

Threesome went for the gold and won it

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Once again Bella Vistans have brought home the gold from the Senior Olympics in Hot Springs.

On Sept. 19, three swimmers earned 17 medals — 14 gold and three silver.

Bill Keller, 87, took gold in every event he entered this year — six in all — and still holds several records in the Arkansas Senior Olympics State Record Book.

"If you can't out swim them, you can outlive them," Keller joked. "I had an unfair advantage — a really good high school coach — but I ac-

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Weighed down by the 17 medals won at the Senior Olympics are, from left: Dee Roy, Stuart Sorensen and Bill Keller.

cept the medals anyway."

Dee Roy, 80, walked away with three golds this year. He did not compete last year after injuring himself while training just before the event.

He credits his success to his father.

"My dad was a swim coach. I used to do track and field, but not anymore."

New to the Senior Olympics this year was Stuart Sorensen, 61. He earned five gold and three silver medals.

"I saw Bill at Branchwood (pool) and he inspired me," Sorensen said. "I'm a fitness fanatic and get a lot of exercise. I used to swim in my youth."

The three swimmers were the only Bella Vista residents to compete this summer.

The Senior Olympics was not a qualifying event for the National Senior Games this year; qualifiers only occur every two years. Dawne Brooks, assistant director at the Senior Arkansas Sports Organi-