



A USPA STAFF REPORT

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For the entirety of September, the most talented and motivated skydivers from across the country descended on Skydive Paraclete XP in Raeford, North Carolina, for the 2023 USPA National Skydiving Championships. It was a Mondial-style competition, meaning that over the course of the month, every competitive event took place at the drop zone. As a result, it was a diverse cast of characters in Raeford, with skydivers from every background coming together to share their love of pushing themselves to be their very best.

The drop zone and meet staff worked together seamlessly to facilitate an exceptionally well-run event—whether it was an incredibly busy day with loads turning non-stop or a cloudy one, with jumpers staying ready to hop into the Twin Otters and Caravans at a moment's notice. Meet Director Randy Connell ran

a tight ship as always, aided by USPA Controller Amanda Smalley, Drop Zone Manager and S&TA Kirk Verner and the hard-working D'Annunzio family.

As the championships winded down, competitors traveled back to their home drop zones. Many took home shiny medals and new personal bests, but it's the experience of competition that so many jumpers find to be most valuable. "Nationals is a great opportunity to be around not only your peers, but the best skydivers in each discipline," said Cat Isgrigg, who won gold in the advanced class of 4-way formation skydiving as part of Spaceland Disturbed Saboteurs, as well as competing in 8-way and 16-way FS. "Getting to be completely immersed with other people who love and are as passionate about your discipline is such an incredible experience. It becomes a reunion of sorts for friends I only see every Nationals."

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ACCURACY LANDING

Chief Judge: Matt McManus

Event Judges: Karen Berling-Morrison, Stu Metcalfe, Pat Schraufnagel, Bill Wenger

This year's championship meet began with the event that started it all—accuracy landing. The competitors cruised through an early hiccup, as the automatic measuring device used in the first round experienced two verified malfunctions. As a result, the jury awarded optional rejumps to all competitors on those rounds, and proceeded in round three with new equipment.

As the competition advanced to the later rounds, jumpers battled thermals and changing winds as much as they did each other. After the final round, it was defending champion Ehab Mahmoud who proved impossible to topple, winning the individual gold and never landing more than three centimeters from dead center. Only a centimeter behind were competitors James Hayhurst and his son, Kris Hayhurst, whose second-place tie prompted a tiebreaking 11th jump. "This is really cool," said the younger Hayhurst before loading up for the final jump. "There's a lot of things here at Raeford coming full circle for me, but this is really special."

The tiebreaker ended up just as tight as the rest of the competition, and it was James who took the silver medal by a single centimeter. Kris Hayhurst finished with the bronze.

The competitors first eight rounds of accuracy counted toward the team accuracy event, and it was Edin Alisa, Keith Bergeron, James Hayhurst and Ehab Mahmoud of Precision Guided that finished with the gold. Skydive Rick's took silver, and Jump Florida took the bronze.



CHRIS BESS

EHAB MAHMOUD
Accuracy Landing and Team Accuracy Landing | Gold

INDIVIDUAL

RANK	TOTAL	COMPETITOR
1	0.18	Ehab Mahmoud
2	0.19	James Hayhurst
3	0.19	Kris Hayhurst
4	0.24	Natalia Velidtchenko
5	0.25	Edin Alisa
6	0.31	James Drummond
7	0.41	Venancio Guevara
8	0.43	Guillermo Marturell
9	0.47	Cheryl Stearns
9	0.47	Walter Samojlik
11	0.5	Dennis Murphy
12	0.54	Leonardo Hernandez
13	0.61	Keith Bergeron
14	0.71	Vladimir Perez Villalobo
15	0.72	Rick Kuhns
16	0.76	Kesh Maciulis
17	0.88	Marty Jones
18	1.24	Molly Howsare
19	1.36	Matija Bajer
20	1.37	Enes Jakupovic
21	1.45	John Hill





TEAM

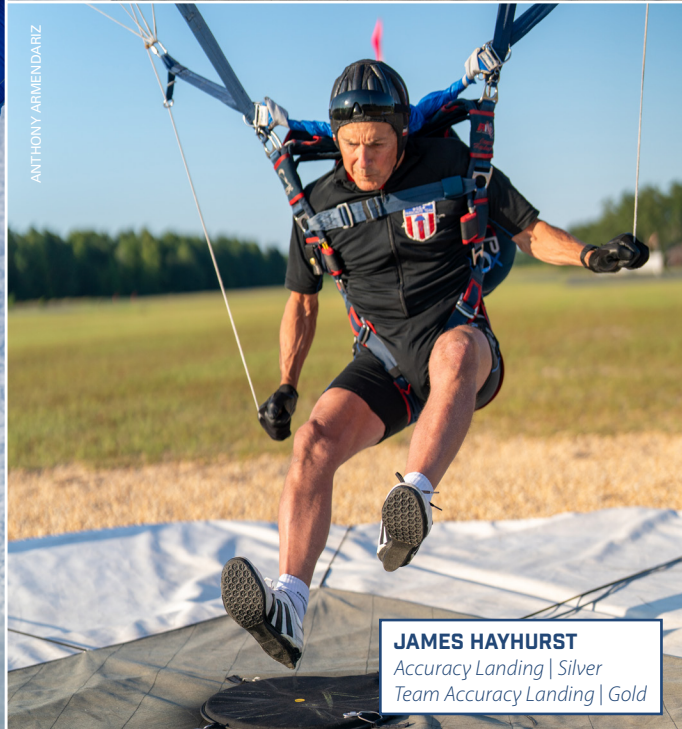
RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	0.87	Precision Guided <i>Edin Alisa, Keith Bergeron, James Hayhurst, Ehab Mahmoud</i>
2	1.49	Skydive Rick's <i>James Drummond, Rick Kuhns, Cheryl Stearns, Natalia Velidtchenko</i>
3	1.53	Jump Florida <i>Venancio Guevara, Leonardo Hernandez, Guillermo Marturell, Vladimir Perez Villalobo</i>
4	1.69	Numero Uno
5	3.59	Lucky Boys + One



KRIS HAYHURST
Accuracy Landing | Bronze



NATALIA VELIDTCHENKO
Team Accuracy Landing | Silver



JAMES HAYHURST
Accuracy Landing | Silver
Team Accuracy Landing | Gold

CANOPY FORMATION

Chief Judge: Cheryl Michaels

Event Judges: Judy Celaya, Jeni Gordon, Bob Lyon, Elizabeth Pitts

Canopy Formation Overall Champions:
Daniel Dupuis, Sean Jones, Will Kitto

The four canopy formation events happened concurrently with accuracy landing, leading to plenty of canopies in the sky over Skydive Paraclete XP. The 2-way pro-am event pairs an experienced CF competitor with a less experienced partner who has not previously won a national medal in the discipline. This year, Marie Clark, Daniel Dupuis and Yuliya Pangburn of Elsinore Slam It! won the event handily, finishing first in five of eight rounds. They were joined on the podium by Eaglebones Falconhawk in second, and E.M.Y.B.A.S, Bumblebee Tuna, which solidified third place by a single point during a nail-biting final round.

In the 2-way sequential event, Nicole Condrey, John Hart II and Yuliya Pangburn of Fastrax continued their run of dominance, putting up 74 more points over eight rounds than the closest competition. Too Wrapped Up took the silver, while Bad Advice Club took bronze.

The 4-way sequential competitors saw a tighter competition unfold, but Daniel Dupuis, Eric Gallan, Sean Jones, Will Kitto and Kyle Taylor of Elsinore Revolution watched their lead on the pack steadily grow as each round finished, even with a little drama in the final round. The team finished atop the podium with gold medals, despite a “whirlygig” on that last jump. (“A wrap is when it’s so bad you have to cut away from it; so if you get out of it, it’s a whirly,” according to Kitto.) Joining them were silver medalists Team Pinewrapple and bronze medalists Fastrax 4way.

The last CF event was 4-way rotation, where competitors rotate from the top to the bottom of the formation as quickly as possible.

As described by competitor Kyle Taylor, the event is “kind of like drag racing instead of Formula 1 racing.” Too Wrapped Up finished first in the event, followed by Pinewrapple. Airforce Airstrike finished third.



2-WAY SEQUENTIAL—OPEN

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	21.1	Fastrax <i>Nicole Condrey, John Hart II, Yuliya Pangburn</i>
2	11.9	Too Wrapped Up <i>Daniel Dupuis, Will Kitto, Sean Jones</i>
3	9.6	Bad Advice Club <i>Hanna Albrecht, Sarah Burriss, Sean Plastine</i>
4	6.1	Thunderbirds
5	5.3	"Uninsured" Red Line District
6	4.9	Elsinore Deux
G	27.9	Qatar A CF2
G	11.6	Qatar B CF2



2-WAY SEQUENTIAL—PRO AM

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	9.3	Elsinore Slam It! <i>Marie Clark, Daniel Dupuis, Yuliya Pangburn</i>
2	7.6	Eaglebones Falconhawk <i>Richo Butts, Vincent Faires, Will Kitto, Jason McClure</i>
3	5.9	E.M.Y.B.A.S., Bumblebee Tuna <i>Jeffrey Behrman, Sean W. Jones, John Young</i>
4	5.8	Airforce Airstrike 1
5	5.3	MO CREW
6	5.0	Elsinore Moose
7	4.4	Airforce Airstrike 2
8	4.3	Elsinore Uninsured
9	4.0	Elsinore TBA



4-WAY ROTATION

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	15.5	Elsinore Too Wrapped Up <i>Daniel Dupuis, Vincent Faires, Eric Gallan, Sean Jones, Will Kitto</i>
2	12.8	Pinewrapple <i>Mark Anderson, Mark Klingelhofer, Michael Paolin, Randy Persi, John Young</i>
3	10.5	Airforce Airstrike <i>Steven Archuletta, Cole Bitting, Joshua Silva, Keith Tolley, Chaz Castillo Wilson, Sean Wynne</i>
4	6.5	Spicy Rotel-sinore
5	5.1	Elsinore Rotellini
G	19.9	Qatar 4R



4-WAY SEQUENTIAL

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	8.4	Elsinore Revolution <i>Daniel Dupuis, Eric Gallan, Sean Jones, Will Kitto, Kyle Taylor</i>
2	6.5	Team Pinewrapple <i>Mark Anderson, Mark Klingelhofer, Michael Paolin, Randy Persi, John Young</i>
3	4.4	Fastrax 4way <i>Mike Derge, John Hart II, Brian Pangburn, Yuliya Pangburn, Kira Tsindiakina</i>
4	3.4	Elsinore Air Force
G	11.0	Qatar 4S

THE TED STRONG AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY SPORTSMANSHIP



At its summer 2012 meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the USPA Board voted to adopt a new competitor award for extraordinary sportsmanship in memory of Ted Strong, D-16, following his death the previous year. Strong—founder of Strong Enterprises—was a pioneering skydiver and gear manufacturer who competed in style and accuracy in the 1980s and was best known for developing the tandem method of student training.

The board directed that the Ted Strong Award for Extraordinary Sportsmanship be awarded at the USPA National Skydiving Championships “from time to time” when the actions of an individual or team warranted it. Unanimous agreement of the meet director, chief judge and controller or unanimous agreement of the USPA Competition Committee is required to bestow the award. Since its introduction, USPA has presented the award four times.

In 2012, the award went to Jarrett Martin, the first competitor with paraplegia to compete in accuracy landing. That year, Martin flew a picture-perfect pattern during round 10 and achieved an 8 cm score.

Eight-way formation skydiving team Spaceland Lite received the award in 2014. Early in the season prior to Nationals, one team member learned she had cancer and had to undergo chemotherapy and surgery. She told her team to replace her, but they told her they wouldn't compete without her. The team stayed intact and finished in fourth place in the advanced class.

Four years later, in 2018, USPA presented the award to John Berke, leader of the 16-way formation skydiving team Deguello 17. Deguello was celebrating its 30th anniversary, first as a 20-way team, then as a 16-way team (when USPA and the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale changed their events). During that time, Berke led more than 200 members of Deguello at Nationals, and the team had medaled in every year but two.

This year, the USPA Competition Committee chose to honor the 2022 U.S. canopy formation competition community's leadership with the award. This community has worked hard to mentor newer canopy formation skydivers and increase participation at Nationals. Kyle Taylor led competition-oriented training days at the Spring Fling canopy formation events in 2022 and 2023 (including holding 4-way sequential competitions), and event organizer Brian Pangburn supported

him in this endeavor. Taylor and other experienced CF jumpers such as Brandon Burns, Andrew Draminski, Travis Johnson, Sean Jones and Joe Thompson committed themselves to perform more coaching, run training camps and act as player-coaches for 4-way sequential and pro-am teams at Nationals. The Raw Dawgs CF group—including Linda and Eric Gallan, Chad Neidigh, Sergio Obando, Brian and Yulia Pangburn, Nelson Pereira, Magaly Sandoval, Brian Stempin and Thompson—also held numerous events and focused on introducing newer jumpers to the art of canopy formation skydiving.

All of this effort led to a huge increase in CF competitors in 2022, when an astounding 33 teams competed in CF at Nationals. In the past five years of CF competition—including this year's 28 teams—the discipline has seen 123 CF teams compete for an average of 24.6 teams per year. Compare that to the previous five years of competition, in which 78 total teams competed, with an average annual attendance of 15.6 teams. With more than a 33% increase in participation, it's clear that the canopy formation competition community's mentorship, advocacy and generosity with their time has truly paid dividends!

At the close of the canopy formation awards ceremony at this year's Nationals, Director of Competition Amanda Smalley presented the CF competition community's leaders with their award. A perpetual plaque inscribed “2022 Canopy Formation Competition Leadership” under the previous recipients' names will reside permanently at USPA Headquarters. The recipients unanimously agreed that Kyle Taylor should take the presentation plaque home to hang at Skydive Elsinore in California, where maybe it will inspire even more new jumpers to try the discipline.

THE 2022 CANOPY FORMATION COMPETITION COMMUNITY'S LEADERSHIP



ANTHONY ARMENDARIZ

CANOPY PILOTING AND CP-FREESTYLE

Chief Judge: Kolla Kolbeinsdottir

Event Judges: Alison Bawden, Rhonda Kaletz, Jim Rees, Lee Schlichtemeier, Melissa School, Nic Tacker, Emily Wallace

The action moved to the pond next, with the nation's best canopy pilots ready to show their skills on the swoop courses. This was the first year for the beginner canopy piloting class, which saw nine aspiring canopy pilots participating. The biggest story of the competition, however, was reigning overall champion Curt Bartholomew. Though Bartholomew is no stranger to the top of the podium, there was no other place he needed to stand this year, sweeping the four gold medals in speed, distance, zone accuracy and overall. In the speed event, Bartholomew was followed by silver medalist Jesse Weyher and bronze medalist Travis Mills. In distance, V Prib took second place, with Jason Sanders finishing third. And in zone accuracy, Alex Hart took the silver while Patrick Kessler took bronze. In the overall standings, Bartholomew stood atop the podium with Weyher (second place) and Hart (third place).

In the intermediate class, Mark Pierce dominated the speed and distance events, while Douglas Pyra won the gold in zone accuracy.

Pierce would finish first overall, followed by Joseph Keiser finishing second and Scott Robinson finishing third. In the new beginner class, Jeremy Long took gold in speed, John White did so in distance and Lizardo Rodriguez won the accuracy event. In the overall standings, Long was victorious, followed by Rodriguez (silver) and Alex Ildefonso (bronze).

The freestyle event was split into two classes rather than three, and the open class saw Curt Bartholomew continue his dominance, finishing with the highest score in all three rounds on his way to a fifth gold medal. Joining him at the podium was Jeannie Bartholomew, who finished with the silver medal, and Jesse Weyher, who rode a very strong opening round to the bronze medal. The intermediate class saw more parity, with a different canopy pilot winning each of the three rounds, but it was Scott Robinson who ultimately emerged the overall winner. Ben Drew earned the silver, while Mark Pierce earned bronze.



CHRIS BESS

CURTIS TAYLOR
CP Open



JHONATTAN SANTANA
CP Beginner

CHRIS BESS



CP Beginner Overall



CP Beginner Accuracy



CP Beginner Distance



CP Beginner Speed

BEGINNER

Rank/Score

U.S. NATIONAL	GLOBAL	COMPETITOR	ZONE ACCURACY		DISTANCE		SPEED	
			NATIONAL	GLOBAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL
1/615.424	1/615.424	Jeremy Long	5/140.986	6/140.986	3/179.099	3/179.099	1/295.339	1/295.339
2/611.657	3/611.657	Lazaro Rodriguez	1/251.058	2/251.058	2/200.000	2/200.000	5/160.599	6/160.599
3/546.601	4/546.601	Alex Ildefonso	2/204.501	3/204.501	7/151.438	7/151.438	2/546.601	3/190.662
4/511.538	5/511.538	Michael Woods	3/193.909	4/193.909	6/152.843	6/152.843	4/164.786	5/164.786
5/501.911	6/501.911	Matt Ziems	4/153.094	5/153.094	5/173.817	5/173.817	3/175.000	4/175.000
6/383.348	7/383.348	Stephen Boyle	7/106.000	8/106.000	4/176.823	4/176.823	6/100.525	7/100.525
7/334.718	8/334.718	John White	6/125.561	7/125.561	1/209.157	1/209.157	7/0.000	8/0.000
8/66.542	9/66.542	Jhonattan Santana	8/37.168	9/37.168	8/29.374	9/29.374	7/0.000	8/0.000
G	2/612.046	Abdulaziz Alawadhi	***	1/261.761	***	8/80.418	***	2/269.867



CP Intermediate Overall



CP Intermediate Accuracy



CP Intermediate Distance



CP Intermediate Speed

INTERMEDIATE

Rank/Score

U.S. NATIONAL	GLOBAL	COMPETITOR	ZONE ACCURACY		DISTANCE		SPEED	
			NATIONAL	GLOBAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL
1/831.755	1/831.755	Mark Pierce	2/254.825	2/254.825	1/276.930	1/276.930	1/300.000	1/300.000
2/719.868	2/719.868	Joseph Keiser	3/237.836	3/237.836	5/235.254	6/235.254	3/246.778	4/246.778
3/631.919	4/631.919	Scott Robinson	4/212.290	4/212.29	3/256.395	3/256.395	7/163.234	8/163.234
4/629.589	5/629.589	Logan Hall	11/131.571	13/131.571	7/232.775	8/232.775	2/265.243	3/265.243
5/615.67	6/615.67	Khoa Nguyen	8/155.790	10/155.79	2/267.819	2/267.819	5/192.061	6/192.061
6/594.919	7/594.919	Douglas Pyra	1/266.729	1/266.729	9/174.450	10/174.450	10/153.740	11/153.740
7/569.624	8/569.624	Ben Dixon	7/163.81	9/163.81	6/235.199	7/235.199	6/170.615	7/170.615
8/533.857	9/533.857	Jimmy Hutfles	6/190.411	7/190.411	4/254.525	4/254.525	13/88.921	15/88.921
9/528.652	10/528.652	Christian Ard	5/196.428	6/196.428	10/172.745	11/172.745	8/159.479	9/159.479
10/498.48	11/498.48	Bradley Cole	10/143.049	12/143.049	8/195.957	9/195.957	9/159.474	10/159.474
11/469.477	12/469.477	Brian Weinkamer	13/126.286	15/126.286	13/129.800	14/129.800	4/213.391	5/213.391
12/399.724	13/399.724	Justin Fuller	12/126.382	14/126.382	14/127.493	15/127.493	11/145.849	12/145.849
13/377.937(W)	14/377.937	Mark Pearce	9/147.594	11/147.594	11/161.449	12/161.449	14/68.894	16/68.894
14/241.042	15/241.042	Adam Mason	17/25.047	20/25.047	15/78.697	16/78.697	12/137.298	13/137.298
15/237.045	16/237.045	Greg Atherton	15/66.810	18/66.81	12/161.235	13/161.235	15/9.000	17/9.000
16/83.3 (W)	19/83.3	Luz Diaz	14/83.300	17/83.3	17/0.000	18/0.000	17/0.000	20/0.000
17/77.425	20/77.425	Doug Kingsbury	18/20.952	21/20.952	16/53.473	17/53.473	16/3.000	18/3.000
18/29.19	21/29.19	Nathaniel Staats	16/29.190	19/29.19	17/0.000	18/0.000	17/0.000	20/0.000
G	3/702.393	Jaime Mini Perez-Avella	***	8/172.907	***	5/251.750	***	2/277.736
G	17/209.691	Zhanhua Kobe Hu	***	5/206.691	***	18/0.000	***	18/3.000
G	18/195.383	Saif Alajmi	***	16/103.57	***	18/0.000	***	14/91.813

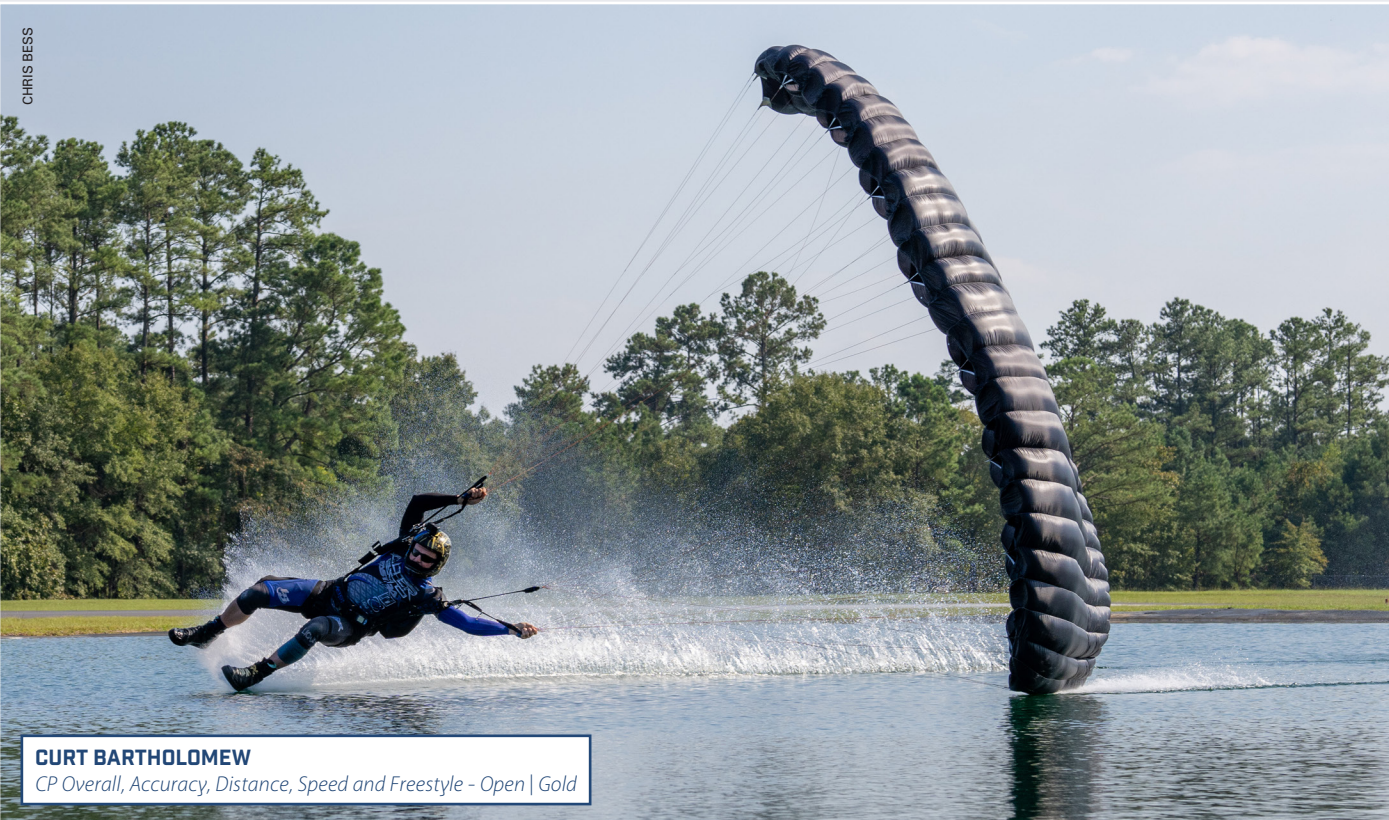


OPEN

Rank/Score

U.S. NATIONAL	GLOBAL	COMPETITOR	ZONE ACCURACY		DISTANCE		SPEED	
			NATIONAL	GLOBAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL
1/877.173	1/877.173	Curt Bartholomew	1/300.000	1/300	1/277.173	1/277.173	1/300.000	1/300.000
2/695.659	2/695.659	Jesse Weyher	7/243.981	7/243.981	4/201.577	4/201.577	2/250.101	2/250.101
3/677.936	3/677.936	Alex Hart	2/272.675	2/272.675	8/178.696	8/178.696	5/226.565	5/226.565
4/657.685	4/657.685	Matt Shull	4/260.465	4/260.465	7/181.901	7/181.901	9/215.319	9/215.319
5/648.304	5/648.304	Curtis Taylor	8/237.918	8/237.918	5/188.148	5/188.148	7/222.238	7/222.238
6/631.249	6/631.249	Robin Jandle	15/218.191	16/218.191	6/187.643	6/187.643	6/225.415	6/225.415
7/603.341	7/603.341	V Prib	17/209.224	18/209.224	2/223.235	2/223.235	17/170.882	17/170.882
8/592.994	8/592.994	Edward Heady	16/213.484	17/213.484	11/175.702	12/175.702	10/203.808	10/203.808
9/592.450	9/592.45	Travis Mills	11/233.575	11/233.575	20/120.914	22/120.914	3/237.961	3/237.961
10/555.967	10/555.967	Forrest Frizzell	19/193.093	21/193.093	12/169.366	13/169.366	13/193.508	13/193.508
11/551.155	11/551.155	Sean Kennedy	23/175.036	25/175.036	9/178.504	9/178.504	12/197.615	12/197.615
12/549.567	12/549.567	Lee Sibeleski	12/228.869	13/228.869	19/122.754	21/122.754	11/197.944	11/197.944
13/537.722	13/537.722	Jonathan Lopez	24/145.096	27/145.096	13/164.166	14/164.166	4/228.460	4/228.460
14/535.966	14/535.966	Bryan Buffaloe	25/140.808	28/140.808	10/176.636	11/176.636	8/218.522	8/218.522
15/513.654	16/513.654	Allison Reay	9/235.190	9/235.19	14/159.543	15/159.543	20/118.921	22/118.921
16/503.233	17/503.233	Jeannie Bartholomew	22/178.916	24/178.916	15/151.295	17/151.295	16/173.022	16/173.022
17/484.957	19/484.957	Albert Berchtold	18/201.423	20/201.423	22/100.130	25/100.130	15/183.404	15/183.404
18/479.182	20/479.182	Ben Drew	14/218.706	15/218.706	24/70.283	27/70.283	14/190.193	14/190.193
19/473.886	21/473.886	Justin Price	13/223.929	14/223.929	16/150.817	18/150.817	22/99.140	24/99.140
20/463.396	22/463.396	Riley McCarthy	20/191.546	22/191.546	21/113.321	24/113.321	18/158.529	19/158.529
21/457.674 (YC)	23/457.674	Jason Sanders	5/251.674	5/251.674	3/203.000	3/203.000	25/3.000	29/3.000
22/424.641	24/424.641	Sergey Fedotov	21/179.147	23/179.147	18/128.846	20/128.846	21/116.648	23/116.648
23/414.315	25/414.315	Stephen Perry	26/124.977	30/124.977	17/147.327	19/147.327	19/142.011	21/142.011
24/384.951	26/384.951	Logan Maples	6/248.649	6/248.649	26/61.028	29/61.028	23/75.274	26/75.274
25/362.771	27/362.771	Patrick Kessler	3/270.328	3/270.328	23/83.443	26/83.443	24/9.000	27/9.000
26/301.420 (W)	29/301.42	John Haley	10/234.091	10/234.091	25/67.329	28/67.329	26/0.000	30/0.000
G	15/534.532	Sean Haysom	***	19/205.005	***	10/177.294	***	20/152.233
G	18/488.305	Boris Grozev	***	26/174.384	***	16/152.455	***	18/161.466
G	28/320.498	Richo Butts	***	12/233.29	***	30/9.000	***	25/78.208
G	30/257.91	Bhakta Nall	***	29/136.628	***	23/115.282	***	28/6.000

CHRIS BESS



CURT BARTHOLOMEW

CP Overall, Accuracy, Distance, Speed and Freestyle - Open | Gold

ERIC SAUERBIER



JESSE WEYHER

CP Overall and Speed - Open | Silver
CP Freestyle - Open | Bronze

CHRIS BESS



SCOTT ROBINSON

CP Intermediate - Freestyle | Gold
CP Intermediate - Overall and Distance | Bronze

BEN DREW

CP Intermediate - Freestyle | Silver

BRUCE GRIFFITH



CHRIS BESS



JEANNIE BARTHOLOMEW
CP Freestyle - Open | Silver



FREESTYLE—OPEN

Rank/Score

U.S. NATIONAL	GLOBAL OVERALL	COMPETITOR
1/300.000	1/300.000	Curt Bartholomew
2/221.499	2/221.499	Jeannie Bartholomew
3/185.152	3/185.152	Jesse Weyher
4/85.784	5/85.784	Justin Price
5/82.048	6/82.048	V Prib
6/63.597	8/63.597	Alex Hart
7/49.492	9/49.492	Matt Shull
8/44.693	10/44.693	Patrick Kessler
9/43.150	11/43.150	Forrest Frizzell
10/36.252	12/36.252	Sean Kennedy
11/31.543	13/31.543	Riley McCarthy
G	4/123.717	Sean Haysom
G	7/75.664	Richo Butts



FREESTYLE—INTERMEDIATE

Rank/Score

There were no guest competitors in this event.

U.S. NATIONAL	COMPETITOR
1/219.153	Scott Robinson
2/215.664	Ben Drew
3/189.175	Mark Pierce
4/182.501	Alex Ildefonso
5/156.657	Ben Dixon
6/71.854	Khoa Nguyen
7/69.626	Logan Hall
8/0.000 (W)	Jeremy Long



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Eaglebones Falconhawk turns points on the way to taking silver in the 2-way sequential canopy formation pro-am event at the USPA Nationals at Skydive Paraclete XP in Raeford, North Carolina.



Project Zeus

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CANOPIES

SPEED SKYDIVING

Chief Judge: Natasha Higman

Event Judges: Ted Chen, Steve Hubbard, Alixandra Raymond

As seems to be the case each year, speed skydiving scores climbed higher and higher. As more skydivers get involved in the discipline—and work hard to train for competition—the skill gap narrows more and more, and this year showed that. The standout was Niklas Daniel, who took home this year's gold medal. He was the only competitor who eclipsed 500 kilometers per hour in any round of this competition, and he did it in every single round.

After Daniel, the competition was incredibly tight, with Colin Conway staying incredibly consistent across the eight competition rounds on his way to the silver. In third place was Brianne Thompson, who turned a very impressive opening jump into a bronze medal and was the first female competitor to medal in speed skydiving at Nationals. "We've got an awesome competition, a lot of really good people are here, and it's definitely a nail biter between some of these scores," said Thompson after the third round of the event.



NIKLAS DANIEL
Speed Skydiving | Gold



SPEED

RANK	TOTAL	COMPETITOR
1	4071.23/508.9	Niklas Daniel
2	3811.87/476.48	Colin Conway
3	3790.04/473.76	Brianne Thompson
4	3789.99/473.75	Michael Brewer
5	3785.55/473.19	Matthew Fry
6	3614.33/451.79	Logan Mahone
7	3568.8/446.1	Jorge Chacon
8	3526.22/440.78	Keaton Crowder

RANK	TOTAL	COMPETITOR
9	3514.4/439.3	Christopher Acevedo
10	3509.82/438.73	Eugenio Ciurana
11	3383.78/422.97	Katie Hansen
12	3051.14/381.39	Joel Williamson
13	2775.1/346.89	Montana Miller
14	2596.75/324.59	Jessica Twarog
G	3353.12/419.14	Richo Butts

ARTISTIC EVENTS

Chief Judge: Bryce Witcher

Event Judges: Tamara Koyn, Jami Pillasch, Scott Smith, Mary Tortomasi

As the canopy events roared to a close, the freefall events kicked into gear, beginning with artistic events—freestyle skydiving and freeflying. The competitors battled difficult weather in order to get up in the air at this year's championships, but teams powered through and finished every round of competition. This was also the first year for the intermediate-class artistic test events, designed to include draws that are more accessible to new artistic skydivers.

In freestyle skydiving (consisting of one artistic flyer and a videographer) Jason Brigmon and Jake Carlton of defending national champion (and world champion) XP Ascend once again controlled the competition from the very first round, handily winning the open class

and recording a near-perfect score of 9.7 on their fifth jump. GoJump Horizon finished second, while Human Aerodynamics finished third. In the intermediate class, Clutch City Cloud Cowboys-Spaceland finished as winners.

The freeflying event adds one more skydiver to the mix, with two artistic flyers and one videographer. James Rogers joined the members of XP Ascend to form XP Ascend FF, which took the gold medal in the open class. Fineapples finished with silver. In the intermediate class, Turning Pointless-Spaceland was the lone team and turned in several especially strong rounds.



CHRIS BESS

XP ASCEND FF
Artistic Freely - Open | Gold



FREELY—OPEN

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	63.8	XP Ascend FF Jason Brigmon, Jake Carlton, James Rogers
2	43.5	Fineapples Pedro Carneiro, Eric Kau, Matthew Miller



FREELY—INTERMEDIATE

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	24.7	Turning Pointless-Spaceland Lauren Boczek, Wendi Corbin, Dustan Deuterio



FREESTYLE—OPEN

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	65.0	XP Ascend <i>Jason Brigmon, Jake Carlton</i>
2	49.6	GoJump Horizon <i>Jesse Jaber, Beau Kahler</i>
3	43.5	Human Aerodynamics <i>Samantha Gildersleeve, Michael Sopko</i>
4	43.1	AzDream



FREESTYLE—INTERMEDIATE

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	34.2	Clutch City Cloud Cowboys-Spaceland <i>Lauren Boczek, Dustan Deuterio</i>
2	27.6	XP Levitate <i>Michael Johnson, Mackenzie Williams</i>



CHRIS BESS

XP LEVITATE
Artistic Intermediate - Freestyle | Silver

FORMATION SKYDIVING

Chief Judge: Judy Celaya

Event Judges: Deanne Brazelton, Rina Gallo, Jeni Gordon, Cris Howard, Rhonda Kaletz, Tamara Koyn, Lucy Mayer, Elizabeth Pitts, Jim Rees, Helaine Rumaner, Jen Sharp, Gary Taylor, Chris Wagner, Marie Winther

Formation Skydiving Overall Champions: Niklas Hemlin, Christopher Kuhlmann, Mikhaïl Markine, Joey Marshall

MIXED AND VERTICAL

As the formation skydiving events drew near, Skydive Paraclete XP grew more and more crowded with teams of jumpers arriving from all over the country. The first of them to compete was the vertical FS and mixed FS teams—both of which included defending champions heading into 2023 with high expectations. In the open class of VFS, Chip Keating, Sam Lendle, Rook Nelson, Jason Russell, Nicole Senecal and Stephanie Strange of SDC Core more than lived up to those expectations, taking a 10-point lead to begin and building on it with each consecutive round. They would finish with gold medals by a large margin, while silver medalists Arizona Anthem edged out bronze

medalists SDMW Chemtrails in a tighter race. In the advanced class, Joe's Angels took home the gold, though guest team Gobblers scored the most points in the class.

Mixed FS, still a fairly new (since 2014) discipline at USPA Nationals, saw the familiar faces of Taylor Buffington, Andy Malchiodi and Jason Peters of Fliteshop do again what they do best—blow away the MFS competition on the way to a gold medal. However, the perennial champions were faced with tough opposition, as silver medalists Seeing Double stayed close behind. SDC MatriX rounded out the podium with the bronze. In the advanced class, Unwarranted Confidence (Timothy Boman, Neder Hammoud and Ryan Hanold) overcame an early deficit to take home the gold.



CHRIS BESS

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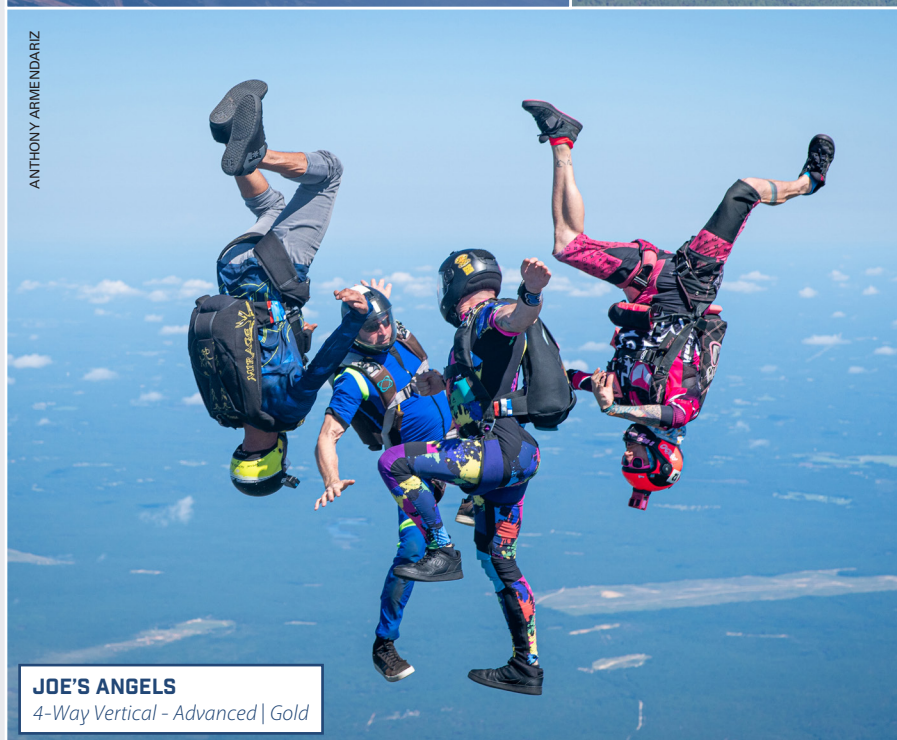
4-Way Vertical - Advanced | Silver



CHRIS BESS

SEEING DOUBLE

2-Way Mixed - Open | Silver



ANTHONY ARMENDARIZ

JOE'S ANGELS

4-Way Vertical - Advanced | Gold



CHRIS BESS

SDC CORE

4-Way Vertical - Open | Gold



2-WAY MIXED—OPEN

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	139/17.4	Fliteshop <i>Taylor Buffington, Andy Malchiodi, Jason Peters</i>
2	112/14	Seeing Double <i>Matthew Fry, Michelle Hart, Irina Meshcheryakova</i>
3	82/10.3	SDC Matrix <i>Joey Baker, Lindsay Fener, Nicholas Nash</i>
4	70/8.8	Elsinore Dust Devils
5	51/6.4	AZ Anthem LBO
6	44/5.5	Hubris



2-WAY MIXED—ADVANCED

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	63/7.9	Unwarranted Confidence <i>Timothy Boman, Nader Hammoud, Ryan Hanold</i>
2	55/6.9	Air Force Dice <i>Chad Henderson, Bryce Parson, Dan Smith</i>
3	43/5.4	Boys&Bird <i>Catherine Allington, Michael Dean, Eric Junge</i>
4	30/3.8	SDMW Ballistix
5	24/3	Deland Antics
6	19/2.4	Napoleon Flynamite



4-WAY VERTICAL—OPEN

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	205/20.5	SDC Core <i>Chip Keating, Sam Lendle, Rook Nelson, M. Jason Russell, Nicole Senecal, Stephanie Strange</i>
2	132/13.2	Arizona Anthem <i>John Blackburn, Youngsup Lee, Chazi Rutz, Joshua Sattler, Seth Studer</i>
3	121/12.1	SDMW Chemtrails <i>Kyle Brady, Matt Congdon, Colin Conway, Keith George, Nathan Norem</i>
4	49/4.9	Why Not



4-WAY VERTICAL—ADVANCED

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	74/7.4	Joe's Angels <i>Joe Abeln, Marcus Denniston, Richo Healey, P.J. Jackson, Stephen Vogdes</i>
2	37/3.7	Air Force Strafe <i>Aiden Diedrich, Chad Henderson, Bryce Parsons, Dan Smith, Luke Wojcik</i>
G	79/7.9	Gobblers

4-, 8-, 10- AND 16-WAY

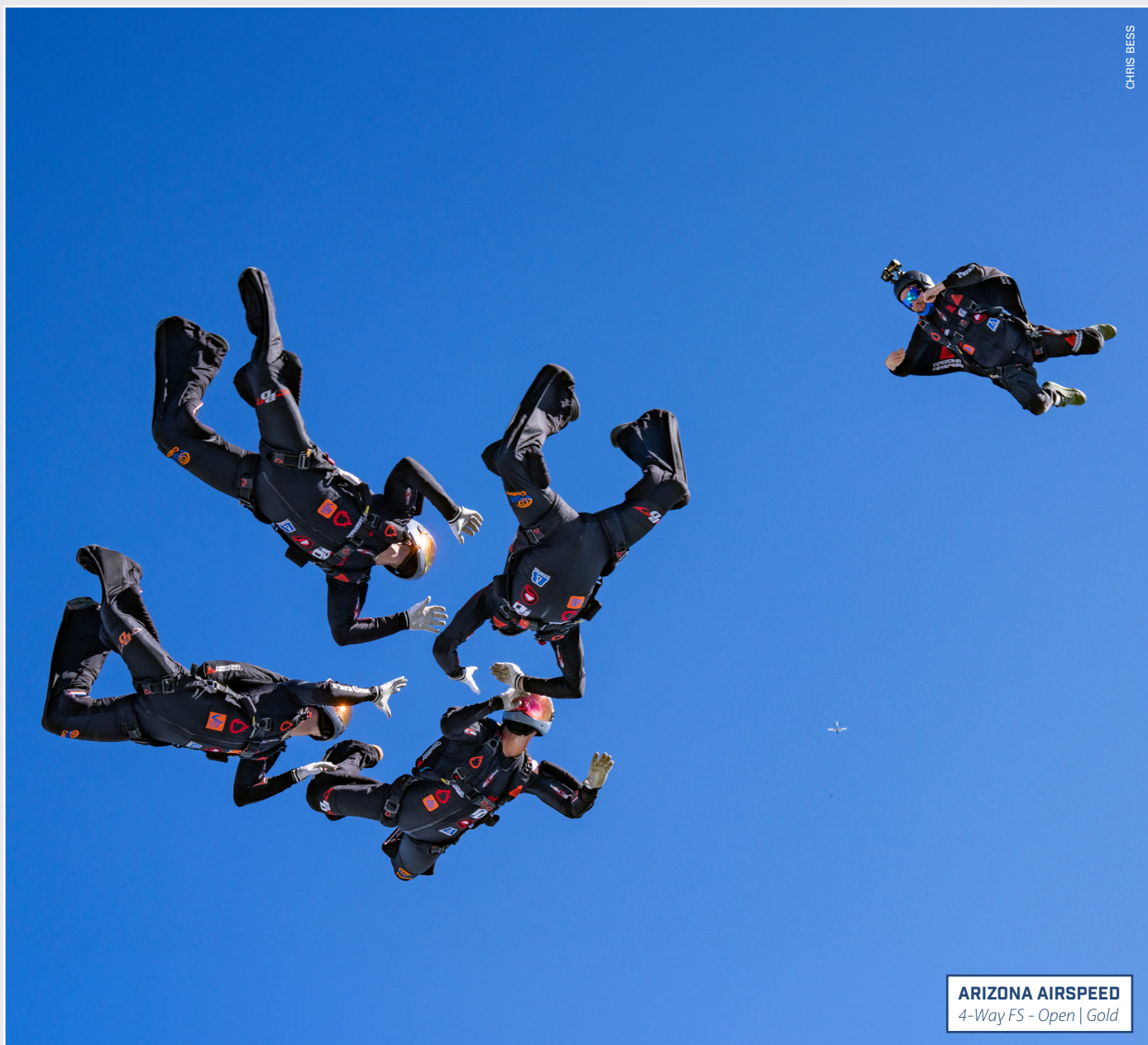
On the first day of 4-way formation skydiving, Skydive Paraclete XP flooded with competitors, with six beginner-class teams, 24 intermediate, 15 advanced and 11 open—for a total of 56 participating teams. In fact, day one of the discipline saw 99 loads take to the sky, which was enough for PK Airpark in Raeford to surpass Charlotte International Airport as the busiest airport in North Carolina! The impressive numbers didn't stop there; with incredible effort from an all-star group of pilots, ground crew and drop zone staff, Paraclete XP sent up 4,875 slots over 261 loads in the three-day competition window.

The medal race in the open class got off to a dramatic start, with returning champions Arizona Airspeed falling behind two teams in the first round. However, it only took one more round for the heavy favorites to reclaim the lead, which they did not relinquish for the rest of the event. The silver medal race was a tight one, with Raeford local all-female team XPG4 earning second place. It took them all 10 rounds to edge out SDC Rhythm XP, who finished with the bronze. The gold medals in the other classes went to Spaceland Disturbed Saboteurs (advanced), Air Raid XP (intermediate) and CitiZens (beginner). This

was the first year that the beginner class was an official competition event, having been a test event in the last two national championships.

It was the star-studded team GKXP8, made up of Raeford locals and Golden Knights, that dominated the 8-way competition, winning gold in the open class. Airspeed 8 finished with silver, while Prison 9 took bronze. The advanced class finished a much tighter 10 rounds of jumping with The Gr8 Rhevival standing atop the podium, and in the intermediate class—another tight medal race—All-Ways XP pulled ahead on the final jump to earn gold.

As is the case every year, 4-way teams mixed and matched to form larger teams for 10-way and 16-way, with some teams formed by skydivers that had met only days before. Airspeed 10 set the standard in the 10-way speed star event, and on round two became the first team at a national championships to all reach their slots in under 10 seconds out of a Twin Otter—and in round three, they did it again, shaving off even more time. They would win the event handily, joined on the podium by silver medalists GKXP10 and bronze medalists Sorta Adequate. In the 16-way event, GKXPAZ was the only team to average double-digit points per round, which was more than enough to earn gold medals. More Than Adequate finished second, while Spaceland Disturbance 16 finished third.



CHRIS BESS

ARIZONA AIRSPEED
4-Way FS - Open | Gold



DAVID GERSTEIN

CPI CHICKEN BOLTS
4-Way FS - Advanced | Bronze



4-WAY-OPEN

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	268/26.8	Arizona Airspeed Brendan Haddon, Niklas Hemlin, Christopher Kuhlmann, Mikhail Markine, Joey Marshall
2	225/22.5	XPG4 Anna Brunner, Jeana Billings, Michelle Karamon, Joslon Martin, Brenn Richards
3	217/21.7	SDC Rhythm XP Doug Barron, Keith Conner, Steven Loufek, Charlie McGee, Christopher Webb
4	216/21.6	Golden Knights
5	190/19	Pour Decisions
6	173/17.3	Rhevolution XP
7	170/17	SDMW NEXT XP
8	154/15.4	Spaceland Apex
9	137/13.7	Alti-2 Technologies
G	126/12.6	Rhretirement Party
G	54/5.4	Rippin Flatties



4-WAY-ADVANCED

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	170/17	Spaceland Disturbed Saboteurs Elliot Byrd, Cat Isgrigg, Lucas King, Amanda Lampton, Patrick Lehner
2	158/15.8	Air Force Artemis Chad Henderson, Benji Lee, Maggie Marlow, Alexis Tri, Ethan Wipf
3	154/15.4	CPI Chicken Bolts David Gerstein, Doug Hendrix, Monique Lai, Benjamin Liston, Andrew Yin
4	152/15.2	Air Force Tall Boys
5	148/14.8	Powered by MoonJuice
6	144/14.4	Air Force 9 Ball
7	130/13	SDC Rhuthless
8	113/11.3	Brick Tarason
9	99/9.9	Tequila Brothers
10	96/9.6	Tequila Tribe
11	94/9.4	Platinum XP
12	89/8.9	Accidentally Competent
13	85/8.5	Five Finger Jeff Punch
14	82/8.2	Cocaine Bears
15	72/7.2	Perris Asteria



CAROLINA FORTUNE
4-Way FS - Intermediate



4-WAY—INTERMEDIATE

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	125/12.5	Air Raid XP <i>Jeremy Brown, John Green, Samuel LeCrone, Michelle Nguyen, Christopher Weber</i>
2	114/11.4	Spaceland Toxic <i>Andrew Clayton, Melissa Coleman, Julie Goldstein, John McDonnell, Joshua Schirard</i>
3	95/9.5	Mile-Hi SpeedRun <i>Yaseen Alqallaf, Kevin Chapman, Jon Eisele, Kumar Rai, Steven Thoene</i>
4	92/9.2	SDD Brane Damage
4	92/9.2	CSC Constellation
6	91/9.1	Air Force Halo
7	89/8.9	SDMW Uprising
8	87/8.7	Air Force Freak Show
8	87/8.7	Spaceland Disturbance Delicious
10	84/8.4	Joanne and the Creepers
11	83/8.3	Air Force Poisen

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
12	82/8.2	Quadrivium
13	81/8.1	Carolina Legacy
13	81/8.1	Carolina Fourtune
15	80/8	Perris Rising
16	79/7.9	Mustangs!
17	76/7.6	4Action
18	73/7.3	DeLand's Hit Show
18	73/7.3	Moving XPieces
20	72/7.2	Cross Keys Flying Pups
21	70/7	Wingin' It
22	70/7	Gabby's Here
23	67/6.7	Air Force Gambit
24	47/4.7	DeLand's Dis-A-Point!



ANTHONY ARMENDARIZ

XP FALCON
4-Way FS - Beginner | Silver



4-WAY-BEGINNER

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	103/10.3	CitiZens Brian Babernitch, Billy Colwell, Albert Etienne, Fawn Fowler, Kurt Gaebel, Yekaterina Payeras
2	99/9.9	XP Falcons Gustavo Alvarado, K. Eric Harper, Joy Jing, Michael Koch, Holly Scott Sujack
3	89/8.9	Funderbirds Deidre Barry, Jeffrey Freese, Marissa Melnyk, Alexandra Mire, Alexandra Raymond
4	70/7	Damage Report
5	60/6	Phoenix Pheathers
6	55/5.5	XP Born



8-WAY-OPEN

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	213/21.3	GKXP8 Chris Bess, Jeana Billings, Nicholas Birkner, Michael Connors, Matt Davidson, John D'Annunzio, Andrew Happick, Jeshua Stahler, Drew Starr, Mitchell Stockenberg, Kirk Verner
2	174/17.4	Airspeed 8 Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld, Craig Girard, Brendon Haddon, Niklas Hemlin, Kurt Isenbarger, Michelle Karamon, Christopher Kuhlmann, Mikhail Markine, Joey Marshall, Eliana Rodriguez
3	137/13.7	Prison 9 Gorka Amian, Brian Ball, Doug Barron, Elliot Byrd, Keith Conner, Doug Hendrix, Scott Latinis, Greg Oldendick, Christopher Webb
4	120/12	Bra Nok XP
5	103/10.3	FIGJAM
6	84/8.4	Saboteurs & Conspirators



GKXP8
8-Way FS - Open | Gold



8-WAY—ADVANCED

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	88/8.8	The Gr8 Rheival <i>Jamie Caldwell, Anthony Cernera, Samuel LeCrone, Steven Loufek, Charlie McGee, Angela Scoggins, Marion Stallworth, Stephen Vigliotti, Bradley Wallace</i>
2	85/8.5	Barely Adequate <i>Eric Daniel, Christina Deglau, Mike Deglau, Laura Galdamez, Kevin Kierce, Ian Pedowitz, Erik Prime, Emily Quinn, John Scharrer, Andrew Yin</i>
3	73/7.3	Perris Byte <i>Kristian Caulder, Dillon Cole, Christy Frikken, Grace Katz, Celine Pelletier, Douglas Pinkham, Brent Royer, David Schrager, Dmytro Vinichenko, Lisa Walker</i>
4	70/7	Heavy W8 XP
5	64/6.4	Tequila Brothers
6	63/6.3	Elsinore Fault Line



8-WAY—INTERMEDIATE

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	67/6.7	All-Ways XP <i>Carin Liljedahl, Joanne McLachlan, David Myers, Michelle Nguyen, Joe Nicholson, Daniel Palazzolo, Kevin Penn, Kelly Turbeville, Christopher Weber</i>
2	65/6.5	LLMC <i>Achal Asawa, Mary Dalman, Jeffrey Freese, John Green, Steven Lefkowitz, Heather Mooers, Leslie Noble, Joanne Stubbs, Radim Studeny</i>
3	60/6	Air Force Dionysus <i>Luke Anderson, Brock Holmgreen, Beni Lee, Maggie Marlow, Halle Pelletier, Chad Sufficool, Jack Treinish, Alexis Tri, Gabrielle Wilson, Ethan Wipf</i>
4	55/5.5	WhoPutWhatWhere
5	54/5.4	Spaceland This is the 9 Way
6	51/5.1	Constellation Mustang!
7	47/4.7	Air Force PoisENball
8	38/3.8	QuadBrane 8 Way
9	13/1.3	Elev8
G	35/3.5	Salty Margar8as
G	30/3	Perris Shark Byte



CRAIG O'BRIEN

MORE THAN ADEQUATE
16-Way FS | Silver



ANTHONY ARMENDARIZ

SORTA ADEQUATE
10-Way FS | Bronze



16-WAY

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	65/10.8	GKXP2Z Doug Barron, Jeana Billings, Nicholas Birkner, Michael Connors, John D'Annunzio, Matt Davidson, Joshua Hall, Andrew Happick, Niklas Hemlin, Michelle Karamon, Christopher Kuhlmann, Steven Lefkowitz, Mikhail Markine, Joey Marshall, Andy Sippl, Jeshua Stahler, Drew Starr, Mitchell Stockenberg, Kirk Verner
2	45/7.5	More Than Adequate Igor Afanasjev, Eric Daniel, Rich Delgado, Jennifer Domenico, Amanda Echevarria, Laura Galdamez, Craig Girard, Jens Gronemeyer, Kevin Kierce, Julie Kleinwort, James Klinge, Joshua Schirard, Ronald Shipp, Elizabeth Victor, Douglas Pinkham, Erik Prime, Eliana Rodriguez, Dan Schultz, Jill Stephenson
3	37/6.2	Spaceland Disturbance 16 William Binder, David Bowen, Melissa Coleman, Amy Davis, Mike Hedger, Larry Henderson, Joseph Howard, Thomas Hughes, Lucas King, Joshua Lukes, Sean Moorhead, Joshua Schirard, Ronald Shipp, Elizabeth Victor, Christy West, Billy Whitaker, Rhonda Wilcox, Lawrence Wobker
4	32/5.3	Prestige Worldwide
5	29/4.8	Tequila Brothers 16
6	11/1.8	California Hysteria
7	11/1.8	Spectacle of 17
G	0/0	Perris 17 Blades



10-WAY

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	65.55	Airspeed 10 Keith Conner, Rod Cruce, Brendan Haddon, Joshua Hall, Niklas Hemlin, Doug Hendrix, Michelle Karamon, James Klinge, Christopher Kuhlmann, Steven Lefkowitz, Benjamin Liston, Mikhail Markine, Joey Marshall
2	80.55	GKXP10 Doug Barron, Jeana Billings, Nicholas Birkner, Jake Carlton, Michael Connors, John D'Annunzio, Matt Davidson, Andrew Happick, Andreas Sippl, Jeshua Stahler, Drew Starr, Mitchell Stockenberg, Kirk Verner
3	104.95	Sorta Adequate Igor Afanasjev, Nathaniel Bajakian, Eric Daniel, Christina Deglau, Mike Deglau, Rich Delgado, Laura Galdamez, Kevin Kierce, Ian Pedowitz, Emily Quinn, Dan Schultz, Kelly Turbeville, Andrew Yin
G	177.11	Deeply Disturbed Texicans
G	132.01	Herding Katz

THE C.G. GODFROG GOOD VIBES AWARD: A NATIONALS TRADITION SINCE 1972

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, formation skydivers (then called “relative workers”) had the reputation of being the long-haired, counter-culture rebels of the sport, while the reputation of style and accuracy jumpers was that of clean-cut, serious competitors. So, when 10-way speed formation skydiving (called “10-man” before the gender-neutral “10-way” came into usage in 1978) debuted at the USPA Nationals in 1972, there was concern among many in the relative work community that their favorite discipline would become too serious.

As RW pioneer Pat Works wrote in 1972, “Some years ago style and accuracy meets were a lot of fun. For some reason, this fun aspect was lost. There is a very real fear that USPA may ‘organize’ the fun out of relative work.” So, at the first Nationals 10-way event, Works—who was competing with his 4-way team The Godfrogs and 10-way team Hinckley All of the Above—decided to come up with the community’s own trophy, which wouldn’t celebrate performance but sportsmanship, fellowship, fun and “good vibes.”

To create the spur-of-the-moment award, Works tore the top off of a small, green, plastic table. To it, he stapled 10 beanbag frogs that his mother had sewn for his team to work out their formations. He named the award the “C.G. Godfrog Good Vibes Award” after Carlos Gene Wallace, D-152, a notoriously wild character who gained the nickname “Godfrog,” because he’d preach when he was drinking. On the back were numerous inscriptions, written in a style that can accurately be described as “trippy,” including the purpose of the award:

*“The Fellowship of the Ring
Fellowship Award
Awarded to the team emitting GOOD Vibes
in the face of Heavy Competition”*

Throughout its long history, the C.G. Godfrog Award has remained a completely grass-roots affair. Each year, the previous winner of the 10-way event bestows the Godfrog upon the 10-way team that had the best attitude and the most fun during the current Nationals. (It is not a USPA award, though USPA appreciates its history and always makes room for it during the medals ceremony.) Over the years, the recipients have added inscriptions, plaques and various other items to the trophy (e.g., the pink panties on the frogs thanks to Pink Panty Patrol in 1999). At some point, hinged pieces of wood were added to expand the space available for winning teams to make their contributions.

A lot has changed about relative work/formation skydiving, besides just the terminology, in 50 years. The 4-way event is no longer a two-formation timed speed event, as it was in the early 1970s. There are now 8-way, 16-way, vertical and mixed formation skydiving competitions. The 10-way event is no longer an international event. (The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale added it in 1975 and eliminated it in

1983.) Through it all, the tradition of 10-way speed at Nationals and the accompanying C.G. Godfrog Good Vibes Award has been a constant. This year, the 2022 Godfrog recipient, Bootieless, carried on the tradition and presented Herding Katz with the award. And so the history of sportsmanship and fun continues. Pat Works and the teams of 1972 would be proud.



ANTHONY ARMENDARIZ



HERDING KATZ
2023 C.G. Godfrog Good Vibes Award

ANTHONY ARMENDARIZ

WINGSUIT FLYING

Chief Judge: Scott Callantine

Event Judges: Deanna Anderson, Vera Asquith, Ted Chen, Steve Hubbard, Jennifer Jones, Alixandra Raymond, Zach Schroedel

While the weather tested the competitors in all disciplines at one time or another, no discipline fought as hard to overcome that obstacle as the wingsuit flyers. In both the acrobatic and performance events, the medal hopefuls spent plenty of time on the ground with their fingers crossed. And on several occasions, those competitors needed to put safety first and, begrudgingly, land with the Twin Otter.

The acrobatic event was first, and while it took until the final day of the competition window for the wingsuiters to successfully begin the first round, teams were able to complete six of the seven total rounds before calling it a day. They did this despite the weather windows being so tight at times that jumpers had to make a separate pass in the airplane for each team. “We’re like big wave surfers, all trying to

get the perfect set,” said RawSpeed’s Joseph Lohmuller. It was close at the top, but defending champions Flatspin finished victorious, with RawSpeed taking silver. Pteam Pterodactyl earned bronze.

Despite the late-September weather’s best efforts, wingsuit flyers in the performance event were able to finish the minimum three rounds of competition—one jump in each of the distance, speed and time tasks. Alexey Galda took gold in both distance and time, which was enough to secure the overall gold medal. Danny White earned a gold medal, as well—his in the speed task—which earned him the overall silver. Andrew Kenny rounded out the podium, as his strong performances across all three tasks gave him sole possession of bronze.



MOEMENTUM
Acrobatic Wingsuit Flying



FLATSPIN
Acrobatic Wingsuit Flying | Gold



ACROBATIC

RANK	TOTAL	TEAM
1	1712	Flatspin Jeff Harrigan, Nicholas Maieritsch, Travis Mickle
2	1643	RawSpeed David Hanig, Alex Knaub, Joseph Lohmuller
3	1518	Pteam Pterodactyl George Hargis, Alex Swindle, Andrew Velasquez
4	1467	TDI
5	1445	MOEmentum
6	319	SC Arcana



RAWSPEED
Acrobatic Wingsuit Flying | Silver

ANTHONY ARMENDARIZ



AMELIA DUNAWAY
Performance Wingsuit Flying



Wingsuit Performance Overall



Wingsuit Performance Distance



Wingsuit Performance Speed



Wingsuit Performance Time

PERFORMANCE

Rank/Score

NATIONAL	GLOBAL	COMPETITOR	DISTANCE		SPEED		TIME	
			NATIONAL	GLOBAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL	NATIONAL	GLOBAL
1/288.1	1/288.1	Alexey Galda	1/100	1/100	5/88.1	8/88.1	1/100	1/100
2/263.3	3/263.3	Danny White	4/83.1	5/83.1	1/100	1/100	5/80.2	7/80.2
3/263.2	4/263.2	Andrew Kenny	3/83.9	4/83.9	4/88.7	7/88.7	2/90.6	3/90.6
4/262.7	5/262.7	Joe Ridler	2/88.8	3/88.8	3/91.1	6/91.1	4/82.7	6/82.7
5/256.2	7/256.2	Anthony Zerbonia	5/79.9	6/79.9	2/93.2	5/93.2	3/83.1	5/83.1
6/236.6	9/236.6	Marcelo Zoni	6/79.1	7/79.1	7/79.2	10/79.2	6/78.3	8/78.3
7/223.5	10/223.5	Leonardo Durant	7/69.2	11/69.2	6/83.9	9/83.9	7/70.4	9/70.4
8/211.0	11/211.0	Joshua Lakhotia	8/69.8	10/69.8	9/75.4	12/75.4	8/65.8	11/65.8
9/195.5	13/195.5	Amelia Dunaway	9/61.3	13/61.3	10/71.6	14/71.6	9/62.6	12/62.6
10/130.1	14/130.1	Alex Knaub	10/53.2	14/53.2	8/76.9	11/76.9	10/0.0	14/0.0
G	2/280.7	Luke Rogers	***	2/90.7	***	2/97.2	***	2/92.8
G	6/260.5	Valentin Yankulov	***	8/77.6	***	4/94.2	***	4/88.7
G	8/238.4	Ali Askar	***	9/75.4	***	3/94.7	***	10/68.3
G		Achal Asawa	***	12/66.9	***	13/73.3	***	13/62.3

WORLD AND NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENTAL RECORDS

(Pending Fédération Aéronautique Internationale ratification)

State and national records will appear in the "To New Heights" section of this issue and the next issue of Parachutist as they are certified.



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World
JASON SANDERS—CANOPY PILOTING
Longest Drag Distance: 50 m – 225.7 m



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North American Continental
XPG4—FORMATION SKYDIVING
4-Way Longest Sequence, Female – 46 Formations



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North American Continental
ROBIN JANDLE—CANOPY PILOTING
Longest Drag Distance 50 m, Female: 135.51 m



TOBY ADAMS

North American Continental
NIKLAS DANIEL—SPEED SKYDIVING
Fastest Freefall Speed without Drogue: 522.252 km/h



North American Continental
BRIANNE THOMPSON—SPEED SKYDIVING
Fastest Freefall Speed without Drogue, Female – 485.676 km/h

2024 U.S. PARACHUTE TEAMS

At this year's USPA National Skydiving Championships, competitors were jumping for more than medals and bragging rights. 2023 is a selection year for next year's U.S. Parachute Teams, sponsored by Performance Textiles. They will compete at the 2024 Fédération Aéronautique Internationale World Championships, which will be held in several locations.

From August 31 to September 6, 2024, accuracy landing and canopy formation will take place at Skydive Czech Republic in Prerovska. From September 18 to 24, canopy pilots will compete at Skydive Pretoria in South Africa. And From October 29 to November 5, artistic events, formation skydiving, speed skydiving and wingsuit flying will hold competition at Aeroclub of Israel in Tel-Aviv.



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