

Press Release



Greg DiFranza throwing his opponent for the Gold Medal



Nadine Fiege fighting for Silver



Harry Glasser pins for the win



John Fiege on his way to Gold

LOCAL JUDO TEAM WINS BIG Tournament draws 258 participants

Members of the Gentle Way Martial Arts Center in Atlantic Beach won big at the Gym Etc. Judo Championships held last weekend in Lakeland. Four out of five members medalled in a tournament that drew 258 competitors from around the southeast United States.

The winners were: **Nadine Fiege** (7-8 yr. old girls, Novice) silver medal; **Harry Glasser** (9-10 yr. old boys, Novice) silver medal; **John Fiege** (senior men advanced, under 220 lbs.) gold medal; and **Greg DiFranza** who won the gold medal in both the masters and the senior men's heavyweight division.

The team also placed tenth out of 22 teams that attended. "This speaks highly to the caliber of players that we have," said DiFranza, who is also a regional referee for USA Judo. "Three golds and two silvers gave us a high rank. Some of our players had to fight through divisions that were 6 and 7 deep with a high level of competition, which is standard for a southeastern U.S. tournament. We are very proud of all our players."

Gentle Way Martial Arts and Health Center is located at 1197 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. For more information about their programs, call 241-4112 or visit gentleway.com



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Bottom row (l-r): Alex Abelo, Nadine Fiege, Harry Glasser
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