FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 6, 2015

Contact: Nick Gandy (850) 488-1422 or <u>ngandy@flasports.com</u> or

Del Moon, National Senior Games Association (225) 202-5719 or dmoon@nsga.com

Southwest Florida area senior athletes competing in the 2015 National Senior Games

TALLAHASSEE - The State of Florida continues its tradition of being well represented at the National Senior Games. Over 400 Florida senior athletes, age 50 and over, will compete at the 2015 National Senior Games in Bloomington/Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.

The biennial event begins Saturday, July 4 and concludes on Thursday, July 16 with over 10,000 athletes competing in 19 sports. Two sports, Disc Golf and Judo, will be contested as Demonstration Sports.

Of the more than 400 athletes, 54 are from Southwest Florida. Those 54 athletes will compete in 15 of the 19 sports offered at the 2015 National Senior Games. They are listed by sport below.

The Florida athletes traveling to Minnesota qualified for the 2015 National Senior Games at the 2014 Florida International Senior Games & State Championships last December in Lee County. Since 2001, over 3,000 Florida athletes have travelled to the National Senior Games.

For more information about the 2015 National Senior Games and a complete schedule of events, visit http://www.nsga.com/2015-national-senior-games.aspx.

Southwest Florida area athletes competing in the 2015 National Senior Games Joan Peterson, North Fort Myers, Archery

Donald Harmon, Copeland, Basketball - Mens - 75+ Bill Kampa, Punta Gorda, Basketball - Mens - 65+ Warren Chichester, Naples, Basketball - Mens - 75+ Bob Durfey, Naples, Basketball - Mens - 75+ Bill Frey, Naples, Basketball - Mens - 75+ James McKenna, Naples, Basketball - Mens - 65+ Dennis Karnstedt, Naples, Basketball - Mens - 65+

Jerry Gavin, Cape Coral, Bowling Patricia Boesche, Naples, Bowling

Craig Manchen, Naples, Cycling

Wilbur Chase, North Fort Myers, Golf Jim Glendon, Fort Myers, Golf Jim Cole, Bokeelia, Golf Bob Bloom, Naples, Golf Richard Burke, Bonita Springs, Golf George Crabb, Bonita Springs, Golf Bobbi Little, North Fort Myers, Pickleball Sandie Crouse, North Fort Myers, Pickleball Gail Spires, North Fort Myers, Pickleball June Angelos, Ft. Myers, Pickleball Lorraine Smat, Ft. Myers, Pickleball Robert Welter, Cape Coral, Pickleball Robert Clark, Naples, Pickleball

Charles Mattison, Cape Coral, Race Walk

Lucy Ramsay, Naples, Racquetball Larry Ardito, Bonita Springs, Racquetball

Doreen Johnstone, Fort Myers, Road Race Leigh Lingwall, Bokeelia, Road Race Mary Bonetz, Port Charlotte, Road Race Gerald Manganella, Naples, Road Race

Susan Gawinski, Ft. Myers, Shuffleboard Carol Healey, Ft. Myers, Shuffleboard Janet Casselman, Fort Myers Beach, Shuffleboard

Terry Szklarski, Cape Coral, Softball - Mens - 65+ Anatol Mihailoff, Naples, Softball - Mens - 65+

Michael Riker, Fort Myers, Swimming William Koller, Naples, Swimming Pam Falcigno, Naples, Swimming John Caskey, Naples, Swimming

Paul Straub, Ft Myers, Tennis Doris Ferry, Ft Myers Beach, Tennis Charles Hudson, Punta Gorda, Tennis Allan Oswald, Cape Coral, Tennis Colleen Keenan, Naples, Tennis Bruce Becker, Naples, Tennis Beverly Trucks, Bonita Springs, Tennis Marcha Moore, Naples, Tennis

Michael Sellner, Estero, Track & Field Neva Weisskopf, Lehigh Acres, Track & Field William Rothley, Punta Gorda, Track & Field Clem Moorman, Punta Gorda, Track & Field

Steve Wood, Port Charlotte, Volleyball - Mens - 75+ Dean Fitting, Naples, Volleyball - Mens - 65+