# SPRING

VIRTUAL POWERLIFTING MEET



RESULTS
PRESENTATION

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The data, charts, and insights within this report are meant to be consumed like the Garage Gym Competition (GGC). For education, motivation, and for fun.

- The data is self reported
- It is scrubbed for glaring inaccuracies and issues
- It is then compiled for this report

The GGC was never meant to be an official record keeping institution. But numbers are fun, so we dive on in. Enjoy!

## Letter To Participants

It all began in 2018 with a weird idea. And now, we have consistently had over 500 athletes participate in every event since 2020. NEAT!

What is also cool is seeing how many people joined the 5 Year Club, and the 499/999lb Clubs this year.

Consistency in the gym leading to growth and PRs?

Weird!

I hit my first 1500lb total, running JuggernautAI for the first time as well. My daughter and wife both entered the 5 year club... And we had two of our long standing athletes FINALLY win prizes this year.

#### A lot of cool stuff happening.

What am I trying to say? Thanks to those who showed up for the 5<sup>th</sup> time, and thanks to those that showed up for your first time. To those that crushed PRs or fell short, and those that had some fun lifting... thanks for being on this ride with me. Let's keep it rolling!



Hey, its me! I did a thing when filming my attempts this year, you can check it out on my YouTube Page.



### DO YOU LOVE IT?

OUT OF 649 PEOPLE WHO ANSWERED THE QUESTION, 625 RATED THE GGC A 6 OR 7. THIS ESSENTIALLY MEANS THAT YES, YOU DO LOVE US!

WE ALWAYS HAVE A SINGLE 2 OR 3, ODDLY ENOUGH IT NEVER HAS ANY FEEDBACK ATTACHED TO IT.

THE 4S AND 5S ARE TYPICALLY PEOPLE SAYING THAT THIS WAS THEIR FIRST TIME, OR THEY STRUGGLED TO FIND SOME PIECE OF INFORMATION. SOMETHING I AM CONSTANTLY TRYING TO IMPROVE ON.

BUT OVERALL, 94% OF YOU LOVED THE SPRING GGC, SO I'LL TAKE IT.



#### @ DADSBASEMENTGYM

WHAT COULD THERE POSSIBLY BE TO DISLIKE ABOUT A FREE COMPETITION?

#### **TUCKER HOFFMAN**

I JUST RECENTLY GOT INTO LIFTING. I WOULD LOVE TO COMPETE SOMEDAY, BUT LIFE IS CRAZY (IN GRAD SCHOOL WITH A ONE YEAR OLD SON). THIS WAS THE PERFECT AMOUNT OF COMMITMENT.

#### **@JASEWITHAFACE**

I LOVE IT, LOW ENOUGH STAKES NOT TO GET WORKED UP, BUT KEEPS ME GOING:) LOVE HOW ANYONE CAN ENTER TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY

#### **@THEDONNFATHER17**

IT BRINGS SO MANY DIFFERENT LIFTERS INTO THE COMPETITION. BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LIFT JUST THAT YOU LIFT!

#### Vocabulary

Total: Squat + Bench + Deadlift = Total!

WILKS & DOTS: we take your weight, total, sex, and mash em together with some tricky math to try and compare lifters on an equal level across the board.



# Data Dump

Download The Spring Spreadsheet >

If you are like me, you like fudging around with some excel spreadsheets. You can snag the entire Spring 2024 Final Results spreadsheet and dive into it. If you find anything cool, let me know!

### PARTICIPANTS

"IS THAT A GOOD NUMBER FOR PARTICIPANTS?"

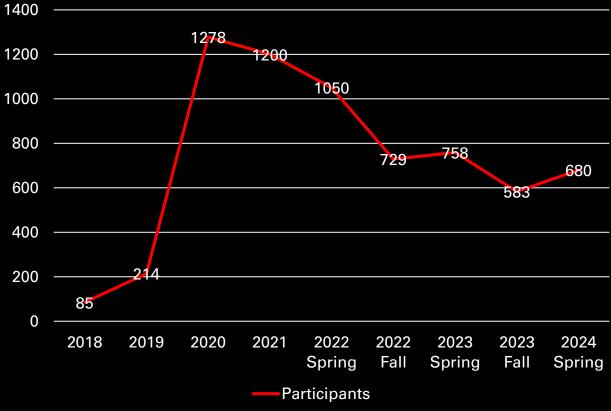
A QUESTION I GET ASKED AFTER EVERY EVENT, WHICH I TYPICALLY REPLY "SURE!"

I DON'T KNOW IF WE WILL EVER TOP THE 2020 COVID YEAR OF 1278 PEOPLE IN A SINGLE EVENT, BUT IF I THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE HAD OVER 500 ATHLETES PARTICIPATE IN EVERY EVENT SINCE 2020, I THINK THAT'S A PRETTY COOL THING.

THE 2023 IPF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HAS JUST OVER 400 ATHLETES COMPETE. SO WE ARE DOING PRETTY GOOD.

DID I MENTION WE HAVE AN EVENT SCHEDULED FOR THE FALL?

## **Participants**



## DONATIONS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IS OUR OFFICIAL SPRING NON PROFIT. THIS BEGAN IN THE VERY FIRST YEAR, AND HAS CONTINUED EVERY YEAR SINCE.

WE'VE RAISED OVER \$9K FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SINCE 2018, NOT INCLUDING WHAT PEOPLE DONATE TO THEIR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

THIS YEAR WITH THE 681
PARTICIPANTS, THE GGC
DONATED \$681, WITH AN
ADDITIONAL \$459 DONATED
FROM ALL OF YOU!

WE'LL HAVE DETAILS ON A NEW NON-PROFIT FOR THE FALL THIS YEAR SOON.





## THE SPONSORS

Every year in January I reach out to sponsors, new and old, with the hopes that we can run this GGC thing again. The various expenses to run it, beyond the time it takes, adds up. So the sponsors kick in a fee to help me cover all the expenses, as well as the prizes.

So when I say, without them, this wouldn't be a thing... I truly mean it.

They gave away over \$22k in prizes for the Spring event alone.

If you have the opportunity to support them with your next gym purchase, we've got a page dedicated to discount codes and links for them.

You can save some money, buy something cool, and support the people keeping the GGC running, all at one time.

Need

Discount Codes

I got you!



## COACHES

Free event... with prizes... and free coaching services?

Yep! Thanks to our 14 coaches, we were able to offer coaching feedback to over 300 athletes!

Mr. Chad Wesley Smith himself gave feedback to all the JuggernautAl users as well.

Josh handed out feedback to the Under 18 Crowd.

And the rest of our coaches handled athletes big and small, experienced and beginner, and everything in between.

GGC Spring Coaches			
Big Will	Jason Byrd		
Chad Wesley Smith	Josh Maxwell		
Christina Leonatti	Kyle Alexander		
Danielle Hanneman	Manda Wolff		
David Spitz	Mathieu AUCLERT		
Eddie Baumgartner	Mike Hernandez		
Everett Brill	Mike Shae		
James Woods	Rob Cola		
Samuel Funderburk			



#### **COACHES**

BE A BETTER LIFTER WITH OUR TIPS & TRICKS, ARTICLES, COACHING REVIEWS, AND MORE!



















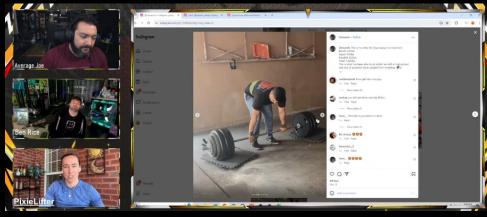
## LIVE STREAM

What would a virtual event be without some Live Stream fun?

AverageJoe's OC and Ben Rice host a full day of recap, chats, fun, and laughs over on Twitch.

Reviewing over 50 lifters, providing commentary and feedback, and chatting about everything from production value, to baguettes, HomeGymCon, who is Payton, and much more!

You can watch the entire thing on replay on YouTube, right here.







Watch It!



# Demographics

Who are these 680 people?

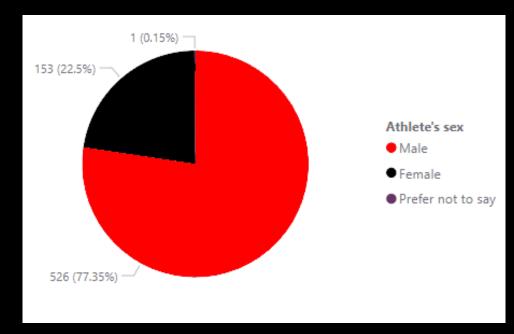
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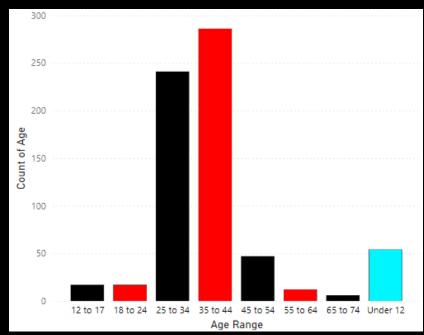
WE HAD 70 UNDER 18 ATHLETES, WITH 78% OF ATHLETES BEING IN THE 25 TO 44 RANGE... WHICH IS THE PEAK AGE FOR POWERLIFTING PERFORMANCE.

22% OF OUR ATHLETES WERE FEMALE, UP BY 2% FROM THE FALL! LETS GO LADIES!!!!

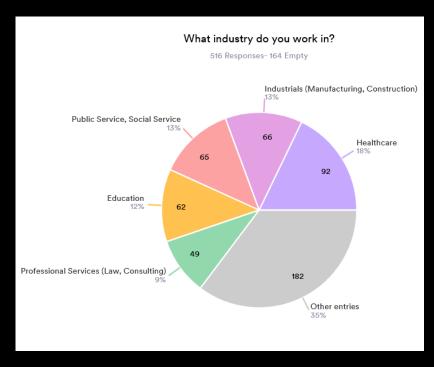
ONLY 32% OF OUR ADULT ATHLETES ARE ABOVE 6FT TALL... WITH LESS THAN 1% BEING UNDER 5 FT TALL.

67% COME IN AT 5' 0" TO 5' 11".





### WHATCHA DO?



What is your job title?	$\mathop{Count}_{\pmb{\blacktriangledown}} \text{ of What is your job title?}$
Teacher	24
Engineer	21
Pharmacist	8
Physical Therapist	8
Analyst	7
Project manager	7
Software Engineer	7
Accountant	5
Attorney	5
Consultant	5
Manager	5
Personal Trainer	5
Police Officer	5
Firefighter	4
Physician	4
Electrician	3
Engineering Manager	3
Mechanical Engineer	3
Nurse	3
Owner	3
Paramedic	3
Product Manager	3

Obviously it doesn't matter what you do, as you can be strong as a professional accountant, paramedic, attorney, or janitor. But these are interesting tidbits to digest. These look a LOT like the 2023 numbers, with Teachers being one of the most common Job Titles and Healthcare being the most common Industry.

There are a few "Issues" with this data btw. You can see in the Job Title section, we have Engineer as number 2, with Mechanical Engineer and Engineering Manager a bit further down the list. In theory, you could combine all Engineers into one and get a more accurate number. But there are just so many variances of job titles, it becomes difficult to "bundle" correctly. So take this with a big heaping handful of salt and call it interesting.

## WHERE YA AT?

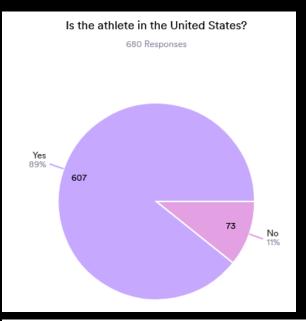
73 NON-US ATHLETES COMPETED, A WHOPPING 10% OF THE TOTAL. AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND UNITED KINGDOM LEADING THE WAY.

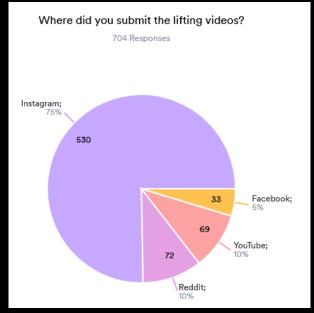
THE US HAD 46 STATES AND 1 TERRITORY (DC) REPRESENTED. ONLY STATES MISSING?

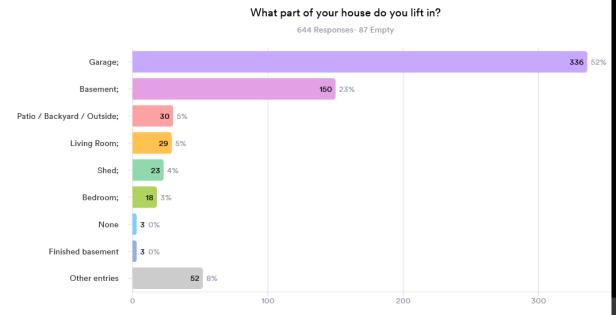
NEW MEXICO, NORTH DAKOTA, VERMONT, AND WYOMING.

75% OF SUBMISSIONS CAME FROM INSTAGRAM, CONFIRMING THAT INSTAGRAM IS STILL THE "FITNESS" SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM OF CHOICE.

AND 75% OF US LIFT IN OUR GARAGE OR BASEMENT.









# Lifting Data

What we really care about.

## Pounds

• •	Combined	Ave	Average	
1	201,847	Female	Male	
	ZUI,UT/	186	357	
	146,842	123	263	
	237,585	230	415	
TOTAL	586,273	540	1034	
	DO	TS 227	292	
	WIL	.KS 273	347	

## LIGHT WEIGHT!

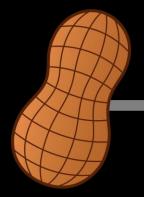
Our average adult male is part of the <a href="999lb club">999lb club</a> and our average female is part of the <a href="499lb club">499lb club</a>!

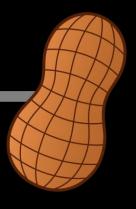
Compared to the Fall of 2023... our Male numbers across the board went up with bigger squats, benches, deadlifts, and totals... With a big 22lb total increase!

But our ladies averages went down, with a 34lb total drop.

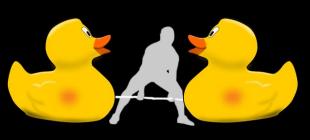
Maybe ladies started their summer shred campaigns earlier than the dudes?











#### AIN'T NOTHIN BUT A PEANUT

We collectively lifted 527,645,700 PEANUTS.

Our men benched an average of 66 Deep Dish Pizzas.

Our Under 12 Year Olds Deadlifted on average 25 Ducks.

Our teachers Squatted a total of 272 Student Desks.

Our male JuggernautAl users lifted a combined 131 Chad Wesley Smiths.

Our female JuggernautAI users lifted a combined 12 Marissa Inda's!



### JUGGERNAUTAI

There are a thousand ways to get strong. And by no means do you have to pay money for access to programs, coaching, or anything else.

But it continues to look like, on average, people who hop on board a paid program, are stronger than those who don't. This has been consistent every single event we have measured it.

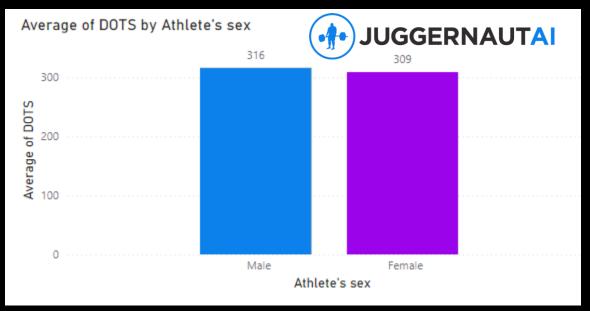
We might be a little biased, since JuggernautAI has been the GGC Presenting Sponsor for the past several years, but the numbers don't lie. Men and women BOTH are stronger on JuggernautAI, than those that aren't.

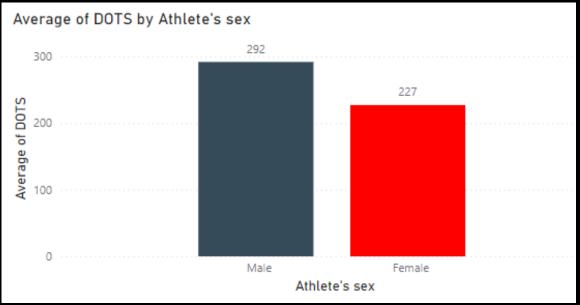
DOTS takes into account multiple factors like age, weight, and gender, so these are essentially 1 to 1 comparisons.

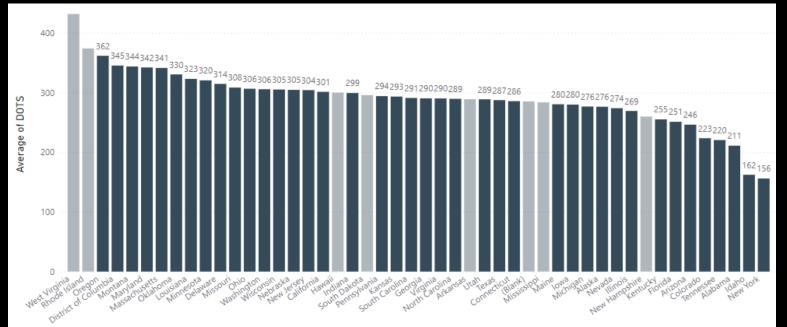
I ran JuggernautAI for my first time this year and as I mentioned, PRd 2 of my 3 lifts with a big Total PR. Round 2 I'll have some additional experience by my side and be ready to crush the Fall.

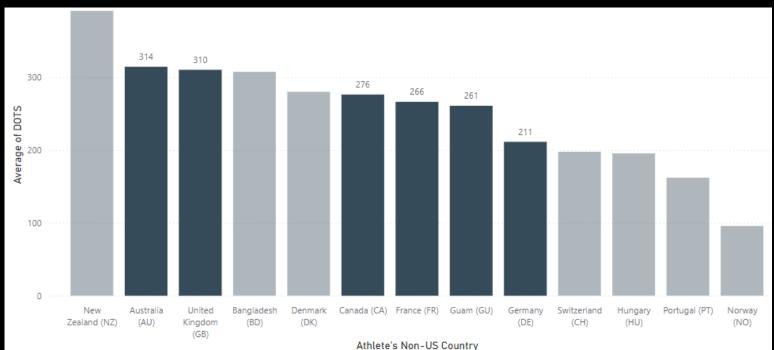
Juggernaut offers a Two Week Free Trial, and we have code GGC that will save you on your monthly subscription as well as help the GGC out.

Read More About JuggernautAl









# **Strongest Place**

The US Males outlifted the Non-US Males by a total of 7 DOTS, but the Non-US Females outlifted the US Females by 1 DOTS.

Only 6 Non-US Countries had more than 1 athlete compete, with Australia being the strongest on average.

West Virginia and Rhode Island were the strongest states, but only had 1 athlete. Oregon, Washington DC, and Montana took the podium with more than 1 submission.





# Cool Kids Club

If you are in, you are IN!!!

Athlete	Years Competed	Events Competed
gray_matter_lifting	7	9
bamis51	7	9
thedriverkaya	7	9
quadzillacdn	7	8
notstrongjustfat	6	8
Minneswoletagaragegym	6	8
Clinton4255	6	8
tsh148pl	6	8
Aggressively_average_greg	6	8
Matt89johnson	6	8
shoreway_barbell_club	6	8
notstrongjustfat	6	8

If anyone believes they should be on this list... shoot me an email.

List only includes athletes that competed in the Spring 2024 event Does not include MiniGGCs.



#### The 5 Year Club

There are three people who have competed in every single GGC, and one of those is me.

My man QuadZilla has competed at least once every year...

And then we've got 8 other people marked down for 6 years and 8 events.

We not have 71 - 5 Year Club members, all of whom have now been added to the Cool Kids Club list and are receiving their official stickers very soon.







#### 499 & 999lb Clubs

We now have a whopping 785 members of the 999lb club (men), and 219 members of the 499lb club (women).

For those new to the club terminology, the typical milestones for a male lifter is a 1000lb total, and women is 500lb total. These aren't winning any powerlifting meets, but they put you in a category of lifters who have pursued strength far beyond the typical human being.

As such, we have these clubs to celebrate our athletes that have reached these milestones. But with our own spin of 499 and 999.

<u>Check out the page here</u>, and <u>check out the</u> list here.



#### **MALES**

Athlete	Cumulative Total	Years Competed	Events Competed
papabearrogers	5939.0	5	7
Mr_squat_a_pony	5872.7	5	7
gray_matter_lifting	5766.9	7	9
notstrongjustfat	5093.4	6	8
Dead.lee.lifter	5011.5	5	6
bamis51	4956.7	7	9
DEADLIESTLIFT	4903.4	4	6
Minneswoletagaragegym	4709.6	6	8
henryartz	4626.7	5	7
Tonyperry21	4524.4	5	7

#### **FEMALES**

Athlete	Cumulative Total	Years Competed	Events Competed
bigbadwolff24	3062.1	5	7
emilymsith	2421.3	5	7
dana.m.tobin	2267.9	5	7
Eri_kah_eff	2237.7	4	6
megan_powerlifts	2156.6	5	7
rbwalker15	2097.3	5	7
dtliftsweights	2069.5	4	6
michelle_being_michelle	2007.0	3	5
Michelle (YouTube)	1970.0	3	5
Big_c_smallz	1917.2	5	7

#### Highest Cumulative Totals - KGs

It finally happened... I lost first place for cumulative total in the GGC. I've competed in 2 more events than both Travis and Kyle (#1 and #2), and yet they out lift me by a wide margin.

Sneaking up the leaderboard is Mark aka DEADLIESTLIFT, and HartMizell, both with only 6 events but a Top 10 spot.

Manda aka bigbadwolff24 holds her top spot for the ladies, as the women's top 10 looks A LOT like the previous two events.

As the years go bye, these lists will likely not change much.



#### See You In The Fall!!! >



## That is a WRAP!

Thank you for checking out the 2024 Spring Garage Gym Competition Results Presentation! This was a ton of fun to put together. Follow along on Instagram as I'll share some one-off insights. Got a request? Hit me with an email and let's make it happen!

A quick shout-out to all the athletes who participated and let me use their stats and names and stuff for funny things.

And one final THANK YOU to our sponsors. Seriously, check out this page with discount codes and awesomeness!

Where did you submit?	Username	Sponsor	Prize
Instagram	noplandanny	Ascension Performance	Tub of Performance Hydration
Instagram	coachcarp76	Ascension Performance	Tub of Performance Hydration
Instagram	a_hudson	Barbell Rescue	"cleaning kit"brush, oil, and
	a_11dd3011	Barben Nescue	microfiber towel (w/ BR logo)
Reddit	u/jtncarter	Barbell Rescue	"cleaning kit"brush, oil, and
nedati	· •		microfiber towel (w/ BR logo)
Instagram	adam.gabb	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Instagram	TheHawkNest7	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Instagram	lumberjacklands	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Instagram	WeightandAppreciate	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Instagram	2gymrodents	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Instagram	Fittcoachmindy	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Instagram	sarahschneid17	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Reddit	PossibilityMission45	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Facebook	Thomas.falk15	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Instagram	rascalsbackyardstrength	Bells of Steel	custom "soft goods" prize pack
Instagram	avee.lifts	Cerberus Strength USA	Dual-Ply Sandbag V3
Instagram	Kerry.shepherd.41	Cerberus Strength USA	Cerberus Shirt
Instagram	Dad_lifting	Cerberus Strength USA	Dual-Ply Sandbag V3
YouTube	James	Cerberus Strength USA	Cerberus Shirt
Instagram	Honeycutt73hotmail.com	Cerberus Strength USA	Pair of Dinnie Stone Handles
Instagram	josseee_817	Crandall Fitness	\$250 gift cards per event
Instagram	Sheets_strength	Crandall Fitness	\$250 gift cards per event
Instagram	Felizabeth829	Crandall Fitness	\$250 gift cards per event
Instagram	themightygoss	Crandall Fitness	\$250 gift cards per event
YouTube	Chad	Freak Athlete	Nordic Hyper GHD w/ Leg
la che que un	iahah liftina laa	Carrago Cirro Lab	Developer No Posting signs
Instagram	johnb_lifting_log	Garage Gym Lab	No Parking signs
Reddit	u/baldandtatted	Garage Gym Lab	No Parking signs
Instagram	rbwalker15	Garage Gym Lab	No Parking signs
Instagram	Matt89johnson	GORX	\$100 PayPal Transfer

# 2024 Spring Prize Winners



Where did you submit?	Username	Spansor	Prize
Instagram;	MrTalbott	Garage Gyms	Banner / shirt
Instagram;	corgi_lifts	Garage Gyms	Banner / shirt
Instagram;	Toney_montana1	Garage Gyms	Banner / shirt
YouTube;	Jesse	Garage Gyms	Banner / shirt
Instagram;	mr.ryanlifts	Garage Gyms	Banner / shirt
Instagram;	thedriverkaya	GymPin	Belt Squat Prize Pack
Instagram;	Donutsoverdeadlifts	GymPin	Cable Attachment Prize Pack
Instagram;	jesus.investor.lifts	HomeGrown Lifting	190lb Bumper Plate Set
YouTube;	Phil	HomeGrown Lifting	190lb Bumper Plate Set
Instagram;	galaxy.barbell	HomeGrown Lifting	190lb Bumper Plate Set
Instagram;	Zwalk21	JuggernautAl	Juggernaut Prize Pack
Instagram;	Brendanputek	Living.Fit	\$250 Gift Card
Instagram;	caitlin.kurjian	Living.Fit	\$250 Gift Card
Instagram;	stone_free777	Living.Fit	\$500 Gift Card
			Micro Gainz 10 Plate Micro
Instagram;	Aggressively_average_greg	Micro Gainz	Plate set
			4 Pack 1.25 Dumbbell Micro
Instagram;	Garage_gym_dad_bod	Micro Gainz	Plate set
Instagram;	Kim1589	Mutant Metals	35mm Rack/Jammer handles
Instagram;	sirbrdfrd	Oak Club	Jay-M and Pair of MAGPIN 3
			1 Custom Pioneer Belt (no
Reddit;	sirvitamixalot	Pioneer	exotic leather)
			1 Custom Pioneer Belt (no
Instagram;	Benji_wiz	Pioneer	exotic leather)
			\$300 Custom Gift Card that
			includes consult,
Instagram;	barefootbyrd	Plate Snacks	discussion/design, etc.
Instagram;	Indazone777	Plate Snacks	\$100 gift card
Reddit;	Hobbygod	Plate Snacks	\$100 gift card
Instagram;	Lorenzobarnes 78	Primal Armor	1 Barbell from new collection

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Where did you submit?	Username S	ponsor	Prize
			Mystery Prize - Bar of Choice,
Instagram;	Clawtron	Prime Fitness USA	Solos of Choice
			Mystery Prize - Rack, Bench,
Instagram;	spikeymikeyokay	Prime Fitness USA	Cable Handles
	https://youtu.be/Qs64PYjDr4c?s		
YouTube;	i=H8_9J5Lcz1SIz4kt	Strength Warehouse USA	\$500 gift cards per event
Instagram;	galaxy.barbell	Strength Warehouse USA	\$500 gift cards per event
Instagram;	Mottpete	Strength Warehouse USA	\$500 gift cards per event
Instagram;	myfit_idahome	Strength Warehouse USA	\$500 gift cards per event
		The Papa Bear Strong	
Instagram;	bayouboy_jaredalleman	Foundation	PapaBear Gear
		The Papa Bear Strong	
Instagram;	doctabustacruz	Foundation	PapaBear Gear
Instagram;	Mrslaramie	Wall Control	\$200 Gift Card + Swag
Instagram;	TrainerBigMike	Weight It Out	Pair of Bumpers

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