

ILLINOIS USAG NEWSLETTER

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You may advertise for your upcoming meets. We do not accept advertisements from clubs wanting a new coach. We do accept coaches' applications looking for a job though.

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www.Region5/Illinois.com

State Congress will be July 8-11, 2004. Mark your calendars now so you may join us for a fun filled learning experience.

Nomination forms for the USAG Committee are in this newsletter. Please take a look at them and see who you would

like to represent you at the meetings. Nomination forms are due by May 10th.

REGION V CAMPS

Supercamp Aug 13-15

Hotshot Camp Sept 10-12

High Tech Camp Oct 1-3

Forward Progress Nov 5-7
Location Naperville
Gymnastics.

Don't forget to help out with the Region V apparel fund. Congratulations on the great competition in region 5. Everyone did great.

Level 8 Regionals
Illinois did great at level 8 regionals we took 7 out of 10 age groups in the state teams. Wonderful job! Way to go Illinois!

Meet scheduling meeting will be in August. Please look at the committee minutes as to how the procedure will work this year. All clubs will initially get one meet on the schedule until all clubs who want a meet have the opportunity to get one.

Banquet invites will be sent out the first or second week of May. Please be looking for them and be ready to pass them out to your athletes who qualified to attend.

Reminder that all coaches can attend if they want. If you have a free athlete you get one coach from your club free. Call Teresa if you have further questions.

Illinois State Administrative
Committee Chairman's Report
Norbert Bendixen

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For the most up to date information Please visit the Illinois Web Page
Region5.com/Illinois 5.com/Illinois

Elections 2004 The following positions are up for Election this year

- **Level 10 Chair**
 - **Level 8 Chair**
 - **Level 6 Chair**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Elite Chairman**
- ◆ Nominations due May 10th
 - ◆ Resumes due May 20th, faxed, emailed to Terry Theobald
TTheobald@aol.com
 - ◆ Please realize that our committee chairs often wear many hats. Please make sure that the person that you nominate is capable of realizing which hat they are wearing and when.
 - ◆ Please review the Nominations form for the upcoming elections. It is very important that you have the representation that you wish on our Committee. We try to represent your feelings as best as we can and it starts with the procedure of nomination.
 - ◆ Please make sure that you have contacted the person that you are nominating. They must be aware and agree with their nominations.
 - ◆ This job is a very important one. The following characteristics are important before nominating.



Level Chairman's Responsibilities

- 1) Be a USAG member in Good Standing
- 2) Knowledgeable with both Illinois and USAG R&P.
- 3) Be able to make decisions for the good of the entire USAG program and to be able to differentiate between that and their own interests.
- 4) Be the State Chairperson for their particular level.
- 5) Track participant's "in" and "out" of their specific level.
- 6) Be present and assist in the State Meet Series.
 - a) Work with the Meet Director to ensure that the meet run according to all of the rules that apply.
 - b) Establish age groups for level.
- 7) Level 8/9/10
 - i) Keep the Region, National Personnel updated with all necessary information.
 - ii) Be present at the Regional Meet ,if possible, to distribute the state gift.
- 8) Have access to a Pentium computer
 - a) Microsoft Office is advisable since most of the communications that are sent among the State Committee is sent in that format.

- 9) Have a secure email address.
- 10) Have a fax machine that is confidential.
- 11) Be able to attend all Committee meetings usually 3-4 annually, held at most major gymnastics events (State Meet, State Congress, Regional Congress etc.).
- 12) Understand that this position has the responsibility of confidentiality.

Secretary Responsibilities

- 1) Be a USAG member in good standing.
- 2) Vote on issue for the betterment of the sport of gymnastics.
- 3) Publish and distribute the newsletter.
- 4) Record and publish the minutes of all Committee meetings.
- 5) Be responsible for necessary mailings.
- 6) Have access to Pentium computer.
- 7) Have a secure email address.
- 8) Have a fax machine that is confidential.
- 9) Be able to attend all Committee meetings usually 3-4 annually, held at most major gymnastics events (State Meet, State Congress, Regional Congress etc.).
- 10) Understand that this position has the responsibility of confidentiality.

Elite Chairman's responsibilities

- 1) Be a USAG member in good standing.
- 2) Keep state abreast of Elite Program in Illinois.
- 3) Knowledgeable with both Illinois and USAG R&P.
- 4) Have access to Pentium computer.
- 5) Have a secure email address.
- 6) Have a fax machine that is confidential.
- 7) Be able to attend all Committee meetings usually 3-4 annually, held at most major gymnastics events (State Meet, State Congress, Regional Congress etc.).
- 8) Understand that this position has the responsibility of confidentiality.
- 9) Be able to make decisions for the good of the entire USAG program and to be able to differentiate between that and their own interests.

Level 8 Regionals Once again, Illinois teams did well at the recent Level 8 Regional hosted by St. Charles & Naperville Gymnastics Clubs. Illinois won 7 of 10 age groups. Hats off to all the hard work that our athlete's have put forth this year.

Meet Scheduling Reminder to all **Meet directors**. In response to problems that arose during the season, there will be a slight tweaking of the system. At our Committee Meeting at Level 8 State, we reviewed the meet scheduling procedure. Please refer to the minutes of that meeting for an explanation of the change.

I need, in hand, your written intentions for Priority 1 meets by May 10th. Send via NorbertL@aol.com

λ LARGE OUT OF HOUSE

λ CONTRACTED MEET i.e. IGI Chicago Style / St. Jude Meet.

These will be posted on the website so that Meet Directors for other OUT OF HOUSE meets can be aware of how the schedule is shaping up. These will be considered **Priority 2**

NAWGJ Judges. To Friends of Grete Treiber (the Hungarian Queen!),



Grete is retiring from Indiana State Univ. after a 46 year career of teaching Physical Education and coaching Women's Gymnastics. As we are sure all of you remember, Grete hosted several of the USAG National Compulsory Workshops, was a Brevet judge for years, judging several international competitions, and was a pioneer for Women's Collegiate Gymnastics. Grete was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988 for her many contributions to the USAG Women's Gymnastics Program.

Since many of us are not able to attend her retirement/celebration at Indiana State Univ. in Terre Haute on May 7, we wanted to give Grete a scrapbook filled with letters of congratulation or fun memories from her many Gymnastics friends all over the country. If you could get your letters to us by **APRIL 25**. That will give us time to assemble the scrapbook and get it to Grete in time for her retirement celebration. Please include your address and/or phone number with your letter for Grete. You can send your letter any one of the following ways – mail, fax, or e-mail. We look forward to hearing from you to make Grete's retirement even more special.

Send e-mails to Sandy Oldham, sewold@aol.com

Or send your letters by mail to:

Betty Axelson-McClelland

20 Covered Bridge Rd.

So Barrington, IL 60010 FAX: 847-382-5640

"Dahling," as Grete would say, **THANK YOU** For any note or letter you can send the "Hungarian Queen" -- we know it will mean a great deal to her!

If you have any questions, call Sandy Oldham @ 847-961-6476 or Betty Axelson-McClelland @ 847-382-7487.

Sincerely, Betty and Sandy

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO OTHERS IN OUR GYMNASTICS COMMUNITY.



Illinois "Partners in Gymnastics" (Cyndi Zimmerman)

- λ Please plan on attending. We have arranged for some very exciting guest speakers
 - More on who will come later so please keep your eyes open
 - Awards Banquet for all (Teresa Millmore)
 - Senior Athletes
 - National qualifiers
 - More
 - State Training Camps (Mary Joe Burke)



Subject: 2004 Training Camps

Hi all, Here are the dates for the camps. Could you please get this information out to your state clubs as soon as possible?

REGION V !!

Supercamp Aug 13-15 (possible 2 different locations)

Hotshot Sept. 10-12

HighTech Oct 1-3

Forward Progress Nov. 5-7 Location Naperville Gymnastics, Naperville, IL

If anyone is interested in hosting one of the camps please contact Dan Miller @ 815-730-7453 or email me at aerialarena@peoplepc.com. I will be sending out specifics for each camp along with registration info soon.

Thanks, Dan the Coach

REGION V REGIONAL MEETS SUCCESS

FROM CHAR CHRISTANSEN

A HUGE THANK YOU TO JOHN GEDDERT AND THE TWISTARS FOR THE LEVEL 9 AND 10 SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL MEET. IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT MEET TO RUN AND IT WAS A POSITIVE COMPETITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR GYMNASTS. ALSO, ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU TO KEITH CARTER AND NAPERVILLE BOOSTERS FOR OUR LEVEL 8 MEET THAT HAD A WONDERFUL MARDI GRAS THEME FOR ALL THE GYMNASTS TO ENJOY. WE HAD GREAT NUMBERS OF COMPETITORS AT EACH MEET WITH WONDERFUL REGION V COMPETITION AT A HIGH LEVEL. A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO HILLARY CARLSON WHO IS KNOWN FOR BEING OUR REGION V QUEEN AND HELPED US ALL WITH THE REGION V

PETITION PROCESS. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL REGIONAL MEETS FOR THE JUDGES, PARENTS, COACHES, AND GYMNASTS !!! GO

Region 5 Apparel Fund: Lets do our part. Every year our Regional athletes recognize how truly great it is to be a Region 5 Level 10 National Qualifier. The Region goes out of its way to supply the athletes with a plethora of Apparel. With Illinois success this year please keep this fund in mind. Thanks.

Region 5 Golf Outing All proceeds will go to the Region 5 Apparel Fund. More information on this a t a later date. Please keep looking on the website for more info.

Region 5 Congress When: August 5-8
Where: Kids First (Queen City) Cincinnati



Hammer Corporation/Innovative

Candy Concepts: We will be unveiling our new product at the premier Expo in the candy

industry, June 8-10 in Chicago IL. The expo draws national and international media. This event is the showcase for all new candy products for the upcoming year. We would like to invite your Trampoline team to participate with demonstrations at the show in our booth. We have a premier location with one of the largest booth spaces. We think this would be a great fit to have your gymnastic team supporting healthy active lifestyles for kids.

We are looking for youths, ages 5-16, for Trampoline demonstrations. We would like to schedule the demonstrations through out the days. It could either be one team or different ones coming in. If you could please contact us regarding your availability and fee structure at your earliest convenience. I look forward to speaking with you.

Kind Regards;

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Vanessa Zamarippa of Midwest Twisters qualified to International Elite at the American Challenge where she was the top Junior in the compulsories (37.175) and Optionals (34.425). She also won Vault & Beam. She was the only gymnast of 39 to qualify to international elite.

Committee Meeting was held at Level 8 State on March 27, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 5:20pm.

Present

Norbert Bendixen - State Chair

Randy Peebles - JO Chair

Todd Gardner – Elite Chair

Dianne Durham - Level 10 Chair

Randy Parrish – Level 9 Chair

Mary Jo Rohrig – Level 8 Chair

Cindy Zimmerman - Level 7 Chair

Sari Ferraro – Level 6 Chair

Judy Redmond – Level 5 Chair

Teresa Millmore – Secretary

Jean Johnson – NAWGJ

Leonard Issacs – Education Chair

Don McPherson – Safety Chair

Absences

Terry Theobald – Election Chair

1. Level 9 Regionals will be 2 judge panels with a traditional format. That means that you will get 1 ½ minutes for warm ups. Level 10 will be 4 judge panel warm up – compete format.
2. State Congress - Same prices as last year. The high school coaches can come for the same price as a USAG member.

As an incentive to the judging community they can be added on to a club roster by going in and volunteering time to a club. Motion by Mary Jo, Todd seconded, not passed.

Level 4 state champions should be invited to the banquet and pay their own way. Motion by Teresa, Sari seconded, not passed.

Teresa will be in charge of the banquet again with help from Sari and Judy.

Everyone should be emailing Cyndi with ideas for clinic topics that they would like to see at congress.

Judy will do training camp with Mary Jo's help.

3. 2004-2005 competitive calendar.

We will be keeping all levels structured the same for state meets. Motion by Judy, Mary Jo seconded, unanimous.

Level 6 State will be March 5/6, Level 7 State will be March 12/13, Level 4/5 State will be April 30/May 1, Level 9/10 State will be March 19/20. Motion by Randy Parrish, Dianne seconded, unanimous.

Level 8 State will be placed on April 2/3 as of now with the assumption that regionals will be when we think. Could be changed if regionals is. Motion by Mary Jo, Cyndi seconded, unanimous.

4. Meet Scheduling Meeting – All clubs will be allowed only one meet on the schedule until all clubs have the opportunity to get a meet if they want one. Please send in your date you want by July 1st with how many judges you need. The meet scheduling meeting will be in August.
 5. Committee Nominations are to be put out in the next newsletter
- Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

ILLINOIS USAG STATE Committee NOMINATION FORM

Your Name _____

USAG # _____ Telephone # _____

Nominee's Name _____

Telephone # _____

Position Nominated For _____

I have contacted the above named individual and have his/her permission to nominate him/her for the position stated above.

Signed _____ Date _____

** Fill out the form completely and mail it to Terry Theobald, Election Commissioner, 200 S Shaddle Lane, Mundelein, IL 60060. You may also fax it to Terry at (847) 699-1187 or email him at Ttheobald@aol.com. All nominees must have a resume sent in by May 20, 2004. Nomination forms are due in hand by May 20, 2004.