



# USATOWA

The Official Newsletter of the United States Amateur Tug of War Association

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## Nationals 2017

[National 2017 Results – click on link](#)





Thank you to our sponsors of the 2017 USATOWA Nationals, Mt Vernon Tug of War and Joe Hunter of Colony Brands. It was a great event for our Association with seven clubs represented. Mt Vernon won four of five men's weight classes. Congratulations! Your hard work paid off. We crowned a new National Champion in the Men's Catch weight– Muddy River TOW club of LeClair IA. The "ton of fun" team did a great job Power Train women won their first Nationals titles in the women's division. Congratulations Ladies!!The novice weight class had 4 teams with three of the teams from Muddy River! DJ's TOWC won the novice class, as

well as the Open 600k U23 class. It was wonderful to see all the new faces carrying on the sport of Tug of War. This is a good sign for growth in our Association.

Last, but not least! Thanks to our Officials for the day. Chief Judge – Tiny Heindel, Drug officer- Larry Heindel, Secretary – Lisa Heindel, Judges - Rick Peterson, Keenan Campbell, Brenda Frary, Bruce Ebnet; Marshall – Dave Jelle, Announcer Rudy Kopp and Dick Richardson and Judge/Recorder of the event Herb Warren. Special Thank you to Bruce Ebnet for his beautiful rendition of our National Anthem.

2017 Rudy Kopp Scholarship recipients



Rudy Kopp – Scholarship committee, Shelby Richardson - USATOWA President, Emily Palmersheim and Brianna Kintzle 2017 Rudy Kopp Scholarship recipients. Both girls are from the Power Train Tug of War club. These are two very deserving young women of this honor. Congrats!!

Tug of War teams and USATOWA members:



All Tug of War participants are invited to attend the marriage of Keenan Campbell and Katie Harris following the Saturday Irish fest events. Keenan is one of our newest Judges, but no stranger to Tug of War. His Dad, Doug Campbell was USATOWA Treasurer and a judge in the early 80's. Katie is new to our sport and is working with promotional items/ideas during our events. Please join Katie and Keenan in this joyous event!



Irish Fest Tug of War

August 19 – 20, 2017

Milwaukee Wisconsin

## Weight Classes

**Saturday** – M560k, M640K, M680, M720K, MCTWT, 600 Co-ed and Women's

**Sunday** – M680, M720 and MCTWT, Open 600k, 600 Co-ed and Women's

Individual Weigh In's Saturday beginning at 9:30 am ending at 11:30 am.

Individuals only pulling on Sunday may weigh on Sunday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Pulling begins at 12:00 noon on Saturday and Sunday

Entry fees - \$25 first weight class and \$10 for second weight class each day.

Contact Brenda Frary for tickets or more information. 608-628-6164. Shelby Richardson for more information – 608-438-7204.

Official Tug of War hotel is the Best Western Airport – 414-769-2100.



The World Games were held in Wroclaw Poland July 20 – 30th. Tug of War was featured on Saturday and Sunday July 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. The competition was fierce! Winner of the W 540K Indoor was Chinese Taipei, Silver to China, Bronze medal to South Africa. The remaining 3 teams Netherlands, Switzerland and Ireland rounded out the top six women's teams in the World Games competition. The M700K was contested on Saturday also. Winner of this competition: Gold-

Switzerland, Silver to the Netherlands and Bronze winners Great Britain. The other 3 teams competing this prestigious event were Belgium, Germany and Sweden. The largest upset of the World Games was the defeat of Switzerland to Great Britain in the M640k. The Swiss have won this weight class for a number of years. Germany made the medal stand for the bronze medal. Sweden, the Netherlands and Ireland were the other three respective teams. Birmingham, Alabama will host the 2021 World Games. We need to fight our way to the top six to participate! Go USA!

Check out these [World Games photos of Men's competition](#)