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## Local Adaptive Snowboarders Grab Silvers and Bronze

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**Park City, Utah** – National Ability Center athletes Nicole Roundy and Dan Monzo won two silvers and a bronze respectively at the 2009 United States of America Snowboarding Association (USASA) National Championships in Copper Mountain, Colorado.

Roundy, an above-the-knee amputee from Bountiful, won the silver medal in the Halfpipe and Slopestyle competitions. In Slopestyle, Roundy was launching 20-foot table tops and laying down solid backside boardslides.

“I took silver last year, but I’ve really closed the gap,” Nicole said. “That makes me really happy.”

Monzo, a below-the-knee amputee from New Jersey, won the bronze medal in the Halfpipe competition. After being laid-up due to medical complications for half the season, Monzo had a clean run with smooth frontside and backside airs. This season Monzo was an athlete-in-residence at the National Ability Center (NAC) in Park City. Through this program he was able to live at the NAC’s lodge and train at Park City Mountain Resort throughout the winter.

Both Roundy and Monzo will be competing in the Giant Slalom and Slalom events before the end of the championships on Thursday and Friday.

The Park City Snowboard Team (PCSBT) and the NAC worked together this year to make the PCSBT the only snowboard team in the country with an adaptive component to an able-bodied team. The National Ability Center is proud to support these athletes as they progress and compete on both a national and international level.

Competing with able-bodied athletes is a big help to the NAC’s adaptive program participants.

“I don’t like events that are just for adaptive (athletes),” Nicole said. “I think you want to ride just as well as the able-bodied riders when you’re around them.”

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### **About the National Ability Center**

Since 1985, the National Ability Center in Park City, Utah, has been committed to the development of lifetime skills for people of all ages and abilities by providing affordable outdoor sports and recreational experiences in a nurturing environment. For more information about the National Ability Center visit [www.DiscoverNAC.org](http://www.DiscoverNAC.org), follow us on Twitter @AbilityCenter, check the blog at [www.nationalabilitycenter.blogspot.com](http://www.nationalabilitycenter.blogspot.com), and befriend us on Facebook.