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May Newsletter

From Jeanne Johnson, SJD

HAPPY SPRING!

Spring is here

Tulips and daffodils

Mother's Day and Fathers Day

Summer, hot weather and vacations

Family and friends, graduations, weddings and parties

Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah!!!!

New rules, changes, memorization, study groups, clinics, fees, travel,
and.....**TESTING!**

Originally, this summer was going to be something else. And now it is something else. The summer plan started out simple. It evolved and changed-sometimes from one weekend to the next. I do believe Kathie and I have put together a good schedule. There was input and help from many of you-Thank you! The final schedule is designed to meet your needs. There is lecture, practice judging, in gym with skill performance, all levels, event lectures, study groups, different locations and dates. The emphasis is on level 10 rules. Most of the membership is level 10, testing level 10, or testing level 9- which is close enough. The new Nationals, the returning Nationals and the lone Brevet have study groups organized. The June 7th clinic time is schedule time to talk through any additional needs and further organize. The new judge, the level 5/6 and the level 7/8 judges is encouraged to attend all clinics. Certain clinics are designated as level 10 rules only. However, the June 7th Bar Clinic will also feature about 2 hours of skills and combinations on the event that should be helpful for everyone.

There are some parameters for the June 7th, June, 16th and the June 23rd Clinics. The doors will be open about an hour before, please arrive early. The schedule provides for socialization, nourishment, time for seating and getting organized. Please follow the schedule and be ready for the Presentation. If you will arrive late, enter quietly and take a seat towards the back. Efforts will be made to have open seats. Please take all conversations out of the lecture area. There is time scheduled for question and answers.

Registration

Please let Kathie Gebhardt know if you would like to take e-mail registrations for the June 7, 16, 23rd Clinics. Other states have expressed interest in attending. The Aerial Clinic will have seating for 40 to 50 with standing room. The Maine South Clinic has seating for 30 and standing room limit. These Clinics will be free but there could be a small charge for food and drink, table and chair rentals.

Hospitality Chairs and Site Coordinators are needed

- ✦ Jean will be the Site Director at Aerial and
- ✦ Betty will be the Site Director at Maine South.
- ✦ Hospitality Chairs will provide food and drink
- ✦ Site Coordinators will assist as needed

Organize with your friends and do a group effort

Please e-mail all of the following: Kathie, Jeanne and Betty to volunteer

Please go to the website for further updates on these Clinics, the study groups, the August Clinic, and more.

ILLINOIS NAWGJ BOARD MEETING

The Illinois NAWGJ Board will meet May 17th. Please see the agenda on page 16. Please give questions or concerns to any Board Member or the SJD by May 10th. Items not discussed will be added to the agenda for the August meeting. Please note that there will be an open ILNAWGJ Meeting held in conjunction with the Regional Congress in September.

Jeanne Johnson IL-SJD

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Important Election Information

It's election time! Elections for the ILNAWGJ Board are held every two years. If you are interested in running, please fill out the "Candidate Application Form". Be sure to return the form by June 1st. It must be postmarked by the deadline date - May 31. This newsletter contains:

Specific Guidelines For State Governing Board Elections

The Illinois NAWGJ State Board (general job descriptions for each position)

The Duties of the State Governing Board Members (from NAWGJ National Bylaws)

Eligibility for State Governing Board Member

The State Governing Board Candidate Application Form

Illinois NAWGJ Members eligible to run are: Ackman, Axelson-McClelland, Barbato, Betty Bennett, Brooke Bennett, Boeck, Brosnan, Cacchione, Carlson, Carmona, Chemielewski, Debolt, B.Ellis, E. Ellis, Forbes, Gebhardt, Greene, Grimes, Harwood, Holtz, Huffman, Hugelier, Johnson-Durr, Johnson, Katz, Kearns, Klaus, Koga, Kozak, Kraus, Laswell-Smith, Marquardt, Marti, McDonald, Miller, Millmore, Mooney, Morano, Morris, Noe, Norris, Oberhauser, Oldham, Peebles, Pulley, Redmond, Roberts, Roehrig, Sabel, Sandoval, Sargeant, Schuh, Schultz, Sedlacek, Stone, Swanberg, Teague, A.Tritt, D.Tritt, Uhlir, Woloszyk, Zimmerman

Provided all of the listed eligibility is met. Illinois NAWGJ Members are responsible for eligibility. i.e., age and minimum length of certification.

Contact Jean Johnson if you feel your name should be included and is not.

Election concerns should go directly to Jean Johnson, State Judging Director.

Ballots are mailed to all state members of NAWGJ by the State Judging Director. Any NAWGJ voting member must meet the criteria for eligibility to vote 90 days prior to the date ballots are sent.

Ballots will be sent out June 15th. The ballots include:

1. Election procedures
2. Names and qualifications of each candidate
3. Official ballot
4. Postmarked date for return, **June 30**
5. Stamped, addressed return envelope
6. Official ballot envelope

Ballots are due June 30th

Contact Jean if you do not receive a ballot.

June 30 Ballots are sent to the Regional Judging Director for counting. The Regional Judging Director should have three (3) witnesses to help in the counting of the votes. The Regional Judging Director sends results to the candidates, SJD and the Vice President. The RJD should use the ballot tally form.

July 15 The SJD sends election results to the state membership.

July 15 The newly elected State Governing Board Members assume office.

NOTE: If any of the deadline dates fall on a Sunday or Legal Holiday, procedures should be advanced to the next business day. Therefore, Candidate Application Forms are due June 1st.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR STATE GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

It is the duty of the State Judging Director to compile a list of all persons who are eligible to run for State Governing Board Member. The State Governing Board (SGB) is to be made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of nine members unless otherwise approved by the RJD.

May 1

A list of all eligible candidates should be published in the State Newsletter or sent to the State Membership by the present SJD. The membership should be informed of the date to expect the ballots to be mailed with a description of the voting procedures.

The present SJD sends each eligible candidate a letter, which includes:

1. Letter of Eligibility and Duties of the office of State Governing Board Member
2. Form letter to be completed by the candidate stating qualifications.
3. Deadline date of **June 1**. Failure to respond by the deadline date (postmarked) indicates that the candidate does NOT wish to run for the office.

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(Refer to page 3-1 for specific timeline guidelines.)

Dates To Remember

Clinic at Aerial

June 7th

Clinic at Maine South H. S.

June 16th

Clinic at Maine South H. S.

June 23rd

USA Brevet Course

July 11-15

Indianapolis

National Course 1

July 15-18

Indianapolis

National Course 2

July 18-21

Indianapolis

National Congress-Dallas, TX

August 13-16

Gymnastics Etc Clinic & Tests

August 21-23

Tentative Date

Region 5 Mini Congress

September 18-20

Schaumburg, IL

South Judges Cup

October 3-4

North Judges Cup

November 13-15

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ILLINOIS NAWGJ STATE BOARD Position Descriptions

Illinois State Judging Director

Directs the State NAWGJ association, chairs the State Governing Board and delegates responsibilities, attends all state meetings and the National State Judging Directors Meeting, is responsible to the Regional Judging Director (from the State Judges Director Guide).

North Assigner/South Assigner

The Assigner receives judges' request forms, tracks availability, assigns meets based on guidelines, contracts meets, collects assigning fees, and maintains assigning accounts. North assigner works with State USAG in developing the calendar of meets for the season.

North Judges Cup, South Judges Cup

Meet Director and Chair of Judges Cup Committees, responsible for budget and site.

Education

Responsible for the education of new judges, continuing education for current judges and those testing up, recruitment, mentoring, assists with State Congress, and coordinates clerks for state meets.

Newsletter and Web Site

Publishes a minimum of four newsletters a year (usually 10). Distributes Illinois NAWGJ information, with the approval of the SJD, through the website, newsletters, and e-mail as directed. Newsletters are mailed to members when requested. Sends the newsletter to the National Board and the Region 5 SJDs. Develops and maintains the website. Is responsible for website payment, with reimbursement by treasurer with receipt.

Treasurer/Professional Benefits Administrator

Maintains all accounts, signs checks and pays bills, prepares the tri-annual financial report, records and pays professional benefits.

Administrative Assistant/Secretary

Records all minutes, discussions of Board Meetings, assists in additional projects as needed, updates Illinois NAWGJ by-laws, and assists with Congress and Training Camps.

Ethics Chairman

The Ethics Chairman is not an elected position. The Ethics Chair attends Meetings, engages in Board discussions but is a non-voting position. The Ethics Chairman assists the SJD with ethical concerns of the members, when situations go beyond chain of normal command (Meet Referee and Meet Director).

Board Compensation

Board members receive \$300 in their Professional Benefits account after each year of service. The Assigners receive \$1,000 toward receipted expenses for a Judging Clinic yearly, or \$500 to be credited to their Professional Benefits Account.

ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

- A. All National, Regional, State and At-Large Directors and Officers shall be 21 years of age.
- B. All State Governing Board Members shall be certified judges for a minimum of one year (12 months).
- C. Must live in the state that is the address on record with the national office unless RGB has approved otherwise.
- C. A candidate must be in good standing under the canons and disciplinary rules of the NAWGJ Code of Professional Responsibility.
- D. Must meet eligibility requirements 90 days before ballots are to be sent.



DUTIES OF THE STATE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

Be elected in order to vote. If they are not elected, they may not carry out duties which allow them to handle funds, issue contracts, vote on State Governing Board (SGB) issues, or write newsletters or anything in print on behalf of the NAWGJ.

Be responsible to the State Judging Director.

Represent the state where address is on file with the national office unless special circumstances are stated in a petition to the SGB in writing.

Be present at all Governing Board meetings and present, discuss, and vote on pertinent issues.

Fulfill the specific duties as outlined by the State Judging Director for the Board position held.

Approve the budget for Judges' Cups or other special events.

Consult with the State Judging Director about expenditures of more than \$200.00 for depreciable items and \$100.00 for non-NAWGJ activities or expenditures for gifts or donations.

Expenditures incurred by a State Governing Board Member must be approved in writing by the State Judging Director.

Enforce the adherence to high ethical standards in judging.

Failure to attend two consecutive State Governing Board Meetings shall constitute an automatic suspension. A proxy will not fulfill the attendance requirement. A proxy may be designated if they are a current elected member of the SGB and must be approved by the State Judging Director.

STATE GOVERNING BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

Letter to Candidate Notifying Eligibility - **STATE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

Date: May 1, 2009

You are eligible to run for the office of STATE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER for the term of two years. If elected your term would BEGIN ON JULY 15, 2009 and end on JUNE 30, 2011.

If you are interested in running, please complete the form below regarding your qualifications and background and return to the State Judging Director by June 1, 2009. (Request RETURN RECEIPT, please) Failure to respond (postmarked by the deadline date) indicates that you do NOT wish to run for office. This application will be COPIED and sent out with the ballot.

STATE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

BOARD POSITION APPLYING FOR: _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

RATING _____ DATE _____

NAWGJ BACKGROUND:	YEARS OF SERVICE:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

ADDITIONAL
CRED-

ITS: _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE DO NOT ADD PAGES. THIS IS THE ONLY PAGE TO BE SENT WITH THE BALLOT. SEND TO THE STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR:

Jean Johnson, SJD
5501 S Wolf
La Grange, IL. 60525

NAWGJ Membership List

The official NAWGJ membership list is on the Illinois NAWGJ website. Click on the Judges Only page and Phone Book link to access. The list that appeared in the First Quarter Newsletter was unofficial. The list was prepared by Sandy Oldham for everyone to check and notify IL NAWGJ of any mistakes. Thank you Sandy! Now all NAWGJ membership lists and the judges phone book should be up-to-date. The following mistake has been corrected in the list and should be corrected in your personal e-mail address books. Paula Noe's e-mail is paula.a.noe@gmail.com

Also, please note that Jeanne Johnson has changed her e-mail address. Jeanne's new address is ilsjdjean@att.net.

The NAWGJ phone book is up to date. Remember, to access the judges only page you must use your USAG number and a password. With the new website, everyone's USAG number and password needed to be re-entered. If you have not done so already, send your USAG number and password to Linda McDonald at webmaster@ilnawgj.com

2009-2013 RULE CHANGES ON THE USAG WEBSITE

Prepare to study!

The 2009-2013 Optional Rule changes have been posted on the USAG website.

Go to www.usa-gymnastics.org

- Click on Women
- Click on the Judges link
- Go to Judging Updates.
- Click on the April 2, 2009 document 2009-2013 JO Rule Changes

TESTING



Anyone eligible for the National Course or the USA Brevet course must register online at www.usa-gymnastics.org

Testing for all optional levels will commence after USAG National Congress. National Congress is being held in Dallas, TX August 13-15, 2009. All optional tests will be administered for the first time on Aug 16th in Dallas. There will be test dates in Illinois, TBA. There may be a compulsory study session and test prior to Aug 16, TBA.

SUMMER CLINICS AND STUDY GROUPS 2009

CLINICS

- June 7th Aerial Gymnastics Bar Clinic (Info on bottom of page)
June 16th Maine South High School in Park Ridge
Floor clinic 6:00 to 8:30 (doors open 5:00)
June 23rd Maine South High School in Park Ridge
Beam clinic 6:00 to 8:30 (doors open 5:00)

STUDY GROUPS

Study groups for level 10 and above

Judy Harwood's house

400 S. Plum Grove Rd

Palatine, IL 60067

847-359-0930

Will meet every Monday night from 6-9 p.m. starting June 1st through July 13th.

Paula Noe's house

105 April Lane

North Aurora, IL 60542

630-768-3061

Will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00 – 9:00 starting June 3, 10, 17, 24, and July 8th.

NO CLASS JULY 1st

CLINIC #1 2009

- When: Sunday June 7, 2009
What: Bar Clinic
Where: Aerial Gymnastics Club 1516 Brook, Downers Grove
630.495.0150

CLINIC AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR NEW AND CURRENT NATIONALS

- 7:00 are Doors Open Coffee, tea, and light breakfast
7:45 take your seat
7:55 – 9:30* Welcome/Intro
National Course Overview

CLINIC-LEVEL 10 UNEVEN BAR LECTURE AND GYMNAST SKILL DEMONSTRATION

- 9:30 – 10:15 Judges Brunch Sponsored by Illinois NAWGJ
10:20 take your seat
10:30 -2:30* Uneven Bar Lecture
Gymnast Demonstrations
Basic Skills, Combinations, Releases, Dismounts
Combinations Performing New Changes in the Code
Questions and Answers

**Please enter the gym quietly and take a seat in the back when coming in late.*

**Please show respect for all presenters. Refrain from conversation and hold questions until the scheduled question and answer time or at the presenters discretion.*

**CPE Credit: Based on credits for lecture hours attended*

2009 Women's Judges' Courses

2009 WOMEN'S USAG-BREVET JUDGES' COURSE

July 12 – 15, 2009

Saturday, July 11	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Registration/check-in
Sunday, July 12	8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration/check-in
Monday, July 13	8:30 am – 6:30 pm	Lectures/Practice Judging & Exams
Tuesday, July 14	8:30 am – 6:00 pm	Last exams/ Technique Lectures/Review of Level 7-9 rules
Wednesday, July 15	8:30 – 9:30 am 9:45 – 11:45 12:00 – 1:30	Technique Lecture Elite Compulsory Review Luncheon /Closing /Results

2009 WOMEN'S NATIONAL JUDGES' COURSE #1

July 15 – 18, 2009

For individuals taking the National Course for the first time

Wednesday, July 15	12:00 - 6:00 pm	Registration/check-in
Thursday, July 16	9:00 – 6:15 pm	Lectures/Practice Judging/Exams
Friday, July 17	8:30 am – 6:30 pm	Lectures/Practice Judging & Exams
Saturday, July 18	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Last exams/Review of Level 7-9 rules

2009 WOMEN'S NATIONAL JUDGES' COURSE #2

July 19 – 21, 2009

For individuals holding a current/previous National rating.

Saturday, July 18	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Registration/check-in
Sunday, July 19	7:30 – 8:30 am	Registration/check-in
Monday, July 20	8:30 am – 8:30 pm	Lectures/Practice Judging & Exams
Tuesday, July 21	9:00 am – 12:15 pm	Last exams/Review of Level 7-9 rules

Host Organization: USA Gymnastics

Course Fee: \$200

Go to the following private links to register online by June 1, 2009:

- **National** - [Click here to register](#)
- **Brevet** - [Click here to register](#)

Course Director: Ms. Cheryl Hamilton, Chairman of USAG-WTC

Course Instructors: Audrey Schweyer, Marian Dykes and Connie Maloney

Site Coordinators: Ms. Kathy Kelly, Mr. Gary Warren, Mr. Steve Whitlock and Ms. Rachel Brazo

Hotel:

SHERATON HOTEL

8787 Keystone at the Crossing

Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

The Sheraton Hotel is approximately 36 minutes (26.8 miles) from the airport. You must call USA Gymnastics' Travel Partner, National Travel Systems, at 1-888-603-8747 to make reservations or register online at their website: www.ntssportstravel.com.

Go to Select Event, select Gymnastics-Women, then Womens Judges Course 2009.

Standard King or Double Room: \$104.00 - single/double; \$124 -triple; \$144 - quad

Suite King or Double room: \$154.00 - Single/Double; \$174 - triple; \$194-quad

Meeting Suite King or Double: \$184.00-Single/double; \$204.00-Triple; \$224.00-quad

Plus tax, currently 15%

Cut-off date for our room block is JUNE 18, 2009. Please make your reservations before then to assure the prices listed above.

Airport Shuttle Service: Carey Indiana 1-800-888-4639, in Indiana call 317-241-7100

Reservations are recommended for arrival; required for departure.

\$33.91 plus gratuity (share-ride) one-way. If 3-6 people are arriving at same time, it's best to reserve a private limo at \$74.69 plus tip.

Go to Ground Transportation Center across street from Baggage Claim

NOTE: Carey raised their rates in January, 2009. This is the current rate.

DISCUSSION MINUTES FROM IL-NAWGJ MEETING

2/5/2009 Secretary: Sandy Oldham

OPEN IL-NAWGJ MEETINGS

Not required in National By-Laws and many other states do not have them
Illinois has had open meetings at State USAG Congress, Aerial Clinic, Fall Clinic (L. Reid)

BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings scheduled for February, May, and August. One open Board Meeting a year will be scheduled. There will be an open Board Meeting in conjunction with Region 5 Mini Congress (Sept. 18-20, 2009)

BOARD MEMBERS

All positions were defined including duties, responsibilities.
The secretary will type up, and distribute this information, and with the approval of the board, post the information on the web site.
Board members were reminded to submit their budget to the treasurer. Make certain to include Mileage to meetings, update virus protection on IL-NAWGJ computers, computer repairs (Excluding viruses), and office supplies.
Reminded board members of their responsibility to respond to e mail motions, and vote by e mail. Votes on the phone will not be considered valid.

BUDGET AND FINANCE PROCESS

All expenses must follow the procedures set forth by NAWGJ
Treasurer must have receipts (NAWGJ does not allow canceled checks to serve as a receipt)
SJD must give approval for payment. All transactions are recorded.
Treasurer must file Tri-Annual Financial Report (Nov, March, June)
SJD and RJD reviews report, and then it is submitted to the National Treasurer.
Any questions regarding the report must be cleared up.

TREASURERS REPORT

IL-NAWGJ has only one fund raiser. There is a yearly cycle starting with the Judges' Cups in the fall. NAWGJ funds will increase due to revenue from the Meets and decrease as the funds are used throughout the next 12 months. The Tri Report shows actual numbers on a specific date. Also, because we are a non-for-profit organization, the IRS will not allow us to carry over large sums from year to the next year.

IL-NAWGJ JUDGES CUP PROFITS PAY FOR:

1. NAWGJ Dues for those who work one day of the Judges' Cup
2. Covers expenses for state clinics (ex, fall clinic with Laurie Reid)
3. Scholarships: Athletes scholarships, Erna Wachtel Award, Special appreciation awards, Doris Rutherford Award.
4. Funds Professional Benefits Accounts for those who work the Cup. These funds may be used for judging related expenses, with proper receipts.
5. Operating expenses
6. Clerks (4) for 9-10 State meet
7. Pay for 3rd judge at 9-10 State meet (4th judge paid for by State USAG)
8. Support one Illinois judge to participate in the National Judges Cup (max \$1,000)

The percentage of our Judges Cup profits that go directly to our membership, far exceeds that of other states.

IL-NAWGJ BOARD RECOMMEDATIONS FOR STATE JUDGES TO IL-USAG

The Board has an established process for selecting judges to be recommended to judge State Meets. The Board will review this process at the next Meeting.

Role of SJD and assigners at IL-USAG meeting: Various opinions expressed.

1. Only present factual information on spread sheet*, along with recommended list of judges. No verbal comments from assigners and SDJ concerning individual judges.
2. If asked, the SJD and assigners may comment on individual judges, and answer questions that the State USAG Board asks, including judges' experience and professionalism.

*name, rating, number of years judging, number of meets available for the season, number of meets actually judged, and any cancellations (and reasons—many valid)

ILLINOIS NAWGJ JUDGES CUP

As our only fund raiser, we must all encourage clubs to participate.

Brief discussion of critique book vs. judges giving verbal critique at each event.

Emphasized the importance of getting donations to keep costs down.

North Cup Chair gave detailed typed report of expenses, job description, and time table for work to be done for judges cup.

COMMUNICATION

The board discussed the importance of better communication with its members. More information will be available to our Illinois Judges on our web site, and with our newsletters.

FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERSHIP

The board received 4 letters from members about suggestions and concerns for ILNAWGJ. The board discussed many concerns addressed in these letters, and will address additional concerns in the next meeting. The board appreciated that those members took the time to write these letters.



ILLINOIS NAWGJ BOARD MINUTES
February 5, 2009

Meeting called to order 6:15 PM

Present: Jeanne Johnson, State Judging Director
Mary Lou Ackman, North Assigner
Betty Axelson-McClelland, North Judges Cup
Kathie Gebhardt, Education
Billie Stone, South Assigner
Cathy Peebles, South Judges Cup
Linda McDonald, Newsletter /Web Site
Cyndi Zimmerman, Treasurer
Sandy Oldham, Secretary/ Administrative Assistant
Mary Krause, Ethics (non-voting)

Treasurer's report: State balance: \$38,976.32

Actions Taken at the Meeting:

Motion by Billie Stone: The non-voting ethics board member will receive \$300 in benefits to be used for educational purposes. Second: Mary Lou Ackman. Passed.

Motion by Sandy Oldham: Expenses to be reimbursed with a receipt, must be submitted to the treasurer with one month, with exceptions to be approved by the board. Second: Linda McDonald. Passed.

Motion by Kathy Gebhardt: The benefit level for working Judges Cup 2008 will be \$30 per session to be credited to members benefits account. Second: Betty Axelson-McClelland. Passed.

Motion by Kathy Gebhardt: Clerks for 9-10 State Meet 2009 will be paid \$25.00 per session to help cover their expenses, and will be deposited in their benefits account. Second: Linda McDonald. Passed.

Motion by Kathy Gebhardt: The Illinois NAWGJ will submit a list of recommended judges for all State Meets and a spread sheet of objective information on all judges, and assigners will not attend the meeting. Second: Linda McDonald. 3 for, 4 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion failed.

Motion by Mary Lou Ackman: Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Second by Cathy Peebles. Passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Oldham
Administrative Assistant/Secretary

CALLING ALL CREATIVE MINDS!!
STUDY AIDES NEEDED FOR CLINICS

Everyone learns differently, and for the clinics in June, we would like to provide a variety of study aides that you have made for yourself, but are willing to share with other judges. It could be one event or more and any format that works for you! Please type all work. If you make flash cards, these can be duplicated and cut (no more than 4 cards to a page please). We'll get them ready for the clinics. We can make copies of anything that cannot be sent out in e-mail form. Please put your name, e-mail, and date on the border of your work. Our schedule for our Study Aides project is as follows: by **MAY 27** e-mail or send study materials to Arlene Norris, who has graciously agreed to double-check all materials for accuracy. This will give Arlene time to check all materials, get them e-mailed out before the clinics, and time to get some items duplicated.

Arlene's e-mail: arlenenorris@comcast.net address: 4440 Waubansie, Lisle, Il. 60532

If you get a brainstorm for a great study aid after May 27, e-mail it to Kathie Gebhardt, gym-judge59@aol.com . Distribution will be thru e-mail, the website and a sample table at the Clinics.

The dates for the August Clinic in Bloomington are August 21-23 at Gymnastics Etc. hosted by Teresa Millmore. This is tentative and in development. There will be judges clinic for all levels. There will be in-gym work with gymnasts levels 4-10 Testing is planned for levels 5/6, 7/8, 9 and 10 based on the availability of the tests.

2009 Beach Meet



Need four judges for the Beach Meet, Saturday, July 18th (National Course Weekend), possibly flowing into Sunday, July 19. Please let Mary Lou know if you are available for Saturday only, or Saturday and possibly Sunday!

Also, good news from Cindy Morano and the Chicago Park District!!! If you have had your background check done and can send Cindy your information as to your "Background Check" expiration date, you will NO LONGER be required to be fingerprinted! This is great news.

Illinois NAWGJ Board Meeting Agenda

May 17th, 2009

1. Illinois State Board
 - a. Duties and Responsibilities-Review
 - i. Clarify the number of newsletters
 - ii. The SJD National Meeting is June-decision website/newsletters
 - a. Expenses
 - b. Transitioning new Board Members
 - c. Board Mechanics and Protocol

2. Review Recommendations to the USAG Committee for State Meet Assigning

- a. Review IL-NAWGJ Procedure
 - i. Spreadsheet Report
 - ii. Recommended list of Judges

A list of judges is sent to each Board Member. Results are tabulated and compiled. This is done independently and prior to the Board Meeting. At the Board Meeting the compiled list is presented. Determine an approval rating, (2008 75%). Using listed criteria, reviewed each judge for each state meet. Call for a second review. Finalize the list of Recommended Judges. Send Recommended List to the Illinois USAG Committee.

- iii. SJD attends the USAG SAC Meetings
- iv. Question –Should the Assigners attend USAG SAC Meeting?
- b. Review IL-NAWGJ Criteria

Rating, years of experience, active judging, professionalism

3. Assigners Sub-Committee Report
4. Education Report
 - a. 2009 Clinics
 - b. Study Groups
 - c. Review the vote on Clerks for State Meet
5. Judges Cup Sub-Committee Report
6. Treasurer and Professional Benefits Report
7. Administrative Assistant Report
Open NAWGJ Board Meeting September 18-20
8. Review of meetings
August Meeting date and site