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American Athletes Bring Home the Gold (and Silver and Bronze)

Eighteen athletes from the Dwarf Athletic Association of America (DAAA) spent the first week of August mining for gold in Belfast, Northern Ireland with extraordinary athletic performances that yielded Team USA the gold in 13 events, silver in 12 events and bronze in 9 events. 260 elite and junior short statured athletes from 18 countries participated in the fifth Dwarf World Games that included soccer, basketball, swimming, track and field events, table tennis, floor hockey and bocce. Held every four years, the 2009 World Games were held at various Belfast athletic facilities including the University of Ulster, Mary Peters Track and Larne Leisure Center.

"We had a wonderful time in Northern Ireland", stated Mike Cekanor, Vice President of the DAAA, whose son competed as a junior in soccer, floor hockey, track and field and basketball, taking home one individual silver, three individual bronze medals as well as two team bronzes and one team silver. "While our USA athletes provided exceptional and memorable performances on the field, it is the camaraderie and friendships that our athletes developed with their international competitors that will form the lasting memories from these World Games. We thank the Dwarf Athletic Association of Northern Ireland (DAANI) and the city of Belfast for being wonderful hosts of these exceptional Games."

The following is a complete list of the American athletes who medaled in the Dwarf World Games in Belfast:

Amy Andrews	Grosse Pointe, MI		
Track & Field	60M	Master	Gold
	Discus	Master	Gold
Dianna Carda	Omaha, NE		
Track & Field	60M	Master	Gold
	100M	Master	Gold
	Discus	Master	Silver
	Javelin	Master	Silver
Swimming	50 Freestyle	Master	Gold
	50 Backstroke	Master	Gold
	50 Butterfly	Master	Gold
	100 IM	Master	Silver
Soccer	International Team	Women	Silver
Basketball	USA/Germany Team	Co-ed	Bronze
Kevin Cekanor	Waukesha, WI		
Track & Field	40M	Junior	Bronze
	60M	Junior	Bronze

	Shot	Junior	Silver	
	Javelin	Junior	Bronze	
Floor Hockey	Ireland Team	Junior	Bronze	
Soccer	Ireland Team	Junior	Bronze	
Basketball	Ireland Team	Junior	Silver	
Colin Kraft	Plymouth, MN			
Basketball	USA/Germany Team	Open	Bronze	
Tim Murray	Edgewood, KY			
Track & Field	Shot Put	Open	Silver	
	Discus	Open	Bronze	
Powerlifting	Individual	Open	Silver	World Record 286 lb
Basketball	USA/Germany Team	Co-ed	Bronze	
Roger Pouliot	Troy, Michigan			
Swimming	25M Breaststroke	Master	Gold	
	25M Butterfly	Master	Gold	
	25M Freestyle	Master	Silver	
Boccia	Individual	Master	Bronze	
Table Tennis	Individual	Master	Silver	
Lucy Williams	Mill Valley, CA			
Soccer	International Team	Women	Silver	
Basketball	USA/Germany Team	Co-ed	Bronze	
Troy Benton	Altoona, PA			
Track & Field	USA - 4 X 4 Relay	Open	Bronze	
Table Tennis	Individual	Junior	Gold	
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Bill Brogden	Santa Ana, CA			
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Martin Klebba	Chatsworth, CA			
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Alex Loyless	Woodstock, GA			
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	

Jeff Manuel	Pasadena, CA			
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Eric Manuel	Pasadena, CA			
Track & Field	USA - 4 X 4 Relay	Open	Bronze	
	Shot Put	Open	Gold	
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Eddie Piedra	Palmdale, CA			
Track & Field	USA - 4 X 4 Relay	Open	Bronze	
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Amy Roloff	Hillsboro, OR			
Boccia	Individual	Master	Silver	
Soccer	International	Women	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Zach Roloff	Hillsboro, OR			
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Adam Romano	Brownstown Township, MI			
Track & Field	4 X 4 Relay	Open	Bronze	
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA Statesman	Co-ed	Gold	
Chris Romano	Brownstown Township, MI			
Boccia	Individual	Master	Gold	
Soccer	USA Statesman	Men	Silver	
Basketball	USA/Germany	Co-ed	Bronze	

The Dwarf Athletic Association of America does much more than provide the opportunity for dwarf athletes to develop and test their athletic skills. "The DAAA offers a level playing field on which each athlete can reach their true potential" stated Amy Andrews, President of the DAAA. "The World Games instills a profound sense of accomplishment and rewards our athletes for their determination and skill".

Founded in 1985, the Dwarf Athletic Association of America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide quality amateur athletic opportunities for persons with dwarfism. Whether novice or elite, the DAAA is committed to providing athletes with dwarfism a showcase to demonstrate their prowess in a variety of sports, the opportunity to experience the thrill of

competition, and a chance to meet fellow athletes from across the nation and world. DAAA expects all participants to embrace and embody high personal values, including courage, determination, good sportsmanship, and equality.

For more information on the Dwarf Athletic Association of America, please visit www.daaa.org or contact Mike Cekanor, DAAA Board Vice President, at daaa.mike.cekanor@gmail.com.

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