

# MISSOURI LOTTERY

## MALE

### **1994: John Brown**

Brown has played basketball in the SMSG for nine years. Brown was a member of the 1972 U.S. Olympic team and is currently among the top 10 all-time leading scorers at the University of Missouri. He was a first round draft pick of the Atlanta Hawks and played seven seasons in the NBA. Brown was named the CITGO National Congress of State Games National Male Athlete of the Year.

### **1995: Scott Rubenstein**

Rubenstein has won a number of triathlons throughout the U.S. He currently holds the record in the SMSG triathlon. He has also competed in swimming and cycling events at the SMSG and won medals in both.

### **1996: Allen Hahn**

Allen, who has competed in every Show-Me STATE GAMES, has won 69 medals in swimming events at the SMSG. He currently holds a number of SMSG swimming records in different age categories.

### **1997: Brad Mears**

Mears has competed in all 13 SMSG track & field competitions. He has won medals in all and has set the record for the shot put in the men's 19-29 competition. Mears competed in the '96 Olympic Trials and in the '97 World University Games. He was a seven-time All-American for Central Missouri State University and won the 1994 NCAA Division II indoor shotput championship.

### **1998: Rob Dunscombe**

Dunscombe currently holds 11 records in the SMSG swimming competition and has earned 29 gold medals during his five years of competition. He was a two-time All Big-8 selection during his swimming career at the University of Missouri.

### **1999: Russ Bell**

Bell has competed in the SMSG Track & Field competition for more than 9 years and has won 14 + medals. He holds the 15-16 year old records in the discus (158'0") and javelin (142'10"). Bell won the shotput and discus events at the inaugural State Games of America in St. Louis and was invited to train at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in San Diego.

### **2000: Allen Treadwell**

Allen, 19, competed in several shooting events at the Show-Me STATE GAMES. The Seligman, MO native was the youngest person to finish in the top 10 at the U.S. Olympic Shooting Trials in Columbus, Georgia. He has placed 2nd at Nationals in International Skeet the past two years and was member of the Junior Olympic Team the two years prior. Allen has won more than 10 medals during his four year SMSG career.

### **2001: Dominik Childress**

Childress, a 38-year-old table tennis participant, hails from Ferguson, MO and has taken part in the SMSG for the past 10 years. He has consistently placed in the top in singles and doubles competition. This year, he won the Open Championship Division.

### **2002: Richard Cochran**

Cochran, a 64 year-old track & field participant from Lake St. Louis, MO, has consistently placed in the top of his age group in both the discus and shotput in the SMSG. This year, he set SMSG records in both. Prior to his STATE GAMES participation, Cochran was a Pan-American Games Medalist in 1959 and an Olympic Bronze Medal Winner in 1960. He was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

### **2003: Ray Scharre**

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### **2004: Chris Ferri**

Ferri of Slater, MO, won a silver and a bronze medal in the Powerlifting event in his ninth year competing in the SMSG. Ferri, along with his Slater group, is an advocate for drug-free lifting.

### **2005: Terry Dunscombe**

Dunscombe, of Columbia, won a gold medal in the triathlon event for the 65-69 age division. He has participated in the GAMES for more than seven years, winning medals in the triathlon, swimming and 5K road race events. He also participates in the Missouri State Senior Games.

### **2006: Chris Brown**

Brown, of Dixon, MO, a first-year SMSG participant, won the gold medal in the High Jump of the 19-29 male division with a 7.0 ft jump. He had the highest jump of all participants. The next highest was 6'4 ft. Only one other person in the history of the SMSG has cleared 7'0 ft.

### **2006: Robert Dougherty**

Robert "Zed" Dougherty of Boonville, MO competed with his wife Evelyn in the Senior Doubles, age group 60-69; his 300 game helped them win the gold. In the 22 years of the SMSG, it is believed that Robert is the first 300 game bowler in the Senior Doubles, 60-69 age group.

### **2007: Stewart Bush**

Bush of London, MO, has participated in SMSG for nine years and has been swimming for 11 years. In 2007, Stewart won 8 gold medals. His events were the 400 IM, 100 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 200 Butterfly, 200 IM, 200 Backstroke, and 100 Butterfly. He set two new SMSG records in the 100 Backstroke and 200 Backstroke.

# ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

## **2008: Rudolph Oates, Jr**

Oates Jr. of Bonne Terre, MO has participated in the SMSG swimming for 11 years. The 24-year-old won eight gold medals in his eight events in 2008. He broke five SMSG records for his age group.

## **2009: Michael Brooke**

Mike Brooke, 55, has participated in the GAMES Shooting competition for more than 20 years, taking home seven medals. Seven years ago, he lost his right arm at the shoulder in a car accident, relearning to shoot with his left hand. Mike mentored five young men in the 2010 GAMES.

## **2010: Brian Smith**

Brian Smith has many accomplishments as a lacrosse player and coach, including SMSG five-time silver medal winner. But not only was he a great athlete, he had the best attitude.

## **2011: Gavin Bernskoetter**

Gavin Bernskoetter, 10, from Jefferson City, MO, participated in the baseball event with his team, the Mid-Missouri Wildcats, who brought home a bronze medal. As a first year participant in the GAMES, Gavin went 10-15 at bat with 3 doubles, a triple and a home run. He also had 11 stolen bases and made quite a few great defensive plays at shortstop.

## **2012: Zach Lorson**

Zach Lorson began swimming at age 2 and joined his first competitive swim team at age 7. He now swims year-round for the Columbia Swim Club, competing in 15-20 meets per year across the United States. In addition to the 8 gold medals he earned in the 2012 Show-Me STATE GAMES, he has earned 11 gold, 10 silver and 7 bronze medals during the previous four years.

## **2013: Chase Wilson**

Chase Wilson, 18, has participated in Target Archery competition for seven years out of the nine years he's been involved in Archery. Over the years, Wilson, of Lewistown, MO, has amassed many medals, including 4 gold, and even holds several records.

## **2014: Elmer Hawse**

From St. Charles, Hawse, has collected 132 medals for various Shooting disciplines over his 14 years of competition. He also holds Missouri State Senior Games records in six Shooting events.

## **2015: Andy Gilmore**

Gilmore, age 34 from Columbia, set a new GAMES record in the High Jump, with an all-time best of 7'3". Gilmore has participated in the Show-Me STATE GAMES for 15 years in various sports. His high jump achievement in 2015 led to him qualifying into the 2016 Olympic Trials.

## **2016: Louis Vitucci**

Vitucci, from Chesterfield, competed in the golf event. At age 75, he set a record in the 70 and over category with a score of 76. Vitucci competed in the diving competition at the Tokyo Summer Games in 1964. As a former Olympian, he speaks to young people frequently.

## **2017: Fred Garver**

Fred Garver, Columbia, tied for first in the 40-49 M disc golf competition with a score of 113. The sports commissioner Bob Heyn said, "Fred is a true champion. He has fought and overcome cancer on more than one occasion. He has lost his voice but not his smile or spirit."



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## FEMALE

### **1994: Kathleen Rowold**

Rowold participated in 10 years of SMSG competition, including the very first GAMES in 1985 where she was the youngest participant. She has won 19 medals, including eight gold, in track and field during her Show-Me STATE GAMES career.

### **1995: Melody Howard**

Howard was a basketball player at Southwest Missouri State University, where she led the Lady Bears to their first Final Four appearance in 1992. Her amateur career has included playing in the SMSG for eight years as well as being a member of the 1995 USA Pan American Games team and a member of the USA World University Games team.

### **1996: Andrea Fischer**

Fischer participated in Hawaii's Ironman Triathlon in 1996. Her first year of competition in the SMSG resulted in a record breaking performance in the triathlon as well as a gold medal in cycling. Fischer volunteered in the first SMSG in 1985 and performed in this year's opening ceremonies.

### **1997: Rebecca Paulsen**

Paulsen has played soccer in the SMSG for nine years and medaled nearly every year. She earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Missouri to play soccer, and is expected to contribute immediately as a freshman.

### **1998: Victoria Reddic**

Reddic began weightlifting in 1996 to lose weight after her pregnancy. Soon after, her husband was diagnosed with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease. In order for him to be cared for at home, Reddic needed to be able to lift and turn him so powerlifting became an important part of her life. The 1998 SMSG was her first powerlifting competition and she earned a gold medal.

### **1999: Becky McGuire**

16-year-old McGuire holds three SMSG records in her age group in weightlifting. She is a two-time national weightlifting champion and a two-time school age champion and competes in international competition & has trained at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

### **2000: Misha Gutzler**

Gutzler was a collegiate All-American in track & field but only recently began competing again. Her son was diagnosed with cancer approximately three years ago and she began competing again to release her stress. Her son has been in remission for almost two years now. Gutzler has won more than 14 medals in track & field during her three years of competition.

### **2001: Holly Boyd**

Boyd is a 17-year-old volleyball player from Sedgewickville, MO. Her team, the Hippy Chicks, took home the silver medal in the 18U division. Holly previously won a silver and a bronze medal in the GAMES. A four-year all district honoree in high school volleyball, Boyd also earned All-Conference first team honors her sophomore and junior year and All-Regional honors her junior year.

### **2002: Kayla Rogers**

Rogers is a 15-year-old gymnast from Liberty, MO. Rogers took home four Show-Me STATE GAMES medals this year and snagged the Show-Me STATE GAMES first ever perfect 10.0 on her floor routine to win the gold medal. Kayla is a Level 10 Junior National Athlete having earned her way to two National Gymnastic Championships and is ranked in the nation's top 50.

### **2003: Molly Vetter**

Vetter, from Columbia, won a gold medal in the females 20-24 division of the Triathlon event, a feat she also accomplished in 2002 – but this year, she shaved seven minutes off of her previous time. She is a former member of the University of Missouri Swimming Team.

### **2004: Kate Gallagher**

Gallagher, a golfer from Savannah, won a gold medal in the 12 & under female division in her first year participating in the Show-Me STATE GAMES. She not only shattered the record for her age group by 5 strokes, she shot 7 strokes better than any of the males in her age group.

### **2005: Kelsy Landreth**

Gymnast Kelsy Landreth of Mexico, MO won every event and the all-around gold medal in her first year participating in the Show-Me STATE GAMES and only her third as a gymnast.

### **2006: Katherine Sutton**

Sutton, of Kirkwood, MO, has participated in the SMSG for more than seven years and has won gold and bronze medals in many events. In 2005, Katie took home the gold medal for winning the 5K Road Race and Triathlon. She was first woman in SMSG to finish first overall, 11 seconds ahead of the next finisher, a 17-year-old male. She became the first female from MO to win the National Female of the Year Award, given by the National Congress of State Games.

### **2007: Patricia Lee “Trey” Ross**

Ross, of St. Louis, MO has participated in SMSG for three years and has been a swimmer for seven. In 2007, she won eight gold medals. Her events were the 100 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 100 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 200 IM, 50 Butterfly and 100 IM. She set new SMSG records in the 100 Backstroke and 50 Butterfly.

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## **2008: Heather Love**

Love, of Warsaw, MO participated in Taekwon-Do in the SMSG. She won gold medals in forms and sparring, silver in team forms and legs breaking and bronze in hand breaking. She was the female tournament grand champion.

## **2009: Karen Johnson**

In her first year participating in the Show-Me STATE GAMES, Karen Johnson, 54, really made a mark. Karen took the gold medal in the women's individual Golf competition - 50-59 age-group. Not only did Karen win the event, she broke the record for her age division by 8 strokes.

## **2010: Reese Toalson**

Reese Toalson, 8, from Mexico, MO, began swimming three years ago, and entered the SMSG in 2009 to attempt to join her two older sisters in qualifying for the 2011 State Games of America. She didn't qualify in 2009, so she set out to make 2010 her year - that she did, winning seven gold medals and one silver medal in a large field of talented swimmers.

## **2011: Whitnee Johnson**

Whitnee Johnson, 18, from Columbia, MO, has participated in the Show-Me STATE GAMES for the past 8 years, winning numerous medals in the gymnastics event. Over the years, Whitnee has won gold medals on each of the four gymnastics apparatus and holds the Show-Me STATE GAMES record for the all-around in the Senior Optionals division. Whitnee was also named the 2011 National Congress of State Games Female Athlete of the Year.

## **2012: Kate Walker**

Kate Walker has been involved in the sport of competitive powerlifting for six years and has taken part in the SMSG powerlifting competition for three years, earning gold medals in 2006, 2007 and 2012. What was special about the 2012 SMSG was that Kate brought 14 other women with her from her training facility, almost all of whom had never been in formal competition.

## **2013: Taileena Oja**

In a large 9-10 female age group, Taileena Oja, age 10, dominated in the pool - taking home 8 Gold Medals. Not only did Oja, of Sedalia, win gold in all of her races, she blew away her competition - winning each race by at least 5 seconds over the 2nd place competitor. Taileena was named the National Congress of State Games Youth Athlete of the Year and she was also featured in Sports Illustrated Faces in the Crowd.

## **2014: Christina Lehmuth**

In her six years participating in Martial Arts, Lehmuth, of Jefferson City, has quickly moved up in the ranks in her sport, both competitively and through her leadership in her dojo. She has taken home 12 medals during the past four years and was the top female competitor at this year's GAMES.

## **2015: Danika Osman**

In her 6th year competing in the GAMES swimming event, Osman, 10, from Columbia swept all of her races on her way to winning 10 gold medals and setting two new Show-Me STATE GAMES records. Danika also won the award for National Youth Athlete of the Year from the National Congress of State Games.

## **2016: Lindsey Hervey**

Lindsey Hervey, age 10, competed in the swimming competition. Lindsey won 11 gold medals and set a record in the 9-10 girls 400m IM. She accepted each award gracefully and with sportsmanship.

## **2017: Kimberly Earnest**

Kimberly Earnest, Columbia, finished first in her age division (F 35-39) in the triathlon and fourth overall. She missed tying the SMSG games record by .6 of a second.



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