

News for Artistic Gymnastics Judges

July 2000 Issue

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Jen's Journal (July 2000)

Since the bar exam is approaching rapidly, I am going to make this short. I just returned from the State Judging Directors' workshop in Minneapolis, MN. What a great experience! Not only did I get a lot of information, but I got to spend time talking to the SJDs from all 50 states about things they do in their state regarding such issues as the fee structure, fund-raisers and how to get 100% of your judges wearing the official uniform. We were given so much information that I need to share with you that I thought I'd do it in a newsletter. Please read this carefully as there is a ton of information that you need to know! See you at Judges' Cup!

Jen

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NAWGJ National Symposium (July 2000)

Mark your calendars...

The NAWGJ National Symposium is coming to California in 2001. The symposium is being held in Newport Beach at the Hyatt Newporter in July of 2001. This is a fantastic opportunity. We would like to see several Nor-Cal judges attend. It is the only National level clinic totally dedicated to judges and judging. More information will be sent at a later date. Start tucking away a few judging checks to fund your trip.



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Uniform, Uniform, Uniform! (July 2000)

A parting note from Yvonne Hodge, Past President, NAWGJ

What sport that has officials does not require a standard uniform? Basketball, football, hockey and soccer officials are definitely required to wear a specific uniform. It makes them visible and professional looking. They don't "come to work" wearing a pair of navy pants and a shirt with polk-a-dots on it because they "didn't want to buy the uniform" or because they did not want to feel dictated to. In gymnastics, the officials belong to the judging association (NAWGJ) which represents them, negotiates their working conditions, and their fees, communicates with them by newsletter, provides educational materials, holds clinics, and ASSIGNS THEM.

The only thing NAWGJ asks in return is that the judge be responsible, prompt, ethical, and professional. One tremendous way to look professional and to support NAWGJ beliefs is to wear the uniform.

NAWGJ is not asking us to wear stripes or that loud "floor mat" blue color, only to look professional by dressing alike in the NAWGJ uniform. Wearing any navy suit doesn't qualify for wearing the uniform. This is very evident at meets where judges come in either a navy jacket and black pants, a black suit, a royal blue suit with pinstripes or other combinations of shades, textures, styles, and lengths.

It is better to "wear to fray" a uniform, than it is to ruin our other suits judging weekend after weekend. It is even financially feasible to pay for a few alterations on the uniform if it doesn't quite fit coming from the factory because we wear it so often, and the wear and tear will not then fall on our personal work clothes or street clothing.

Now you might venture the excuse that "those Brevets who judge Classics, American Cup, Olympic Trials, etc. have on their black or navy street suits". I will immediately reply, "Brother, Sister, when you or I have the pressure that those judges feel officiating at those stressful, nerve-racking events, we probably would say, wear chartreuse and pink to judge in if it will make you feel better!" (Most of those same judges wear the NAWGJ uniform when they are in the "trenches" the rest of the judging year.)

THE OFFICIAL NAWGJ UNIFORM! It is the Navy NAWGJ blazer and matching skirt with a white dress blouse, not a sweater, not a T-shirt, not cream or yellow. The idea is to look alike and professional. This is one occasion that we are not supposed to be making a "fashion statement".

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Hodge

Nor-Cal Wins a "Nettie" (July 2000)

Once each year, at the SJD workshop, the Executive Board of NAWGJ announces the winners of the Networking Awards (Netties) for various categories. Your SJD was very proud to accept a Nettie for Nor-Cal for the best Web Site. We would like to give recognition to Scott Slater who deserves all of the credit. Scott will receive the engraved paperweight that was presented to Nor-Cal NAWGJ. The other categories that are recognized include best feature article, most humorous article, best newsletter layout, best educational article, best educational video and most humorous video.

Congratulations Scott, and thanks for all your hard work. You make us all look good!



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Nor-Cal Judges Cup (July 2000)

If you have not yet responded to the Judges Cup flyer, please do so as soon as possible! We need to know who is able to work in order to begin working on the schedule. As you have probably noted, we are asking judges to select one day to work so the floor won't be so crowded and everyone won't get so worn out. We will, however, need some people for both days, so please indicate if you are willing to work both days.

In addition to a special gift, there will be a raffle for the judges with prizes that include uniforms and 2 trips to NAWGJ National Symposium next year in Newport Beach. We will also announce who is selected to represent us at the National Judge's Cup in Georgia.

We hope to see everyone there!

Our theme for decorations this year will be "Western".

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NEWS: What's Happening? (July 2000)

Welcome to our new judges:

Level 5/6 - Kari Armenta, Trisha Beeman, Brianne Blackwood, Kristin Kirby, Loren Parodi, Mary Pereira, Lauren Stuart

Congratulations to our judges who have "tested up":

Level 9 - Kelley Eiselen, Karen Swanson

Also:

Rob Leverton got married to Larry Wolcott on February 26, 2000.

Kristin Schrader is engaged.

Laurie Kensiski is engaged.

Toni Cupal had her new baby on June 22. Alessandra Isabella weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21" long. Mother and daughter are doing great.

Jennifer Shipman received her Juris Doctorate Degree.

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Region 1 Congress (July 2000)

NAWGJ has been extended the opportunity to attend Region 1 Congress at a reduced group rate. Here's the deal...

NAWGJ Group rates:

\$75.00 if paid by July 15

\$95.00 if paid by August 1

\$155.00 for on site registration (no discount allowed)

Send your completed registration form along with your payment (payable to NAWGJ) to Patty Shipman. All correspondence regarding Region 1 Congress will come to you through NAWGJ if you register as part of the group. Any NAWGJ member who has registered for Region 1 Congress prior to this notice will still receive the discount. Notify Patty Shipman and she will arrange for your refund of excess fees. All USAG professional members were mailed registration forms for Region 1 Congress. An additional copy is included in this newsletter for your convenience. **ACT NOW!**

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Just For Fun! (July 2000)

From your Newsletter Editor

Can you name the judge who was first to perform a full on beam? How about the judge who gave a 10.0 at a college meet?

We'd like to get some fun information about **you** to use in our newsletters to help our newer judges get to know everyone a bit better, as well as to increase our knowledge about our fellow judges whom we have known for years (or so we think!). Please complete the following information and send it to:

Jamie Ulloa, <deleted>

Keep in mind that any information you provide may be used in a future newsletter so only reveal what you don't mind everyone knowing about you. J You do not need to answer all of the prompts. Even **one** tidbit of information about yourself would be a great start. Feel free to use a separate piece of paper, call <deleted>, or e-mail me, julloa@tusd.net with the info you'd like to share about yourself.

Thanks for the help and look for the tidbits about you and your colleagues in the next issue of the newsletter!

♥*Jamie*

Here are some sample prompts for you to comment on briefly (or at length if needed). Choose any, all, or make up your own!

- # of years judging...
- # of children...
- # of pets...
- My best judging moment...
- My worst judging moment...
- My most embarrassing situation (judging or not)...
- The highlight of my life, thus far...
- I've always dreamed of...
- Can you believe I actually...
- I once thought...
- An accomplishment I am proud of...
- I once (or more) received an award for...
- If I could change one thing it would be...
- The most exotic place I've visited is...

Please feel free to include **any** interesting facts about yourself that you think other judges may or may not know about you.

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