

Illinois NAWGJ JULY 2007

PLEASE BE SURE TO SEE PAGES 9-10 AS THESE ARE IMPORTANT PAGES FOR TRAINING CAMP & ILLINOIS JUDGES REPORT (judges report DUE ON **AUGUST 1, 2007**)

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STATE NAWGJ JUDGING CLINIC; SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2007

This is NAWGJ's major Illinois Clinic. It is free for all judges who worked the 2006 Judges Cup and \$50 for others. You can earn 15 hours of CPE credit in two days.

We are inviting Laurie Reid from Yakima, Washington to present the clinic. Laurie is a Brevet judge with lots of knowledge and experience to share with us all. She was on the staff of the National Compulsory clinic Workshops, and is the RTC of Region 2. Her presentations are thought provoking, practical, and interesting. We know you will enjoy getting some new ideas from her. Laurie has an infectious personality, and you will not get bored listening to her. We are so excited that she can come to our state.

PLEASE SAVE THIS WEEKEND! More information will be coming out as we get closer to the clinic.

Thank you,
Sandy O.

Here are your NEW IL NAWGJ Board Members:

SJD: Jeanne Johnson

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South Assigner: Billie Stone

North Assigner: Mary Lou Ackman

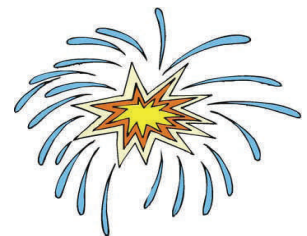
N. Judges Cup: Betty Axelson-McClelland

S. Judges Cup: Cathy Peebles

Education: Kathie Gebhardt

Newsletter: Debbie Pulley

*All incumbents ran unopposed



DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 28-29— Illinois State Congress @ Itasca Park District (registration @ 8 am; classes @ 9)
(**Illinois Congress** will be offering a special one day fee (\$50) to Judges only.
(Register on line!).

July 29— TESTING @ Itasca @ 1 pm (You have until **July 15th** to register).

Aug. 16-18—National Congress in San Jose, CA (in conjunction w/VISA Championships)

Sept. 29th & 30th – Illinois NAWGJ Clinic- Testing TBA in conjunction with Sept. Clinic
(please check website for more information).

Sept. 21-23—Region 5 Congress in Indianapolis, IN

Oct. 6th & 7th—South Judges' Cup @ Midstate

Nov. 9, 10, & 11—North Judges' Cup @ UIC



NEW ADDRESS :

Christi Kearns
404 Bainbridge
Marion, IL 62959

CPE forms aren't really due until July 31 - and just the 1 page form. Judges must keep their own proof of attendance. Don't forget to bring blank cards to clinics. Also, if you are testing at IL Congress, you need to sign up on-line. Hilary is giving the test at our Sept. clinic and that will be it in IL until next spring.

Just a huge THANK YOU to each and everyone of you for volunteering at JO Nationals ! Hope it was worth your time and that you got to see a great deal of wonderful gymnastics ! Region V is the best with the contributions that judges, coaches, and parents make for the benefit of the gymnasts ! Region V won 5 out of 8 age groups for the 6th time in 8 years with many National Champions and great results. John Geddert will have a complete article on our web site for Region V shortly which you will enjoy reading. Thanks AGAIN for the super support of Region V !

Char

Hilary's new fax #: 224-653-8673 as of July 12th. You can send in your forms by fax.



Hilary's Corner:

- 1) The Judges Involvement Form, normally due August 1st and used to assign Regional and National meets, is being revised. **It will be due Sept. 1st this year.** The region is revising the form. It will be available on line (both the Regional website & the Illinois website) hopefully in late July. Besides asking for Regional Availability, it will ask for State availability. Please check those websites around August 1st if you are interested in judging State and/or Regional meets.
- 2) You have until July 15th to sign up for testing at IL Congress.
- 3) Fax # as of July 12th: 224-653-8673.
- 4) Anyone interested in a new uniform—all sizes will be available to try on at Illinois Congress.
- 5) Training Camp Volunteer form is attached in the back of the Newsletter. Hilary (as RJD) will be assisting Char in setting Judges' up to work. There have been some misunderstandings about helping at Training Camp. Char & Hilary will try to actually assign judges to events, and include what is expected. So more judges' can be actively involved.
- 6) **HELP!!!** I said that I would do a session at IL CONGRESS Called, "DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?" I wanted it to be a free communication between coaches & judges (led by me) and I originally wanted to discuss L5/6 Vault and bars. However, Mary Jo is doing Vault on Saturday. Have any judges' run into rules or skills that might fit this topic? If so, please let me know within the next couple of days so I can get it on the program.



Goodbye as RJD

For 32 years I have volunteered in Regional positions (Chair, Technical Director, SJD and RJD). I will miss the direct involvement and daily participation in doing the job. I hope I have made a difference in the development of gymnastics as I have seen it grow since 1960 when I first competed and then continued as a coach, teacher and judge. I have taken and passed the first National Course in 1975, the FIG Brevet Course and test seven times, and the USA Brevet Course and test once and numerous J.O. compulsory and earlier optional tests. Even Doctors do not have to retest so often!!

As RJD my main duty was to guide and advise the SJD and to represent our Region at the National level, but I always felt a kindred responsibility to all the Region V judges in wanting the best professionalism, training, working conditions and service to gymnastics. I tried to represent the region at as many functions as possible. I am most proud of the many hours the Region V judges have donated to Regional Training Camps and volunteered to help at state, regional and National meets and clinics in our area as well as the deep desire all feel to judge in a fair, consistent manner with concern to stay educated and alert for updates and changes. Most of our judges get many more than just the required CPE credits due to their dedication to gymnastics. Most give time and donations to their state judging cups. In return the judges have received payment for their memberships, uniforms, education and the acknowledgement that they have made a difference for gymnastics and the gymnasts. I hope the Coach/Judge relationship can continue to improve to put everyone's objective in the same direction for the correct judging and betterment of the gymnasts.

I enjoyed the long hours of preparation and the running of the Regional symposiums and feel strongly that they have helped train our judges to be consistent in our Region as well as providing a single site for joint camaraderie for all the states.

I have had to mediate several problems and concerns and hope that the Ethics and Codes of NAWGJ will prevail to enhance the correct management of rules and regulations. I hope that problems can be handled with professionalism and realization that the NAWGJ is trying to represent the good of all judges, all volunteering with this purpose in mind.

Thank you to all who have been supportive to Region V and to the gymnastic community of gymnasts, coaches and judges with whom I have come into contact. Please continue to strive to maintain high ethics and professionalism and take time to follow procedures and policies.

I now pass the green flag over to Hilary Carlson and hope you all will be as supportive to her and that Region V will continue to be strong and to grow. I will continue to judge and am currently on the USAG State Board and running for the NAWGJ Board for Kentucky. My husband and I have taken up ballroom dancing and I continue to exercise each day and golf several times a week (I am the Ladies League Vice President). My family is growing with spouses and grandchildren and we try to do many things with them. I do a lot of yard work on our four acres and some for the kids. So I stay very busy, but still will miss the daily duties of my regional job.

Carole Liedtke 6/1/07



**Judging Accreditation
Continuing Professional Educational
Clinic Hours for Multi-Track Educational
Events**
Such as State, Regional or National USAG
Congress/Clinics, or
NAWGJ Clinics/Symposiums

Please complete by indicating # total hours, day/time, topic, clinician, & obtain a signature for each session from the clinician or designated personnel. Keep this as your receipt in the event that you are audited for your CPE credits.

Name _____ USAG # _____
First Last

Check One: State Regional National

Name of Clinic _____ Date _____

Location (City, State) _____

Total Number of Clinic Hours _____

Day & Time	Topic	Clinician	Signature	Day & Time	Topic	Clinician	Signature

Please send to Hilary Carlson - 328 Briarwood Lane; Bloomingdale, IL 60108 or
Fax #: 224-653-8673 as of July 12th.

We have also made the decision to allow attendance at the USA Championships to count for clinic hour credit. If you could assist in getting that word out it would allow judges to make the decision to buy a ticket earlier. Some were not planning to go to the meet (Junior afternoon sessions) if they could only get credit by going to the Congress sessions.

They should complete the form with all the signatures for the sessions they attend, plus staple the meet ticket to their form as a receipt for the total hours credited for the weekend. They would fill out one of the grid rows as "Jr. USA's", indicate # of hrs. but would not be required to have a signature. The ticket attached will suffice.

NAWGJ UNIFORM

The new NAWGJ uniforms can now be ordered online. The website is: <http://nawgj.hpidirect.net> (Please note: this is .net NOT .com)

We will link the HPI site directly to our NAWGJ.org site shortly but for now judges should go directly to the HPI site.

The company will take orders twice a year. The first order deadline will be on **July 21, 2007**. The second date for ordering is **October 1, 2007**. Judges should expect their order within 70-75 days of the order deadline dates. You may pay with credit card on the secure site. A fit line will be available for most regions and also at National Congress in San Jose. *If you wish to try on a uniform piece please contact your State or Regional Judging Director to find out the date your region will receive the sample fit line pieces.* You must order directly with the company, **HPI Direct**, online. The company supplies uniforms for two major airlines and numerous other companies. The HPI uniform blends extremely well with our present uniform pieces which is one of the reasons we have chosen this company. There are two styles of pants available and pieces may be ordered separately (you do not need to order an entirely new uniform).

Should you have any URGENT questions that cannot be answered by your judging director, please contact Jim Poyner <jpoyner@hpidirect.net>. You MUST put **NAWGJ Uniform** in the subject area. It may take some time for a response as we are not his only client.

The NAWGJ uniform is not required for USAG competitions but we always wish to encourage our judges to be in uniform and look professional while judging.

When we are in a consistent uniform it is easier for coaches, athletes, meet personnel to recognize us on the judging floor. Both slacks, pants and skirts are acceptable pieces of the NAWGJ uniform.

Compensation Proposal

I received this from Kathy Kelly regarding the revision of the USAG Compensation Package for our members. "We did quite a bit of research, especially with the other NGB's as we tried to find the "industry" standard." (This background information was shared with me and basically gives the amounts officials are paid in other Olympic Sports). It is too much information to include in this email but we are in line or at the top compared to similar sports. The other consideration that USAG had is how the Women's Program ranks in comparison to the Men's Program and Rhythmic Programs. All this was taken into consideration.

The R & P and will be revised as follows:

In a nutshell, here is the decision:

Beginning in August 2007 a 5% increase per current rate will result in the following hourly fees.

<i>Brevet</i>	<i>\$30.45</i>
<i>National</i>	<i>\$28.35</i>
<i>Level 10</i>	<i>\$26.25</i>
<i>Level 9</i>	<i>\$23.10</i>
<i>5/6,7/8</i>	<i>\$18.90</i>
<i>7/8</i>	<i>\$16.80</i>
<i>5/6</i>	<i>\$14.70</i>

JO National Meet Daily Rate will increase to a Daily rate of \$200.00.

Visa Championships will increase to a flat rate of \$350.00 (beginning in 2008).

Olympic Trials will increase to \$450.00.

*Beginning **August 2009** a **3% increase** will go into effect for the hourly rate.*

Please convey to your Board our sincere appreciation for the excellence of the majority of the judges who are servicing our sport. We are all proud of their expertise and their dedication. However, we also must weigh any increase cost associated with judges' compensations as an increase in the expense to our Meet Directors. Many Meet Directors depend upon the income from their meets to supplement their net profits and support their teams. We all must realize that there must be a ceiling for compensation in order to maintain stability of the clubs/programs which provide the athletes competitive experiences and the judges a means of employment. There are no other changes to the current contract.

I would like to thank the compensation committee, Chaired by Robin Smith, that put in many hours of research and all of the RJD's that participated in bringing this to fruition.

RJD's: Please forward this to all of your SJD's.

*Best Regards,
Carole Ide
President, NAWGJ*



Dear JAS Assigner Applicant,

The NAWGJ JAS committee is accepting applications for three collegiate assigners. The term may be a minimum of three years. The applications are due **by Aug 1, 2007 (in hand, not post-marked)**. We are hoping to have the decision made by August 24, 2007. Applicants will be chosen from different areas of the USA.

The complete application is available on this NAWGJ.org website.

The position involves a major time commitment between September 15 and November 15 each season. In addition, you must be available on a weekly basis through the NCAA Women's gymnastic season to handle the last minute replacement of officials when emergencies arise (often on a Thursday or a Friday between January and March). It is a paid position based on the number of assignments you are given to assign by the National Assigner. Most assigners receive a minimum of \$1250.00. You must be flexible, open-minded, unbiased, fair and be able to work closely with other assigners and the National Assigner.

If you are interested in applying for one of the three openings please complete the application and **mail and email to each of the following individuals:**

Carole Ide, National Assigner
26 Country Club Court, Hilton Head, SC 29926
CI.nawgj@roadrunner.com

Evelyn Chandler
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chandle@ocps.k12.fl.us

Janet Packwood
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jpkwd@aol.com

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APPLICATION for NAWGJ COLLEGIATE ASSIGNER

Criteria/Background:

- 1) NAWGJ Member
- 2) National or Brevet rated official in good standing
- 3) Judging experience at the collegiate level with understanding of the collegiate modifications
- 4) Ability to make fair and impartial decisions
- 5) Computer literacy and accessibility to the internet (DSL recommended)
- 6) Experience with database or willingness to learn
- 7) Willingness to check email on a regular basis
- 8) Access to an answering machine
- 9) Availability on an emergency basis (i.e.: mobile phone)
- 10) Excellent record keeping skills

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION ON NO MORE THAN TWO SHEETS OF PAPER
(One side each)**

YOU MUST RETURN 1 COPY TO EACH COMMITTEE PERSON BY US MAIL AND EMAIL

NAME _____ RATING _____ YRS AT THIS LEVEL _____

YEARS JUDGING NCAA _____ HIGHEST LEVEL NCAA MEET JUDGED _____

PRIOR NAWGJ POSITIONS _____

AFFILIATION WITH ANY NCAA INSTITUTION IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS?

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE # _____

MOBILE# _____ AVAILABILITY (DAY/EVENING for contact?) _____

EMAIL _____ DIAL -UP OR HIGH SPEED? _____

PLEASE GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF A PROJECT THAT YOU HAVE CHAIRED OR DIRECTED. DESCRIBES THE PROJECT, WHAT WAS THE END RESULT, HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS WERE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT, AND WHAT STEPS DID YOU TAKE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT?

WHAT PROCESS WOULD YOU FOLLOW TO GET TO KNOW JUDGES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND HOW COULD YOU INSURE THE JAS THAT YOUR OWN BIAS WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN YOUR ASSIGNMENTS?

Are there any other comments that you feel would be helpful for us to know?

ILLINOIS JUDGES REPORT

Name _____ Rating _____ Years held _____

USAG Pro Number _____ Safety Expiration Date _____

NAWGJ # _____ NAWGJ Member since _____ Affiliation _____

JUDGING EXPERIENCE -RECORD THE FOLLOWING FOR ILLINOIS MEETS JUDGED-DATE STARTED _____

Meet Ref. _____ total _____

2006-2007 number of meets judged _____ total _____

Number of level 4 sessions _____ total _____
(Keep Talley Marks Here)

Number of level 5/6 sessions _____ total _____

Number of level 7 sessions _____ total _____

Number of level 8 sessions _____ total _____

Number of level 9 sessions _____ total _____

Number of level 10 sessions _____ total _____
Number of level 9 gymnasts _____

Number of level 10 gymnasts _____

For each session tally with V, BR, BB, F to indicate the event judged. For incomplete or mixed sessions list the number of 9/10's. Ex.: 5 sessions of 9's & 25 additional 9's from various meets/sessions. You may use the back of the sheet also. Carry this with you throughout the season.

List meets judged out of state _____

List Highest meets judged 2006-2007: National, Regional, State, Large Invitational

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

List clinics attended August 1, 2006 to August 1, 2007

Illinois State Congress _____ Illinois State Training Camp _____

Please Check: **Observer** **Coach** **Gymnast Judging Session** **Judges Only Clinic**

Super Camp	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hot Shot Camp	_____	_____	_____	_____
High Tech	_____	_____	_____	_____
Forward Progress	_____	_____	_____	_____

Additional Education: (list gym/site & dates or frequency)

In-gym visitations: _____
Video Practices: _____
Study Sessions: _____

AVAILABILITY TO JUDGE

Level 7 & 4 South State March 14, 15, & 16 _____
Level 6 & 4 North State March 28, 29, & 30 _____
Level 8 State April 4 & 5 _____
Level 9/10 State April 5 & 6 _____
Level 5 State April 11, 12, & 13 _____
Level 9/10 Regional April 25-27 _____ Level 8 Regional May 2-4 _____

**We realize this is our first attempt at doing this form. It needs to be modified. Make ONE tally mark for every 50 gymnasts that you judged. Otherwise list number of gymnasts in that session.*

*Please return this form to Jeanne Johnson
5501 Wolf Rd.
LaGrange, IL 60525 or (Fax #: 708-245-4806)*

REGION V TRAINING CAMPS JUDGES VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Rating _____ Safety Certification Exp.Date _____

Please check which camp you are volunteering for and the number of days :

Super Camp -Aug.3-5, 2007-North- Mills Gymnastics (Michigan) and South -Champion Gymnastics (Kentucky)-
circle camp and days

Fri. Sat. Sun.

Hot Shot-September 7-9, 2007 -Olympia Gymnastics (Michigan)

Fri. Sat. Sun.

Hi Tech- Oct. 5-9, 2007-DeVeau's Gymnastics (Indiana)

Fri. Sat. Sun.

Forward Prog.- Nov. 2-4, 2007- East-Flytz Gymnastics (Ohio) and West-Illinois Gymnastic Institute (Illinois)- cir-
cle camp and days

Fri. Sat. Sun.

Please select which responsibility you prefer with a 1-3 ranking of most to least preference of assignment:

____1. Lead a judges education session for gymnasts(None for High Tech)

____2. Coach an event and state which event _____

____3. Be assigned to an event to assist the coaches with the technical questions on value parts, special require-
ments, and bonus opportunities and
state which event _____

Please return this form by the August 1, 2007 deadline to be confirmed for a leadership role at a Region V Training Camp. You will be e-mailed or called as soon as the staffing is finalized by the camp directors. Thanks you so much for your willingness to volunteer for the Region V Training Camps as it is very beneficial for our gymnasts, coaches, and Region. Please send this form to all of the following individuals:

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1260 Churchbell Way
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Dave Rawless
dave@lga-gymnastics.com

John Geddert, RJOPC
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Dimondale, MI 48821