

Clif Bolick, 15, represented Fairfield County well by winning five gold medals in national competition during the last year. Bolick competed against athletes from several different continents.

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Clif didn't let major surgery in February of hip and leg alignment interfere with his sports.

In April in a wheelchair, Clif competed in the S.C. Disabled Sports in Spartanburg where he attends school. He won two silver and two gold medals in field and track.

In May, he went to Atlanta to compete in the Dekalb Victory Games for disabled athletes where he won four gold medals on a national level in a wheelchair.

On Oct. 9-14, Clif, mom, coaches and team members from S.C. School for Deaf, Blind, Multi-handicapped went to the Pel State Regional National Games in New Orleans, La., and competed against athletes from all over the United States and Canada.

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S.C. School for Deaf and Blind has one of the best boccia teams in the region, coach Kim Speer said.

The team did well the next day in Field and Track. Clif won two silvers, a bronze and a gold medal in field and track. Overall, he won five medals in national competition. The games are sponsored by the United Cerebral Palsy Athletic Association and travel all over the country and in Europe and Australia. Clif and his team will go to several out of state games next year due to their outstanding performance this year.

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