt Island, 1:01.43

55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 59.83

65-69

1. Donald Purchalski, Oldsmar, 1:13.3

200-yard IM

Women

65-69

3. Martha Henderson, Cocoa, 3:58.54

75-79

1. Joan Campbell, Palm Harbor, 4:08.1; 2. Nancy Durstein, Palm Harbor, 4:20.3

Men

50-54

2. Thomas Bliss, Merritt Island, 2:12.97

55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 2:19.24

65-69

1. Donald Purchalski, Oldsmar, 2:47.22

80-84

2. Howard Hall, Port Charlotte, 5:43.5

50-yard backstroke

Women

80-84

3. Patricia Bross, Atlantic Beach, 1:03.1

85-89

1. Martha Castillo, Orlando, 58.91

Men

60-64

2. Edward Nessel, Viera, 31.72

80-84

3. Robert Sigersmith, West Melbourne, 49.22

100-yard backstroke

Women

80-84

3. Patricia Bross, Atlantic Beach, 2:19.5

85-89

1. Martha Castillo, Orlando, 2:08.9

Men

50-54

2. Thomas Bliss, Merritt Island, 1:01.11

55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 1:02.61

60-64

2. Edward Nessel, Viera, 1:13.57

200 yard backstroke

Women's

75-79

2. Joan Campbell, Palm Harbor, 4:08.10

85-89

1. Martha Castillo, Orlando, 4:40.73

Men's

50-54

2. Thomas Bliss, Merritt Island, 2:14.41

55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 2:20.04

75-79

3. Harold Miller, Englewood, 3:45.16

50 yard breaststroke

Women's

55-59

3. Karla Spencer, Cape Coral, 41.67

60-64

2. Janet Crisp, Jacksonville, 49.74

85-89

3. Suzy Nothhouse, Estero, 1:40.16

Men's

55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 31.10

60-64

2. Edward Nessel, Viera, 33.02

65-69

1. Donald Puchalski, Oldsmar, 35.19

80-84

3. James Anderson, New Port Richey, 48.41

100 yard breaststroke

Women's

60-64

2. Janet Crisp, Jacksonville, 1:49.80

70-74

3. Betty Senter, The Villages, 2:02.50

75-79

2. Joan Campbell, Palm Harbor, 2:06.00

Men's

55-59

1. George Schmidt, Palm Beach Gardens, 1:09.45

60-64

2. Edward Nessel, Viera, 1:12.09

65-69

1. Donald Puchalski, Oldsmar, 1:18.60

80-84

3. James Anderson, New Port Richey, 1:48.80

200 yard breaststroke

Women's

75-79

2. Joan Campbell, Palm Harbor, 4:28.70

Men's

50-54

2. Thomas Bliss, Merritt Island, 2:38.14

55-59

2. James Redic, Naples, 2:45.96

60-64

3. Edward Nessel, Viera, 2:44.00

65-69

1. Donald Puchalski, Oldsmar, 3:00.00

80-84

2. James Anderson, New Port Richey, 4:16.40

50 yard butterfly

Women's

55-59

2. Karla Spencer, Cape Coral, 34.46

65-69

2. Martha Henderson, Cocoa, 50.55

Men's

65-69

2. Donald Puchalski, Oldsmar, 32.18

70-74

2. Herbert Alvarado, Ocala, 36.44

80-84

1. James Anderson, New Port Richey, 46.22

100 yard butterfly

Women's

65-69

1. Martha Henderson, Cocoa, 1:58.80

75-79

2. Nancy Durstein, Palm Harbor, 2:19.60

Men's

50-54

1. Thomas Bliss, Merritt Island, 50.55

75-79

3. Herbert Alvarado, Ocala, 1:25.00

**Table Tennis (18 medals total – 9 gold, 6 silver, 3 bronze)**

Men's Singles

55-59

3. Alan Millet, Summerfield

70-74

3. Alfred Palumbo, Safety Harbor

Men's Doubles

60-64

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

Women's Singles

60-64

2. Naheed Williams, Redington Shores

65-69

3. Margo Lindsay, Clearwater

70-74

1. Joanne Pickett, Barefoot Bay

75-79

2. Sari Kisbany, Redington Shores

Women's Doubles

60-64

2. Naheed Williams, Redington Shores & Kyoko Strom, Ocala

65-69

1. Margo Lindsay, Clearwater & Sadako Tobias, Ocala

70-74

1. Joanne Pickett, Barefoot Bay & Sari Kisbany, Redington Shores

Mixed Doubles

55-59

1. Kyoko Strom, Ocala & Alan Millett, Summerfield

60-64

2. Nahed Williams, Redington Shores & Jose Borges, Spring Hill

**Tennis (7 medals total – 5 silver, 2 bronze)**

Women's Singles

65-69

2. Carolee Ogburn, Leesburg

75-79

2. Mollie Hale, Ocala

Men's Singles

75-79

2. James Mansfield, Lakeland

Women's Doubles

55-59

2. Marcy Casp, Leesburg & Tammy Flint, Lake Monroe

60-64

3. Rebecca Albert, Tequesta & Ann Culbertson, Jupiter

**Track & Field (29 medals total – 12 gold, 11 silver, 8 bronze)**

100 meter dash

Women's

75-79

1. Ethel Lehmann, Largo, 17.77 (set National Sr. Games age group record)

Men's

60-64

2. Wayne Hansen, Melbourne, 13.59

200 meter dash

Women's

75-79

1. Ethel Lehmann, Largo, 37.56 (set National Sr. Games age group record)

Men's

85-89

2. John Anoka, Maitland, 40.79

400 meter dash

Women's

65-69

2. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 1:25.86

75-79

1. Ethel Lehmann, Largo, 1:32.04 (set National Sr. Games age group record)

Men's

85-89

2. John Anoka, Maitland, 1:42.59

800 meter run

Women's

50-54

2. Alice Kelly, Lady Lake, 3:18.20

65-69

2. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 3:40.23

Men's

60-64

2. Winston Laing, 2:25.59

80-84

3. Thomas McDonald, Lake Placid, 4:00.41

1500 meter run

Women's

50-54

3. Alice Kelly, Lady Lake, 6:45.87

Men's

80-84

3. Thomas McDonald, Lake Placid, 7:59.71

Long Jump

Women's

75-79

1. Ethel Lehmann, Largo, 9-00.75

Men's

50-54

3. Bobby Terrell, Tampa, 17-03

High Jump

Women's

75-79

1. Ethel Lehmann, Largo, 3-05.00

Men's

50-54

1. Dan Pierce, 5-06.00

85-89

1. Seymour Duckman, Daytona Beach, 3-03.00

Javelin

Women's

65-69

1. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 93-07 (set National Sr Games age group record) beat second place finisher by 25 feet

75-79

1. Ethel Lehmann, Largo, 75-08 (set American Masters and National Sr Games age group record)

Men's

50-54

1. Michael Brown, Jacksonville, 226-00 (set National Senior Games age group record) beat 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher by 60 feet. Also holds Masters Age Group record with a 228-00

Shot Put

Women's

50-54

2. Karen Sapp, 31-05

90+

1. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 14-02.50 (set National Sr Games age group record) beat second place finisher by ¼ inch

Men's

65-69

2. Tom Fulton, The Villages, 41-09.50; 3. Gary Winters, Bradenton, 41-09.25

80-84

2. Dick Mulkern, St. Petersburg, 28-09.50

85-89

3. John Anoka, Maitland, 22-04

Discus Throw

Women's

65-69

1. Madelaine "Tiny" Cazal, The Villages, 85-00 (set National Sr Games age group record)

90-94

3. Lillian Webb, Sebring, 24-08.25

Men's

80-84

2. Dick Mulkern, St. Petersburg, 103-01

**Triathlon (1 gold medal)**

Women

55-59

1. Patricia Hoffman, Palm Harbor, 1:20:22