

## Whitestone Members 2009 Kneeboard Nationals Results

Whitestoner's had a great time kneeboarding at the 25th Nautique National Kneeboard Championships held at Robin Lake, Callaway Gardens last weekend. All Whitestoner's came away with medals or National Championships and one set a new pending world record!

Patrick Dicus won Trick, Slalom and Overall Jr Boys National Championship and set a pending world record with 1 ball at 32' off. The prior record was 5 at 28' off. Conditions were tough, a moderate tailwind and rain when he set the record. I got a picture of him at 5 ball, 28 off and it looked like he was going down but pulled it out and ran the pass, also picture of him around 1 ball at 32 off you may want to post. This is the third year in a row he has attained a National Championship and is poised to represent Team USA in the Rider Cup International competition next year.

Lauren Roberson won Slalom and Overall for her first National Overall Championship in Jr Girls. In the Trick event she was a close second, and her great slalom run clinched the overall ("Trick for show, slalom for the dough" ;-)). She has really improved her trick and slalom scores since the GA state tournament in July and is a testament to having a goal and training hard to achieve it!

Kristin Dicus came in second in Trick, Slalom and Overall with some tough competition from Florida and Wisconsin. Her competition from Florida was in the recent article on kneeboarding in Water Skier magazine. She did beat out another experienced kneeboarder from WI and was impressive in her first national kneeboard tournament. Her love is still 3-event skiing though, where she's currently ranked 8th in the country in jump and overall.

John Dicus won the Trick, Slalom and Overall for his first National Championship in Men V division. I was second seed in the trick division, against a guy who has been kneeboarding for many years. My two passes were clean and stand up so the pressure was on him to deliver his rolls, but he fell on his second roll of his second run and I squeaked by him by 40 points. Slalom run was very good with 2 at LL at 20mph.

It was very exciting to get to ski at Robin Lake, home of the Masters WaterSki event. For those curious, the lake is 20' feet deep at the Pavilion and most of the slalom course, it skis slower and the conditions are challenging with backwash and wind. The weekend was rainy but it didn't affect the spectators as they were dry under the pavilion. We had trained a bit in the rain at Whitestone and it looks like it really helped our performances.

Congratulations to all Whitestone Kneeboarders, National Champions and the new Whitestone world record holder!