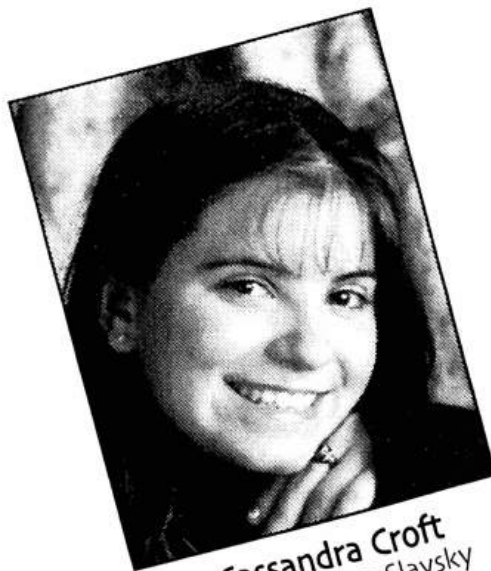


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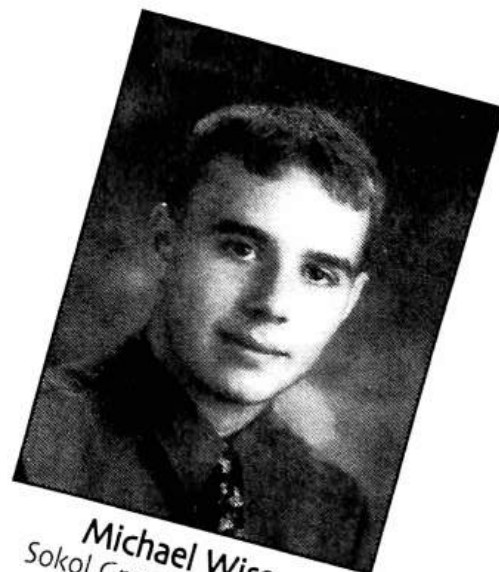
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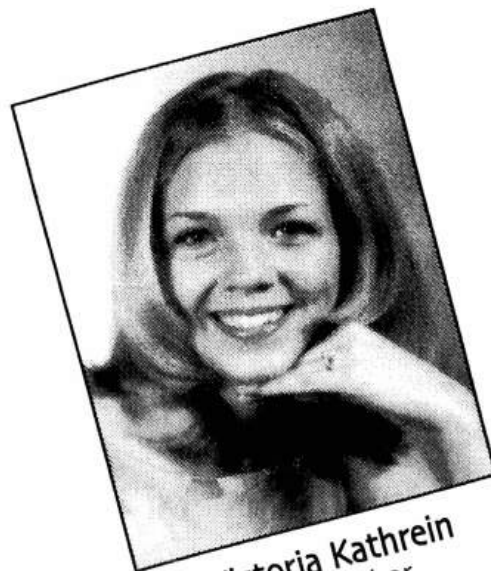
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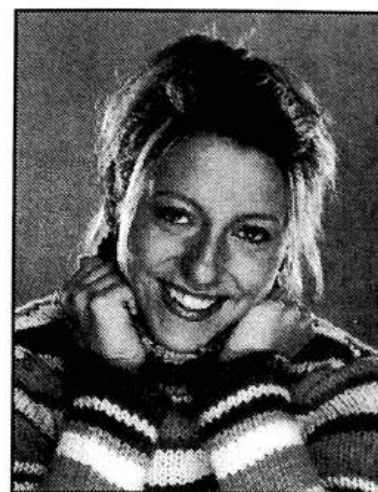
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From Your Editor...

Congratulations to this year's American Sokol Merit Award recipients and best of luck in your college studies! The American Sokol annually makes these awards to worthy Sokol members. Based on membership, at least one award is available per District. This year we unfortunately did not give all the awards we could as there were not enough applicants. Encourage your unit's high school seniors to apply next year!

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky Class
Registration & Barbecue
- 9 Sokol South Omaha Czech
Festival
- 9 Czech and Slovak Day at
Highland Park - St. Paul, MN
- 9 Sokol South Omaha Czech
Festival
- 10 Sokol New York Class Registration
- 19 Sokol Minnesota Hall Clean-Up
and Potluck Dinner

OCTOBER

- 3 Sokol Greater Cleveland Fall Card
Party and Luncheon
- 6 Czech Mission Street Fair - NY
83rd between Park & Madison
- 13 Sokol Minnesota Harvest Dance

OCTOBER

- 14 Sokol Greater Cleveland Sunday
Drive and Dinner
- 19 Sokol Greater Cleveland Fish Fry
- 28 Celebration of Czechoslovak
Independence Day
- 28 Cleveland Women's Orchestra
concert and Reception at Sokol
Greater Cleveland
- 28 Sokol Minnesota Pork Dinner
(Reservations Required)
- 31-11/3 CGSI Genealogical/Cultural
Conference - Pittsburgh, PA

NOVEMBER

- 3 American Sokol Little Ferry
Contry Dance (Selsky Ples)
- 11 Sokol Minnesota Pancake
Breakfast, Bake & Craft Sale

THOUGHT STARTERS

from Sis. Joan Sedlacek, A.S.O. Educational Director

*"Not in doing what you like, but in liking
what you do, is the secret of happiness."*

~ JAMES M. BARRIE

Our Sokol Credo

To build a healthy and beautiful human body; to cultivate a harmonious and total person; to develop firm character, a well-rounded disposition and a love of truth and justice; to produce strong, lovely and honorable people; that is the goal of a Sokol education.

CZECH SOKOL MEDICAL FUND

A Czech Sokol Medical Fund has been established to help defray medical expenses for the victims involved in the Tuesday, June 26, 2001, vehicular accident in Westlake, Ohio, involving 18 women from the Czech Sokol traveling from Niagara Falls to Detroit for the American Sokol Slet. Two women still remain in critical condition at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. Recently, family members from the Cech Republic arrived to be with their loved ones. Two women remained in Cleveland due to extensive knee injuries. Contributions to the fund can be mailed to **Czech Sokol Medical Fund**, c/o Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44127. For more information, call Vera Hibler at 216-561-7029 or visit the Sokol Greater Cleveland website at www.sokolgreatercleveland.org



A Look in the Library ...

"Fields of Light - A Son Remembers His Heroic Father"
by Joseph Hurka

(This review taken from the W.W. Norton catalog as sent to this editor by the author, Joseph Hurka.)

A son remembers his father an unsung Czech anti-communist resistance fighter in this powerfully moving memoir.

After the fall of Communism, Joseph Hurka traveled to Prague, where his father had fought in the

underground against the Czech-Stalinist government. As the son walks in his father's footsteps, he uncovers a hidden past: he learns of his father's brutal imprisonment, his fortunate release and his fierce resistance work. This book is also a story of modern Prague and the Czech republic after the Velvet Revolution. Hurka takes us with him into the heart of Revolution. Hurka takes us with him into the heart of Prague, the "old town" quarter where Kafka

lived and the lesser-known streets where his father fought for democracy.

"Fields of Light" is finally a loving tribute to a father, a meditation on the relationship between truth and resistance, a tale of personal sacrifice and endurance.

Mr. Hurka adds, "I hope that the book offers a portrait of courage in its many forms and of history reborn after the darkness of communism."

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

PURPOSE: To train and education young people to assure able administrators, the best of idealistic instructors and educational directors for Sokol Units and Districts.

In Memory of Emilie Ruzicka from Phyllis Kool	\$25.00
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The Galapagos Islands

Fray Tomás de Berlanga, the Bishop of Panama, discovered the Galapagos in 1535. This was the time of Spanish exploration and discovery, and followed Magellan's circumnavigation of the globe by a just a dozen years and Balboa's discovery of the Pacific by two dozen. de Berlanga, however, was no explorer. He had been sailing to Peru, recently conquered by Pizarro, when his ship became becalmed and was carried west by currents; his discovery was entirely accidental. de Berlanga saw little value in the islands. He wrote that the land there, inhabited only by birds, seals and reptiles, was "dross, worthless, because it has not the power of raising a little grass, but only some thistles." By the time de Berlanga sighted the first of islands, his ship had only a two-day supply of water. They found no fresh water on the first island they landed on. They sailed on to a second (one with high peaks, possibly Santa Cruz) but ran out of water by the time they reached it. After several days they succeeded in finding water "in a ravine among rocks" (later visitors learned to find water by following tortoise paths into the highlands). In the meantime, de Berlanga's men were reduced to squeezing water from prickly pear cactus pads. Two men and ten horses died of thirst before water was found. de Berlanga reported sighting two more large islands, possibly Santiago and Isabela, and landed on the smaller of the two. In his

report to the King of Spain, de Berlanga did not refer to the islands by name, but they appear on Ortelius's 1570 world map as "Insulae de los Galopegos", named for the saddleback giant tortoises de Berlanga and subsequent early visitors reported seeing.

It is possible that the islands were discovered some 60 years earlier by the Inca king Tupac Yupanqui, as Incan oral history tells of his voyage to the west and discovery of two "Islands of Fire". If there is truth to this, and there are some inconsistencies in the story, it is perhaps more likely that he discovered Easter Island.

The fabulous wealth of the growing Spanish Empire caught the attention of Spain's European rivals, who wanted to limit Spanish power and grab some of the wealth for themselves. England in particular gave its blessing to pirates and buccaneers who attacked Spanish galleons returning to Spain from the New World laden with treasure. The Galapagos lay not far from the route between the conquered Inca Empire of the Andes and Panama and New Spain (Mexico), the center of Spanish activity in the New World. So beginning in the late 16th century, the Galapagos became a base of operations for many English pirates. In 1684, one of these buccaneers, Ambrose Cowley, made the first crude map of the islands and named each of them, mainly after English kings

and noblemen (these names have largely been supplanted by Spanish ones; a small islet east of Isabela, however, still bears Cowley's name). Though fresh water is scarce in the Galapagos, it can be found in a few localities. One particularly favored spot was Buccaneer Cove on the northwest end of Santiago. Fresh meat, in the form of the giant tortoises, was another valuable commodity to be had in the Galapagos. The giant tortoises were highly prized by mariners because they could be kept alive in the holds of ships for many months without food or water.

By 1790, pirates were being replaced by whalers. Captain James Colnett was commissioned by His Majesty's government to investigate the possibilities of sperm-whale fisheries in region and visited the islands in 1793 and 1794. Colnett made the first reasonably accurate map of the archipelago and set up a "Post Office Barrel" on Floreana. Whalers, who would be at sea for years, would leave letters in the barrel and ships heading back to England to port would pick up the letters and deliver them to port. The Post Office Barrel may still be seen today on the shore in Post Office Bay.

Soon whalers from New Bedford as well as England were coming to the Galapagos in large numbers, dozens of ships each year. Like the pirates before them, whalers would

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AMERICAN SOKOL GYMNAST



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“What Sokol Means To Me”

2001-2002 American Sokol Merit Award Recipients

Cassandra Croft Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky

Fourteen years. For fourteen years I have participated in the Sokol program. This statement doesn't even begin to encompass what "participating" in Sokol actually means. I have been in Sokol for as long as I can concretely remember. My memories, of long ago and of recent years, are a fraction of who I am presently, and who I will be in my future. Sokol has given me countless memories of special people, places, and events, and this means a world to me. I have taken part in countless competitions, special numbers, Slets and one could not speak of Sokol without mentioning the classes. Sometimes I would attend class four days a week, and I remember when working for that five year perfect attendance award was all that I cared about. Sokol has brought out the leader in me when I was the Junior Board Girls Director for three years, where I learned to hold responsibility and become a strong leader. My instructors during the years have expressed themselves in a manner that has made them true role models to all they teach. I have modeled myself after what a true Sokol should be; disciplined, creative, loyal, and physically fit. Becoming Ms. Sokol (Berwyn-Slavsky) was an event in my life that awakened me to realize that I have worked hard and developed myself in reflection to how a genuine person is. A genuine person—the title of a true Sokol. That is a statement that does encompass what a Sokol is, and my fourteen years of experience has set the mold and shaped me to become such a person, and will continue to shape me in my future years, to remember to strive to be my very best, and be kind to my fellow humans along the way. I was supposed to write about what Sokol means to me, and I know that I can easily say that I cannot even fathom what my life would have been without Sokol.

Victoria Kathrein Sokol Tabor

Sokol means many things to me such as: friends, discipline, and fitness; but most of all Sokol means family. Sokol began as an organization where Czech people joined together. Every year people

travel across the country or even the world to be together and celebrate Sokol at Slets. In Sokol we address each other as brother and sister which is a direct example of Sokol as a family. At Sokol Tabor we have spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts, meals that Sokol families enjoy together. When I go to Sokol I feel like I'm a part of something bigger than just a gym or an organization. I feel like I'm at home, with my family. In conclusion, I am glad to be a part of Sokol.

Ashlee Nekuza Sokol Havlicek-Borovsky

There are many words to define Sokol's meaning to me. In one word Sokol can easily be described as home. I have been a part of Sokol since I was three, and have built relationships with many people to last a lifetime. Growing up with Sokol helped instill values like responsibility, respect, high work ethics, and a caring for my community that thrive in me today. As a Sokol Coach I have learned how to handle many situations and will use this knowledge in my everyday life.

There is one experience at Sokol that has influenced my career path the most. In 1998 I met a little seven-year-old girl named Tagen Lademer. Unlike the other girls Tagen had a frail, little body that could not support all the things she wished to do. Her eyes were constantly filled with disappointment but her strong arms never let her down. Tagen's legs were so weak and she could barely control what they did and seemed to get in the way when she struggled around the gym. My favorite feature that Tagen wore so well was her undying smile and her ponytail that would swing from side to side when she came in the door. Tagen is special; she has cystic fibrosis and requires a walker everywhere she goes. Tagen can not stand up on her own and was an outcast in gym class. I admired Tagen's determination and courage to try to do what the other girls did. Gymnastics is a difficult sport for a healthy seven-year-old. I could not imagine how this porcelain doll-like child could ever do any of the simplest exercises.

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Since she was use to depending on her arms for support Tagen had built up more upper body strength than the other girls in the class. She could climb the rope without using her legs (something not even my exemplary gymnasts could perform), do more chin ups than the whole class combined, and amazed us with her fast, perfect formed push ups. She would not allow you to help her in even simple tasks because Tagen knew she could do them.

Working with Tagen made me realize that this was what I wanted to do with my life. I want a job that I love and want to spend my time at. My career choice is to be a Physical Therapist for young children because I want to help others like Tagen. Children, especially Tagen, are my inspiration. They strive to do their best even against the odds. These children that never give up and keep a positive attitude have influenced my life to set such high goals for them and myself

Without Sokol so many of these life changing experiences would not have been possible. I was blessed when my parents enrolled me in Sokol. This is an organization that I will always be apart of because I firmly believe in all that it stands for and support Sokol one hundred percent.

Michael Wise Sokol Greater Cleveland

Sokol to me is a place where I can just let go. I don't have to worry about having the proper diction, or syntax; and I don't have to worry about stupid subtraction mistakes. I can just enjoy life and have fun with the people that are there. Sokol has taught me not to limit my choices of friends. Through Sokol I have made friends young and old, from far and wide. When I attended my first Slet in Indianapolis 1991, I didn't know anybody except the people from my unit. After a couple district events and Slets I got to know some people from Detroit. After the Chicago 1997 Slet I went to my first Instructors School (Kurz). I knew one boy besides my brother and he introduced us to everyone, within 20 minutes I was sleeping next to a person I had never met before. After that Kurz I started looking forward to the Slets and other Sokol events. Now I travel to Chicago on average 4 times a year to visit and help out. I have stayed in Omaha and have gone to New York City during New Years Eve just to hang out with friends that I met through Sokol. This synopsis of my adventures clearly demonstrates the effect Sokol has had on my life. What's more is

that now I help out with the boy's class and have been for four years. This class has rewarded me with subtle things like self worth and pride, both things that are necessary to survival in life after High School. Because of Sokol I feel like I could take on the world, and who knows maybe I will. If nothing else I at least aspire to be able to be elected President of Sokol. The next convention is four years away and it's in my hometown, that sounds like fate to me.

**Congratulations to all the 2001-2002
Merit Award recipients from
American Sokol and best wishes for
your continued academic success.
Your dedication and enthusiasm are
greatly admired by all of us, and
Sokol is both fortunate and thankful to
be a big part of your lives.**

Central District results Continued from page 8:

Junior Girls, Level 4 Team, 15-18

1.	Chicagoland 1	163.650
2.	Berwyn-Slavsky 1	154.100
3.	USA-Lodge 306 1	154.050

Junior Girls, Level 4, 12-14

1.	Brandi Arnold	Broofield	51.600
2.	Paige Vachata	Stickney	50.250
3.	Beckey Maskill	Berwyn-Slavsky	49.700
4.	Jennifer Jergunson	Tabor	49.200
5.	Angela Coglianesse	Berwyn-Slavsky	47.700
6.	Amanda Wolff	Berwyn-Slavsky	45.950
7.	Gaby Kuri	Tabor	43.050

Junior Girls, Level 4, 15-18

1.	Lauren Strzepek	USA-Lodge 306	52.150
2.	Ashley Croft	Berwyn-Slavsky	51.350
3.	Angi DelCarlo	Chicagoland	51.200
4.	Ginny Kocek	Chicagoland	48.500
5.	Thalassa Millwood	USA-Lodge 306	47.850
6.	Jennifer Polk	Brookfield	47.800
7.	Steph Bujak	Chicagoland	47.450
8.	Chrissy Maskill	Berwyn-Slavsky	47.150
9.	Nicole Martinez	Berwyn-Slavsky	46.950
10.	Irene Jakubiak	USA-Lodge 306	46.200
11.	Anne Kocek	Chicagoland	46.100

Women, Level 4, 18-24

1.	Anny Moravec	Chicagoland	53.400
2.	Beth Kocek	Chicagoland	52.850

Junior Girls, Level 5 Team, 15-18

1. Tabor 1 154.050

Junior Girls, Level 5, 12-14

1. Amber Arnold Brookfield 47.900
2. Bernie Mangialardi Tabor 45.950
3. Celia Porod Berwyn-Slavsky 44.600

Junior Girls, Level 5, 15-18

1. Heidi Sanders Brookfield 49.450
1. Brittany Statler Tabor 49.450
3. Stacey Domzalski Chicagoland 49.400
4. Megan Petkus Tabor 49.000
5. Teresa Kulhanek Tabor 47.100

Junior Girls, Level 6, 12-14

1. Megan Rosenow Stickney 53.700
2. Jessica Rus Tabor 51.600

Junior Girls, Level 6, 15-18

1. Cassie Croft Berwyn-Slavsky 50.100
2. Nicole Coglianesse Berwyn-Slavsky 45.900

Women, Level 6, 18-24

1. Karyn Domzalski Chicagoland 51.900

Junior Girls, Championship, 15-18

1. Julia Hickey Tabor 49.250
2. Allison Lickteig Berwyn-Slavsky 47.600
3. Rose Porod Berwyn-Slavsky 41.050

Editor's Note:

Only scores that were received by Friday, August 10 were able to be published in this edition. Scores from other district 2001 competitions will be published in the next edition. I apologize to the districts whose scores are not published in the edition, but it is the only way to get the publication out in a timely manner. Thank you.

XXth American Sokol Slet Competition Results July 28, 2001

Junior Girls, Novice Team

1. New York 125.000

Junior Girls, Novice, 12-14

1. Chelsea O'Shea New York 42.450
2. Erin McGann New York 41.300
3. Allyson Miller Fresno 35.400

Junior Girls, Novice, 15-18

1. Lornie Ann Lewis New York 41.250
2. Lisa Meyer Greater Cleveland 39.350

Women, Novice, 25-34+

1. Patti Vondra Stickney 45.300
2. Nancy Colagrossi Tabor 44.750
3. Florence DeCarlo Chicagoland 44.300
4. Theresa Vondra Stickney 44.100
5. Mary Cushing Detroit 43.500
6. Beverly Domzalski Chicagoland 43.400
7. Candace Short Tabor 43.350
8. Tracy Konior Chicagoland 43.250
9. Cathy Kocek Chicagoland 43.050
10. Kim Marek Stickney 41.950

Junior Girls, USAG Level 2 Team

1. St. Louis 1 128.950
2. Berwyn-Slavsky 1 126.250
3. Detroit 1 123.000
4. Greater Cleveland 1 99.250

Women, Modified Level 2 Team

1. Detroit 1 128.450

Junior Girls, USAG Level 2, 12-14

1. Keresty Kelly USA-Farrell 41.750
2. Constance Whalen USA-Farrell 41.700
3. Alyssa LaCasse Detroit 41.200
4. Brandy Anderson S. Omaha 40.800
5. Kimberly Koziol S. Omaha 40.450
6. Kaitlan Short Tabor 40.350
7. Katherine D'Avanzo Detroit 40.250

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8.	Kristine Ryan	Berwyn-Slavsky	40.150
8.	Connie Owen	St. Louis	40.150
10.	Nicole Vihtelic	Detroit	40.000
11.	Elissa Schupp	Ceska Sin	39.950
12.	Kelly Panackia	Detroit	39.900
13.	Brittany Wickwire	Omaha	39.550
14.	Alison Gajos	Berwyn-Slavsky	38.900
15.	Sarah Porod	Berwyn-Slavsky	38.000
16.	Beth Wipf	Omaha	37.800
17.	Michelle Nowak	Berwyn-Slavsky	35.450
18.	Melanie McGowan	Greater Cleveland	33.150
19.	Sara Zale	Greater Cleveland	32.050

Junior Girls, USAG Level 2, 15-18

1.	Kristin Kulhanek	Tabor	40.450
2.	Kathy Berkley	St. Louis	40.400
3.	Maria Breidenbach	St. Louis	40.200
4.	Chrissie Davis	St. Louis	36.600
5.	Dana Nowakowski	Greater Cleveland	34.050

Women, Modified Level 2, 17-24

1.	Laura Bergfeld	St. Louis	43.750
2.	Jennifer Linek	St. Louis	43.200
3.	Robin Kotlan	Ceska Sin	40.450

Women, Modified Level 2, 25-34+

1.	Andrea Scheirer	Chicagoland	44.400
2.	Audrey Modos	Detroit	43.750
3.	Teresa Simonds	Detroit	42.400
4.	Kim Fender	Detroit	42.300
5.	Jeanne Henderson	Omaha	41.300
6.	Irene Polashek	Tabor	40.600
6.	Sharon Stanek	Detroit	40.600

Junior Girls, USAG Level 4 Team

1.	DA Sokol 1	130.250
2.	Berwyn-Slavsky 1	129.850
3.	Ceska Sin 1	127.200
4.	South Omaha 1	127.050
5.	USA-Lodge 306 1	126.700
6.	Crete 1	121.850
7.	Greater Cleveland 1	120.700
8.	Chicagoland 1	120.350
9.	New York 1	119.350
10.	Greater Cleveland 2	108.600

Women, Modified Level 4 Team

1.	Chicagoland 1	138.100
2.	Ceska Sin 1	136.700
3.	Greater Cleveland 2	133.300

4.	Greater Cleveland 1	127.500
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Junior Girls, USAG Level 4, 12-14

1.	Elizabeth Rolfson	S. Omaha	43.900
2.	Ashley Soneson	Ceska Sin	42.250
2.	Aida Eure	Omaha	42.250
4.	Angelika Trojanowski	DA Sokol	42.200
5.	Rebecca Rospotynski	Ceska Sin	42.150
6.	Ashleigh Miller	S. Omaha	41.250
7.	Ariella Grinberg	New York	41.100
8.	Marrienne Mullarkey	DA Sokol	40.800
9.	Sarah Finch	S. Omaha	40.700
9.	Kristen Merker	USA-Lodge 306	40.700
11.	Nina Bertino	S. Omaha	40.550
12.	Amanda Wolff	Berwyn-Slavsky	39.750
13.	Melissa Slagle	Greater Cleveland	39.700
14.	Leia Mason	Greater Cleveland	39.550
14.	Sarah Stepnicka	Greater Cleveland	39.550
14.	Erin Mahoney	New York	39.550
17.	Becky Maskill	Berwyn-Slavsky	39.350
18.	Appa Hargiss	Ft. Worth	39.150
19.	Christine Hari	New York	38.700
20.	Kristen Legino	Omaha	38.600
21.	Paige Vachata	Stickney	38.550
22.	Kelsie Soneson	Ceska Sin	38.250
23.	Nichole Davies	Berwyn-Slavsky	37.100
24.	Gaby Kuri	Tabor	36.400
25.	Sarah Liptak	Greater Cleveland	34.250

Junior Girls, USAG Level 4, 15-18

1.	Lauren Strzepek	USA-Lodge 306	44.350
2.	Jessica Bardy	DA Sokol	44.300
3.	Patricia Mincone	DA Sokol	43.050
4.	Evie Cutshaw	Ceska Sin	42.400
5.	Jessica Longwell	Crete	42.250
6.	Angi DelCarlo	Chicagoland	42.200
7.	Melissa Mondello	DA Sokol	42.100
8.	Ashley Croft	Berwyn-Slavsky	41.450
9.	Hilary Foster	Crete	40.250
10.	Anette Bartik	Greater Cleveland	39.800
11.	Kate Wackel	Crete	39.350
11.	Irene Jakubiak	USA-Lodge 306	39.350
13.	Ginny Kocek	Chicagoland	39.200
14.	Chrissy Maskill	Berwyn-Slavsky	39.150
15.	Steph Bujak	Chicagoland	38.950
16.	Thalassa Millwood	USA-Lodge 306	38.900
17.	Jennifer Polk	Brookfield	38.200
18.	Karla Pinizzotto	Greater Cleveland	36.900
19.	Heidi Vencel	Greater Cleveland	34.550

Women, Modified Level 4, 17-24

1.	Sonja Nokonecznyj	Ceska Sin	45.850
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2.	Willow Kotlan	Ceska Sin	45.450
3.	Erika Nokonecnyj	Ceska Sin	44.850
4.	Maria Pinizzotto	Greater Cleveland	44.200
5.	Anny Moravec	Chicagoland	44.050
6.	Janel Wambach	USA-Lodge 306	42.850
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12.	Denise Pegg	USA-Farrell	40.950
13.	Holly Day	Greater Cleveland	40.550
14.	Angela Wise	Greater Cleveland	38.000
15.	Angela Bartik	Greater Cleveland	37.800

Women, Modified Level 4, 25-34+

1.	Christina Curran	Tabor	44.550
2.	Linda Lash	Greater Cleveland	43.950
3.	Dawn Soneson	Ceska Sin	43.550
4.	Becky Wilk	S. Omaha	43.300
5.	Lynn Conrad	Detroit	43.250
6.	Missi Bervid	Chicagoland	43.200
7.	Jessica Burns	Karel Hav-Borv.	41.800
8.	Deb Allison	Cedar Rapids	40.350
9.	Julie Meyer	Greater Cleveland	39.450

Junior Girls, USAG Level 5 Team

1.	Greater Cleveland 1	123.400
2.	Tabor 1	113.600

Junior Girls, USAG Level 5, 12-14

1.	Brynne Southwell	Karel Hav-Borv.	42.100
2.	Denise Vlasica	USA-Boonton	41.000
3.	Megan Zenisek	Cedar Rapids	37.850
4.	Lindsey Rogness	Cedar Rapids	33.350
5.	Teresa Skrivanek	Minnesota	29.000
6.	Celia Porod	Berwyn-Slavsky	28.950
7.	Courtney Curran	Detroit	28.900

Junior Girls, USAG Level 5, 15-18

1.	Laura Borovsky	Detroit	41.850
2.	Christine Blake	New York	41.600
3.	Kathy Kavan	Greater Cleveland	41.550
4.	Elizabeth Mason	Greater Cleveland	40.650
5.	Alison Schweda	Greater Cleveland	40.600
6.	Suzy Bures	Greater Cleveland	38.600
7.	Stacey Domzalski	Chicagoland	35.800
8.	Megan Petkus	Tabor	35.700
9.	Brittany Statler	Tabor	35.500
10.	Heidi Sanders	Brookfield	34.850
11.	Teresa Kulhanek	Tabor	33.250

12.	Lupita Kuri	Tabor	29.650
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Women, USAG Level 5, 17-24

1.	Katherine Ludvik	DA Sokol	43.800
2.	Jessica Stewart	DA Sokol	42.700
3.	Jennifer Kalina	West	41.450
4.	Stephanie Langer	Karel Hav-Borv.	38.800

Women, USAG Level 5, 25-34+

1.	Heather Steenson	Ceska Sin	42.300
2.	Judy Sulz	St. Louis	37.050
3.	Nicole Marchluk	Berwyn-Slavsky	34.500

Junior Girls, USAG Level 6, 12-14

1.	Christina Valentine	Omaha	39.550
2.	Jessica Rus	Tabor	34.650

Junior Girls, USAG Level 6, 15-18

1.	Katrina Kosmos	Crete	39.900
2.	Allison Lickteig	Berwyn-Slavsky	36.100
3.	Cassie Croft	Berwyn-Slavsky	31.400

Women, USAG Level 6, 17-24

1.	Karyn Domzalski	Chicagoland	37.350
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Women, USAG Level 6, 25-34+

1.	Loretta Maggio	DA Sokol	41.800
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Junior Girls, Championship, 12-14

1.	Julie Moravec	West	34.900
2.	Crystal Pineda	Ft. Worth	32.750
3.	Carly Vincentini	S. Omaha	32.025

Junior Girls, Championship, 15-18

1.	Sarah Killingsworth	Ft. Worth	38.300
2.	Julia Hickey	Tabor	34.425
3.	Skye Wakefield	S. Omaha	33.400

Women, Championship, 17-24

1.	Brandi Kovac	USA-Cntrl Jersy.	40.200
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Women, Championship, 25-34+

1.	Irene Bastas	DA Sokol	39.950
2.	Carey McCoy	New York	32.675

Women, Masters II Team

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| 1. Greater Cleveland I | 124.800 |
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Women, Masters I

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Dana Scott | St. Louis | 45.150 |
| 2. Phyllis Kool | Omaha | 43.900 |
| 3. Jann Petkus | Tabor | 43.500 |
| 4. Allison Gerber | Cedar Rapids | 43.300 |
| 5. Chyral Becka | Greater Cleveland | 42.050 |
| 6. Donna Courte | St. Louis | 41.900 |
| 7. Kathy Barcal | Berwyn-Slavsky | 39.750 |
| 8. Deborah Simik | Berwyn-Slavsky | 39.350 |
| 9. Yvonne Wilson | Omaha | 39.300 |

Women, Masters II

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Jane Wise | Greater Cleveland | 43.500 |
| 2. Charlotte Beckerman | Greater Cleveland | 40.750 |
| 3. Marjorie Juba | Greater Cleveland | 40.550 |
| 4. Mary Ellen Newsom | Chicagoland | 39.950 |
| 5. Dot Steenson | Ceska Sin | 39.700 |

Junior Boys, Novice, 12-14

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. T.C. Smetana | Ceska Sin | 58.950 |
| 2. Michael Curran | Tabor | 54.900 |
| 3. Brian Martincic | Greater Cleveland | 54.200 |
| 4. Robert Muzzey | Brookfield | 49.450 |

Junior Boys, Novice, 15-18

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| 1. Keith Martincic | Greater Cleveland | 55.100 |
| 2. Edward Burek | Stickney | 50.650 |

Men, Novice, 25-34+

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| 1. Vojmir F. Benak Sr. | S. Omaha | 63.150 |
| 2. Ric Smetana | Ceska Sin | 61.000 |

Junior Boys, Modified Class 7 Team

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|------------------------|---------|
| 1. DA Sokol 1 | 182.050 |
| 2. St. Louis 1 | 171.950 |
| 3. Greater Cleveland 1 | 166.900 |
| 4. Berwyn-Slavsky 1 | 164.400 |

Men, Modified Class 7 Team

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| 1. Greater Cleveland 1 | 199.000 |
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Junior Boys, Modified Class 7, 12-14

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Chris Novaes | DA Sokol | 62.100 |
| 2. Gary Gurreri | DA Sokol | 61.500 |
| 3. Anthony DelPlato | DA Sokol | 58.450 |
| 4. Ryan Ferrett | Crete | 56.850 |
| 5. Brian Kuyken | USA-Lodge 306 | 56.050 |
| 6. Tyler Kos | Brookfield | 55.350 |
| 7. Andrew Dalton | S. Omaha | 55.150 |
| 8. Derik Scott | St. Louis | 55.000 |
| 9. Danny Fitzpatrick | Greater Cleveland | 54.950 |
| 10. Brando Macias | Karel Hav-Borv. | 53.700 |
| 11. Rik Leja | Berwyn-Slavsky | 53.550 |
| 12. Greg Weyers | Crete | 52.550 |
| 13. Shaun Scott | St. Louis | 47.650 |
| 14. Kevin Breidenbach | St. Louis | 43.600 |

Junior Boys, Modified Class 7, 15-18

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Steven Berkley | St. Louis | 64.250 |
| 2. Kevin Wheet | Stickney | 60.950 |
| 3. Matt Carlozzi | Greater Cleveland | 60.400 |
| 4. Anthony Vlasica | USA-Boonton | 59.050 |
| 5. Dustin Matus | West | 58.000 |
| 6. Vincent Eaton | USA-Boonton | 57.850 |
| 7. Peter Tomeczko | Berwyn-Slavsky | 54.800 |
| 8. Eric Leja | Berwyn-Slavsky | 52.950 |
| 9. Ricky Davis | St. Louis | 52.700 |
| 10. Adam Wilt | Berwyn-Slavsky | 52.500 |
| 11. Mark Beckerman | Greater Cleveland | 51.550 |

Men, Modified Class 7, 17-24

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|-----------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Steve Wise | Greater Cleveland | 63.750 |
| 2. Mike Wise | Greater Cleveland | 62.150 |
| 3. Joe Borowski | Greater Cleveland | 60.350 |
| 4. Mark Wheet | Stickney | 55.150 |

Men, Modified Class 7, 18-34+

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|---------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Scott Soneson | Ceska Sin | 64.500 |
| 2. Daniel Jirousek | Greater Cleveland | 64.400 |
| 2. Joseph Hollander | DA Sokol | 64.400 |
| 4. Scott Pracko | USA-Lodge 306 | 64.100 |
| 5. Bryan Pracko | USA-Lodge 306 | 63.500 |
| 6. Bob Kucera | Naperville | 60.450 |
| 7. Andrew Baszuk | Ceska Sin | 59.800 |
| 8. Todd Dusek | Greater Cleveland | 59.800 |
| 9. John Bazata | Brookfield | 57.000 |

Junior Boys, Modified Class 6 Team

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| 1. South Omaha 1 | 163.700 |
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Men, Modified Class 6 Team

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| 1. Greater Cleveland 1 | 199.000 |
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Junior Boys, Modified Class 6, 12-14

1.	Luke Gabriel	S. Omaha	60.250
2.	Mathew Novaes	DA Sokol	58.400
3.	Steven Kowalski	S. Omaha	57.900
4.	Tyler Bierterman	S. Omaha	45.550

Junior Boys, Modified Class 6, 15-18

1.	George Szydlo	Brookfield	57.700
2.	Scott Johnstone	Brookfield	54.900
3.	Howard Maskill	Berwyn-Slavsky	51.800
4.	Michael Dropka	Berwyn-Slavsky	48.050

Men, Modified Class 6, 17-24

1.	Matt Kocek	Chicagoland	61.500
2.	Steve Walde	USA-Lodge 306	59.850
2.	John Mooney	DA Sokol	59.850
4.	Paul Koc	Stickney	59.500
5.	Ted Polashek	Tabor	59.150
6.	Jonathan Boyd	Karel Hav-Borv.	55.900
7.	Matthew Reynolds	USA-Boonton	55.700

Men, Modified Class 6, 25-34+

1.	Vojmir F. Benak Jr.	S. Omaha	63.700
2.	Peter Krebsbach	Detroit	61.050
3.	Jay Vondra	Stickney	60.250
4.	Richard T. Vachata	Stickney	59.350
5.	Mike Michalek	Chicagoland	59.150

Junior Boys, Modified Class 5, 12-14

1.	Adam Ondira	New York	60.100
2.	Bohumir Benak	S. Omaha	55.950

Junior Boys, Modified Class 5, 15-18

1.	Kevin Fitzpatrick	Greater Cleveland	64.400
2.	Philip Mincone	DA Sokol	62.650
3.	Jason Barber	S. Omaha	50.450
4.	Andrew Lutha	Berwyn-Slavsky	48.450

Men, Modified Class 5, 25-34+

1.	Peter Lattanzio	DA Sokol	62.150
2.	Jonathan Conrad	Detroit	58.250

Junior Boys, Championship, 15-18

1.	Samuel Piasecky	Sokola Na Slovensku	52.200
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Men, Championship, 17-24

1.	Max Muller	S. Omaha	48.600
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Men, Masters I Team

1.	Tabor I	176.950
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Men, Masters I

1.	Robert Barcal	Berwyn-Slavsky	62.200
2.	Mike Kulhanek	Tabor	61.900
3.	Karl Kotlan	Greater Cleveland	61.050
4.	George Kulhanek	Tabor	60.500
5.	Tony Rospotyski	Ceska Sin	60.400
6.	Lee Hamilton	Karel Hav-Borv.	58.900
7.	Damian Tyler	Greater Cleveland	57.000
8.	Mike McGill	Tabor	54.550

Men, Masters II

1.	Frank Michalek	Chicagoland	61.950
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Northeastern District Competition May 19th, 2001, Cleveland, Ohio

Junior Girls, Novice

1.	Lisa Meyer	Greater Cleveland	37.95
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Junior Girls, Level 2

1.	Keresty Kelly	USA-Farrell	41.85
2.	Constance Whalen	USA-Farrell	41.30
3.	Alyssa LaCasse	Detroit	40.30
4.	Nicole Vihtelic	Detroit	40.25
5.	Kelley Panackia	Detroit	39.90
6.	Katy D'Avanzo	Detroit	38.70
7.	Katherine Fortuna	Greater Cleveland	32.70
8.	Melanie McGowan	Greater Cleveland	28.56

Junior Girls, Level 4

1.	Sarah Stepnicka	Greater Cleveland	39.90
2.	Annette Bartik	Greater Cleveland	39.15
3.	Karla Pinizzotto	Greater Cleveland	39.00
4.	Christine Hirsch	Greater Cleveland	38.45
5.	Leia Mason	Greater Cleveland	38.25
6.	Heidi Vencl	Greater Cleveland	37.35

Junior Girls, Level 5

1.	Kathy Kavan	Greater Cleveland	43.15
2.	Elizabeth Mason	Greater Cleveland	42.85
3.	Suzy Bures	Greater Cleveland	41.10
4.	Courtney Curran	Detroit	30.10

Women, Level 4 Modified

1.	Linda Lash	Greater Cleveland	45.00
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Mens, Class 7

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Daniel Jirousek | Greater Cleveland | 61.200 |
| 2. Todd Dusek | Greater Cleveland | 59.000 |
| 3. Karl Kotlan | Greater Cleveland | 56.600 |

Junior Boys, Class 7

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|----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Matt Carlozzi | Greater Cleveland | 59.400 |
| 2. Danny Fitzpatrick | Greater Cleveland | 55.800 |

Junior Boys, Novice

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| 1. Keith Martincic | Greater Cleveland | 55.300 |
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Central District Competition May 19, 2001, Brookfield, Illinois

Junior Boys, Novice, 13-18

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|----------------------|---------------|--------|
| 1. Bradley Hammer | USA-Lodge 306 | 61.650 |
| 2. Robert Muzzey | Brookfield | 57.600 |
| 3. Kyle Svecjar | Tabor | 56.100 |
| 4. Max Hoeschele | Tabor | 47.650 |
| 5. Andrew Gianatasio | Tabor | 43.100 |

Junior Boys, Mod. Class 7 Team, 13-18

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| 1. Berwyn-Slavsky | 197.700 |
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Junior Boys, Modified Class 7, 13-18

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| 1. Eric Leja | Berwyn-Slavsky | 67.750 |
| 2. Tyler Kos | Brookfield | 67.450 |
| 3. Brian Kuyken | USA-Lodge 306 | 66.450 |
| 4. Rik Leja | Berwyn-Slavsky | 65.900 |
| 5. Frank Sladek | Stickney | 64.650 |
| 6. Adam Wilt | Berwyn-Slavsky | 64.050 |

Men, Modified Class 7, 18+

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|------------------|----------------|--------|
| 1. Robert Barcal | Berwyn-Slavsky | 60.950 |
| 2. Marc Wheet | Stickney | 60.650 |
| 3. John Bazata | Brookfield | 60.400 |

Junior Boys, Mod. Class 6 Team, 13-18

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| 1. Berwyn-Slavsky | 198.000 |
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Junior Boys, Modified Class 6, 13-18

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|----------------------|----------------|--------|
| 1. George Szydlo | Brookfield | 72.950 |
| 2. Scott Johnstone | Brookfield | 71.000 |
| 3. Kevin Wheet | Stickney | 70.650 |
| 4. Howard Maskill | Berwyn-Slavsky | 68.150 |
| 5. Michael Maskowski | Berwyn-Slavsky | 65.300 |
| 6. Owen Reynolds | USA-Lodge 306 | 65.200 |
| 7. Michael Dropka | Berwyn-Slavsky | 64.550 |
| 8. Ed Scollard | Tabor | 61.150 |

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| 9. Louis Bajek | Naperville | 60.900 |
| 10. Jeremy Pros | Tabor | 60.850 |

Men, Modified Class 6, 18+

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| 1. Matt Kocek | Chicagoland | 63.200 |
| 1. Joseph Kucera | Naperville | 63.200 |
| 3. Mike Michalek | Chicagoland | 62.250 |
| 4. Ted Polashek | Tabor | 62.200 |

Mens Masters I Team, 35+

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| 1. Tabor 1 | 186.600 |
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Mens Masters I, 35+

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| 1. Mike Kulhanek | Tabor | 62.450 |
| 2. Rick Linhart | Tabor | 61.700 |
| 3. Ray Fron | Tabor | 61.300 |
| 4. George Kulhanek | Tabor | 60.800 |
| 5. Mike McGill | Tabor | 56.250 |

Mens Masters II, 50+

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| 1. Frank Michalek | Chicagoland | 62.600 |
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Women, Master I, 35-49

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|----------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1. Beverly Domzalski | Chicagoland | 53.350 |
| 2. Susan Wagner | Chicagoland | 48.800 |

Women, Master II, 50+

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| 1. Florence DelCarlo | Chicagoland | 54.450 |
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Junior Girls, Level 2 Team, 12-14

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| 1. Berwyn-Slavsky 1 | 149.100 |
| 2. USA-Lodge 306 | 144.450 |

Junior Girls, Level 2, 12-14

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| 1. Kristine Ryan | Berwyn-Slavsky | 49.050 |
| 2. Kaitlan Short | Tabor | 48.250 |
| 3. Natalie Acierito | USA-Lodge 306 | 47.250 |
| 3. Alison Gajos | Berwyn-Slavsky | 47.250 |
| 5. Lindsey Strzepak | USA-Lodge 306 | 45.500 |
| 6. Sarah Porod | Berwyn-Slavsky | 45.250 |
| 7. Elena Meredith | USA-Lodge 306 | 45.200 |
| 8. Michelle Nowak | Berwyn-Slavsky | 42.400 |
| 9. Ashley Walters | Tabor | 41.850 |
| 10. Pamela DiPlomares | Berwyn-Slavsky | 34.050 |

Women, Level 2, 25-34

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|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 1. Irene Polashek | Tabor | 44.750 |
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Women, Master 1, Modified Level 2

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| 1. Andrea Scheirer | Chicagoland | 51.650 |
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Junior Girls, Level 4 Team, 12-14

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| 1. Berwyn-Slavsky | 152.750 |
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The Galapagos Islands *(Continued from Page 4.)*

hunt tortoises, turtles, birds, and occasionally land iguanas for food. The whalers, though, were much more numerous than the pirates had been and some races of tortoises quickly became extinct. As many as 200,000 tortoises may have been taken over the course of the 19th century. Also taken in great numbers were fur seals, whose thick, luxurious fur was highly prized. By the early 20th century they were nearly extinct (they have since greatly recovered). In 1813, when the U.S., Britain, and France were at war with one another, American Captain David Porter, commanding the U.S.S. Essex, nearly destroyed the British whaling fleet in the Galapagos. At the same time, Porter charted the islands and made careful observations of them in his log, including an eruption of Floreana in July 1813, the only known historic eruption of this volcano. Porter was also the first to remark upon the differences in the tortoises, particularly in the shape of their shells, from the various islands. When anchored in James Bay, Porter released several goats to graze near the shore. However, after several days the goats disappeared into the interior and were not seen again. Porter had not intended to release the goats. But in subsequent years and centuries, many were deliberately released to provide a continuing source of meat to ships in the area. These goats would multiply, eventually reaching 100,000 on Santiago, and devastate the native

flora of Santiago and several other islands and threatening the native herbivores, such as the giant tortoise. Today, introduced species remain the single greatest threat to the Galapagos biota.

Among the whalers who stopped here was Herman Melville, the great American novelist and author of *Moby Dick*. Melville was unimpressed by what he saw, "five and twenty heaps of cinder dumped here and there in an outside city lot", but nevertheless wrote a short story, *Los Encantadas*, that took place in the islands, published in 1854. The title is the name whalers and pirates often used for the islands, the Enchanted Isles.

Up to 1832, the islands were nominally owned by Spain, which, however, had taken little interest in them and had done almost nothing to enforce its claim. In 1832, they were claimed by the 2 year old Republic of Ecuador (which lies 1000 km to the east), and named the "Archipelago del Ecuador". In 1892 they were renamed "Archipelago de Colon" in honor of Columbus and the 400th anniversary of his discovery of America. This remains the official name of the islands, but the original name, Galapagos, is more widely used. In 1833, the Ecuadorian government granted a concession to Jose Villamil, a Frenchman who had left Louisiana when it was sold to the United States, to establish the first settlement in the Galapagos, on Floreana. Villamil

raised fruits, vegetables, cattle, pigs, and goats and did a brisk business trading with whalers.

By the time of Darwin's visit in 1935, tortoises were already disappearing from Floreana. He found two to three hundred people living on the island and that "the staple article of animal food is supplied by the tortoises. Their numbers have of course been greatly reduced in this island, but the people yet count on two days' hunting giving them food for the rest of the week. It is said that formerly single vessels have taken away as many as seven hundred, and that the ship's company of a frigate some years since brought down in one day two hundred tortoises to the beach." By 1846, well after Villamil's colony had been abandoned, Berthold Seeman, a naturalist aboard the H.M.S. Pandora, reported there were no tortoises to be found on Floreana, but there were 2000 head of cattle. Wild dogs roamed the island, and they were later reported to attack visitors. The Santa Fe and Rabida tortoise races also became extinct in the nineteenth century.

Whaling interest in the Galapagos waned in the 1860's as sperm whales became scarce and recently discovered petroleum came rapidly to replace sperm oil. Though ships continued to occasionally stop there to take fur seals and provision, the great era of pirates and whalers was over.

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