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North Georgia RAPIDS Swim Team making waves at Championship Meet

The RAPIDS competed at the North Georgia Swim League Championship Meet on July 8th and 9th, 2016 at the Habersham Aquatic Center.

Overall Event Placement:
Girls:
 8 & Under: Lily Helton – 2nd Place Overall
 18 & Under: Kaiya Wilkes – 9th Place Overall
Boys:
 8 & Under: Andrew Nushtayev – 3rd Place Overall
 10 & Under: Nicholas Nushtayev – 7th Place Overall
 10 & Under: Wyatt Nichols – 16th Place Overall
 12 & Under: Hunter White – 3rd Place Overall
 14 & Under: Brian Williams – 10th Place Overall
 14 & Under: Luke Gambrell – 11th Place Overall
 14 & Under: Steven Williams – 15th Place Overall
Combined Team Scores Resulted in 8th Place Finish Overall (out of 15)
Top Individual Event Placements:
Girls:
 50-Yard Freestyle:
 8 & Under: Lily Helton / 2nd Place Finish (out of 31)
 12 & Under: Danielle Grader / 21st Place Finish (out of 56)
 18 & Under: Kaiya Wilkes / 5th Place Finish (out of 35)
 18 & Under: Leannah Gambrell / 20th Place Finish (out of 35)
 100-Yard Freestyle:
 12 & Under: Danielle Grader / 17th Place Finish (out of 33)
 12 & Under: Courtney Foster / 22nd Place Finish (out of 33)
 18 & Under: Kaiya Wilkes / 6th Place Finish (out of 13)
 25-Yard Breaststroke:
 8 & Under: Lily Helton / 2nd Place Finish (out of 24)
 50-Yard Breaststroke:
 18 & Under: Leannah Gambrell / 9th Place Finish (out of 17)
 50-Yard Backstroke:
 12 & Under: Danielle Grader / 19th Place Finish (out of 51)
 12 & Under: Courtney Foster / 20th Place Finish (out of 51)
 18 & Under: Kaiya Wilkes / 7th Place Finish (out of 27)
 25-Yard Butterfly:
 8 & Under: Lily Helton / 2nd Place Finish (out of 47)
 50-Yard Butterfly:
 12 & Under: Courtney Foster / 21 Place Finish out of 46)
 18 & Under: Leannah Gambrell / 17th Place Finish (out of 25)
 100-Yard IM:
 8 & Under: Lily Helton / 1st Place Finish (out of 12)
 12 & Under: Courtney Foster / 17th Place Finish (out of 24)
 18 & Under: Kaiya Wilkes / 8th Place Finish (out of 16)
 18 & Under: Leannah Gambrell / 13th Place Finish (out of 16)
Boys:
 25-Yard Freestyle:
 8 & Under: Andrew Nushtayev / 2nd Place Finish (out of 38)
 10 & Under: Nicholas Nushtayev / 4th Place Finish (out of 48)
 50-Yard Freestyle:
 8 & Under: Andrew Nushtayev / 1st Place Finish (out of 33)



10 & Under: Nicholas Nushtayev / 7th Place Finish (out of 39)
 10 & Under: Wyatt Nichols / 10 Place Finish (out of 39)
 12 & Under: Lucas Whitaker / 18th Place Finish (out of 40)
 14 & Under: Luke Gambrell / 9th Place Finish (out of 32)
 14 & Under: Alden Wilkes / 22nd Place Finish (out of 32)
 100-Yard Freestyle:
 12 & Under: Hunter White / 2nd Place Finish (out of 22)
 12 & Under: Lucas Whitaker / 14th Place Finish (out of 22)
 14 & Under: Brian Williams / 8th Place Finish (out of 25)
 14 & Under: Luke Gambrell / 10th Place Finish (out of 25)
 14 & Under: Steven Williams / 13th Place Finish (out of 25)
 14 & Under: Alden Wilkes / 20th Place Finish (out of 25)
 25-Yard Breaststroke:
 8 & Under: Andrew Nushtayev / 2nd Place Finish (out of 14)
 10 & Under: Nicholas Nushtayev / 7th Place Finish (out of 26)
 10 & Under: Wyatt Nichols / 10th Place Finish (out of 26)
 50-Yard Breaststroke:
 12 & Under: Hunter White / 4th Place Finish (out of 32)
 14 & Under: Luke Gambrell / 5th Place Finish (out of 22)
 14 & Under: Brian Williams / 6th Place Finish (out of 22)
 14 & Under: Alden Wilkes / 17th Place Finish (out of 22)
 25-Yard Backstroke:
 8 & Under: Andrew Nushtayev / 2nd Place Finish (out of 41)
 10 & Under: Nicholas Nushtayev / 3rd Place Finish (out of 47)
 50-Yard Backstroke:
 12 & Under: Lucas Whitaker / 14th Place Finish (out of 40)



14 & Under: Steven Williams / 8th Place Finish (out of 25)
 25-Yard Butterfly:
 10 & Under: Wyatt Nichols / 9th Place Finish (out of 30)
 50-Yard Butterfly:
 12 & Under: Hunter White / 2nd Place Finish (out of 27)
 14 & Under: Brian Williams / 6th Place Finish (out of 25)
 14 & Under: Steven Williams / 8th Place Finish (out of 25)
 100-Yard IM:
 10 & Under: Wyatt Nichols / 8th Place Finish (out of 17)
 12 & Under: Hunter White / 3rd Place Finish (out of 20)
 12 & Under: Lucas Whitaker / 18th Place Finish (out of 20)
 14 & Under: Brian Williams / 6th Place Finish (out of 15)
 14 & Under: Luke Gambrell / 7th Place Finish (out of 15)
 14 & Under: Steven Williams / 11th Place Finish (out of 15)
 14 & Under: Alden Wilkes / 14th Place Finish (out of 15)
Relays:
Girls:
 200-Yard Medley Relay: 18 & Under / 9th Place Finish
 200-Yard Freestyle Relay: 18 & Under / 6th Place Finish
Boys:
 200-Yard Medley Relay: 14 & Under / 2nd Place Finish
 200-Yard Freestyle Relay: 12 & Under / 4th Place Finish
 200-Yard Freestyle Relay: 14 & Under / 2 Place Finish

MGC's Erin Raper claims Southeast Regional Balance Beam Championship

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Pigeon Forge, Tenn - Earlier this summer, six girls from Blairsville's Mountain Gymnastics Center qualified for the Southeast Regional Championships where 14-year old Erin Raper headlined the MGC's performances by claiming the USA Xcel Gold Southeast Regional Championship on the Beam with a high score of 9.475.

Raper, a resident of Murphy, NC, also recorded a second place score (9.35) on the vault, finished tied for fourth on the Floor with a 9.475, and posted a 9.05 on the Bars. She just missed taking home top honors with a 37.35 All-Around score that was still good enough for second place.

MGC's other competitors were led by Jordan Swanson's fifth place All-Around finish of 36.48, thanks to three top 10 performances.

Swanson was tied for fifth on the Beam with a 9.25, tied for ninth on the Floor with a 9.375, while finishing tied for 10th on the Vault with an 8.75.

Other than Raper, the only other MGC athlete to record a top three was Evelyn McBride's third place showing (9.35) on the Beam. McBride was also 10th on



Erin Raper of MGC

the Bars at 9.13 for an All-Around score of 36.03.

Sofia Swartz came in fifth on the Bars with a 9.45 and seventh on the Beam with a 9.25 while posting a 35.68 All-Around score.

Caymin Thompson dialed up a top 10 performance with a 9.20 on the Beam - good enough for a tie for eighth place and a 36.05 All-

Around score.

Mia McCombs' 35.73 All-Around score was anchored by a 13th place score of 8.93 on the Vault.

Each of these six girls qualified for the Southeast Regionals by scoring a 35 All-Around at the State Championships.

CSLGA announces Winners of Eclectic Tournament

The Chatuge lady golfers have been putting their best efforts into a two week "eclectic" tournament. This tournament allows the players to choose their best score on each hole to submit for low gross and low net honors. Golfers played on two consecutive Tuesdays and recorded their scores on each hole. They then chose their best play on each hole. For example, if a player shot a 4 on hole #1 on the first Tuesday and a 5 on hole #1 this past Tuesday, she could take the 4. If on hole #2 she shot a 6 on the first Tuesday, and a 5 on the second Tuesday, she would choose the 5 as the score on that hole. Scores were tallied and the results announced.

The low gross winner for Flight A was Kathy Stewart. The first low net went to Nancy Outlaw and the second low net to Mary Reese. In Flight

B, low gross honors went to Nancy Steck, with Lorene Avery bringing in first low net and Kay McLeod second low net. The Flight C low gross winner was Star Glock with Cathy Clement at first low net and Susan Anderson at second low net. Finally, in Flight D Sandy Jersey took home low gross honors with first low net to Vickie Hunt and second low net to Arleen Sheplak.

Everyone agreed it was a fun tournament and one that will be repeated next season!

The players also track their putts and chip-ins each week. This week's low putts went to Nancy Outlaw and Barbara Boswell scored with a chip-in.

New members are welcome to join at any time. Please contact President Barbara Boswell for information and times. T07Jul27,F2JSH



Deborah Warner sets up for a power shot.

MGC Open House this Saturday

As fall classes approach, Mountain Gymnastics Center will be holding an Open House this Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MGC gym on Airport Industrial Drive.

MGC will also be accepting registrations for the

upcoming fall classes.

For more details you can visit the MGC website at www.mtngym.com or on Facebook under 'Mountain Gymnastics Center.'

You may contact MGC by email at mtngym@windstream.net.

VFW Golf League

Last week's event at Chatuge Shores Golf Course was won with a score of 8 under par. The winning team consisted of Mark Ferguson, Bill Hinnant, Chuck Woodworth and Dick Metzler. Congratulations guys. T07Jul27,G1JSH

Towns County Youth Football League 2016 schedule

2016 Smokey Mountain Youth Football League Schedule

Andrews - Cherokee - Franklin - Hayesville - Jackson Co - Murphy - Robbinsville - Swain Co - Towns Co

Regular Season Games & Crackerbowl Times:	Pee Wees Mites	11:00 AM	Termites Midgets	12:00 PM	3:00 PM
AUGUST 13th		SEPTEMBER 24th			
Andrews at Towns Co.		Towns Co. at Swain Co.			
Robbinsville at Murphy		Andrews at Murphy			
Swain Co. at Cherokee		Franklin at Cherokee			
Franklin at Jackson Co.		Robbinsville at Hayesville			
Copper Basin at Hayesville		Jackson Co. at Copper Basin			
AUGUST 20th		OCTOBER 1st			
Towns Co. at Franklin		Murphy at Towns Co.			
Jackson Co. at Murphy		Swain Co. at Hayesville			
Robbinsville at Swain Co.		Cherokee at Robbinsville			
Hayesville at Andrews		Jackson Co. at Andrews			
Cherokee at Copper Basin		Copper Basin at Franklin			
AUGUST 27th		OCTOBER 8th			
Swain Co. at Murphy		Towns Co. at Cherokee			
Cherokee at Jackson Co.		Murphy at Hayesville			
Andrews at Robbinsville		Robbinsville at Jackson Co.			
Hayesville at Franklin		Franklin at Swain Co.			
Copper Basin at Towns Co.		Andrews at Copper Basin			
SEPTEMBER 3rd		OCTOBER 13TH			
Hayesville at Towns Co.		RAIN OUT GAMES			
Murphy at Cherokee		OCTOBER 22nd			
Jackson Co. at Swain		PLAY-OFF GAMES			
Andrews at Franklin		1st vs 4th Teams at Home of 1st Place TERMITES			
Robbinsville at Copper Basin		2nd vs 3rd Teams at Home of 2nd Place TERMITES			
SEPTEMBER 10th		OCTOBER 29th			
Towns Co. at Robbinsville		2016 CRACKER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Hayesville at Jackson Co.		NOVEMBER 5TH			
Cherokee at Andrews		WCU hosts SMOKEY MTN. YOUTH FOOTBALL DAY			
Murphy at Franklin					
Copper Basin at Swain Co.					
SEPTEMBER 17th					
Jackson Co. at Towns Co.					
Swain Co. at Andrews					
Cherokee at Hayesville					
Franklin at Robbinsville					
Copper Basin at Murphy					

Register now for third annual Dash to the Vineyards

The Third Annual Dash to the Vineyards 5K Race will be held Saturday, August 27, 2016. This fun foot race will begin at beautiful Crane Creek Vineyards by Holly Hill Event Center and finish back at the vineyards beginning at 8 a.m. Racers will have the opportunity to compete on roads with hills, twists and best of all, beautiful scenery. And, what a great time of year to be racing to a vineyard - September is normally harvest season for wine growers so the vines will be bursting with grapes! T-shirts will be given to all pre-registered racers. Trophies will be awarded to 5K runners as fol-

lows: Top Overall Male and Female and Top Male and Female Masters (40 and over). Ribbons will then be given to the top 3 male/female in a variety of age groups. And, this year, it's all about the swag! We are loading racers' swag bags with lots and lots of goodies. We want everyone to turn out - runners, walkers, stroller-racers, walkers with pets - we want everyone to come out and have a good time!

Crane Creek will even prepare a carb-loaded Tapas dinner for the evening before the race (at a very affordable price). Each registrant will also receive a certificate for

a free wine tasting (must be 21 yrs. of age). Don't miss the race - lots of fun, lots of goodies, lots of friends!

Registrations are available at the Towns County Chamber office located at 1411 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris (directly across the street from the entrance to The Ridges Resort) or visit the Chamber's website www.mountaintopga.com and look for the link on the homepage. Cost is \$25 for pre-registration (before 8/12/16) and \$30 (after 8/12/16).

For more information, call the Chamber at (706) 896-4966. T07Jul27,F4JSH