



What's Happening at the IJA ?

Happy New Year!!!

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January DVD Sale

We're celebrating the New Year with a January DVD sale in the IJA store! Until the end of January, IJA members can stock up on many great juggling videos for just \$10 or \$15 each. The combo sale price for the IJA's three special DVDs is only \$35 compared to the normal \$60 member price (Best of the Seniors, Beauty of Three Ball Juggling, and The Jugglers That Jugglers Watch).

These super low prices are good only through January. Regular low member prices return on February 1st. Since member prices on these DVDs are now \$10 less than regular prices, you can save the cost of an IJA membership by buying just three DVDs. The complete list of sale items is below. Buy them through the IJA store.

New on DVD

The complete IJA video back list from the late 1980s is now available on DVD from the IJA Store, with the exception of 1998. We didn't think we could do this, as some of the master tapes had gone missing, but they turned up in a basement. Now if only we could find the missing episodes of Doctor Who as well, we could win a free Dalek.

The IJA Store: <http://www.juggle.org/store>

A- member sale price, B member regular price, C non-member price

Title on sale	A	B	C		A	B	C
Best of the Seniors 1984-2000	\$15	\$20	\$25	2003 Highlights	\$15	\$20	\$25
The Beauty of Three Ball Juggling	\$15	\$20	\$25	2003 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
The Jugglers That Jugglers Watch	\$15	\$20	\$25	2002 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
Three Pack - Best of Seniors, Beauty and TJTJW	\$35	\$60	\$75	2002 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Highlights/Champs twin pack	\$25	\$30	\$40	1997 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Individual Prop/Jazz n Juggle	\$10	\$15	\$20	1997 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Youth Showcase	\$10	\$15	\$20				
2005 Numbers	\$10	\$15	\$20	1996 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Three DVD package	\$30	\$40	\$50	1996 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2005 Five DVD package	\$45	\$60	\$70				
				1995 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
2004 Highlights	\$15	\$20	\$25	1995 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2004 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20				
2004 Youth Showcase	\$10	\$15	\$20	1994 Highlights	\$10	\$15	\$20
2004 Numbers	\$10	\$15	\$20	1994 Champs	\$10	\$15	\$20
2004 Highlights & Champs two DVD package	\$20	\$25	\$35				

Chief Teller needed for IJA Elections in July

The Chief teller ensures that the IJA election runs smoothly and fairly. Most of the work is done on the day of the election for about three hours. [See the full IJA Pre-Election and Election Regulations](http://www.juggle.org/business/electionregs.php) at <http://www.juggle.org/business/electionregs.php>

The chief teller has these main tasks:

- receives proxies, and collects the mail-in ballots prior to the festival balloting.
- arranges to have a distinctive festival ballot printed - a printable pdf file is provided.
- supervises the distribution of ballots during the election.
- supervises the counting of ballots / proxies and reports the result.

To volunteer for this job, send a note to nominations@juggle.org

To ask a previous chief teller what the job is really like, contact lewis@juggle.org

Four Reasons You Should Take Up Jogging Now, by Perry Romanowski

I learned to run before I was 2. I learned to juggle at 11. It was 14 years later during the Chicago Half Marathon that I learned to do them at the same time. With that race my marathoning and jogging obsession began.

Jogging (running and juggling) has been my passion for the last 10 plus years. I've completed 21 marathons and juggled the entire time during all but two. My goal is to finish 44. I do it because I can, and as I say on my blog <http://justyouraveragejoggler.com> "I'll never be the fastest runner or the best juggler, but maybe I can be the fastest juggler." Recently, I did an interview with Endurance Planet.com where you can hear all about it.

If your juggling has stalled at the 5-ball or 3-ball cascade and you just can't get that Devil Stick to stay up, consider giving jogging a try. Here are 4 good reasons to start jogging now.

1. **Jogging is healthier than juggling.** Juggling is great exercise but not as good as running. However, we all know juggling is more fun. Why not combine the two and get the best of both worlds? Remember, you only get so much time in this life. Combining activities is a great way to maximize your time. And while you're at it, try listening to an audio book while you juggle.
2. **You can be the best.** I figured out long ago that I won't be the fastest runner in the world. And based on some of the great juggling videos I've recently seen, I'm not going to be the greatest juggler in the world either. But if you can't win in one category, try competing in one that you can. As a runner, I'm not competitive. But as a jogger...I'm one of the top in the world. With practice, you can be too.
3. **Jogging makes people happy.** When running down the street people will rarely make eye contact. But when you're jogging people can't help but look and smile. Later, they'll also tell everyone they know about the person they saw running and juggling. There is something fascinating about seeing the unexpected and jogging is unexpected. It feels great to make people smile.
4. **You can juggle in front of a huge audience.** As you're jogging the marathons the claps are extra loud, the cheers are more frequent, and it will seem that each person you pass is grinning ear to ear. Even other runners see you and smile. And while physically jogging will be a bit tougher, psychologically you won't want the 26.2 miles to end. Just think, where else can you juggle in front of a crowd of hundreds of thousands of people? Even the greatest jugglers don't get to do that! You may even make it into your local paper or on the radio.

The Green Club Project - How to make the ultimate recycled juggling club at home

Several years ago, Jonathan Poppele designed a juggling club made out of empty pop bottles and old tennis balls. The interesting feature of this club is that it has a springy handle, just like the expensive clubs we all like. The weight and spin of the club are considerably adjustable. Best of all, it is a great recycling project. This solves the problem of teaching someone how to juggle clubs, and then watching their face drop when they find out that your clubs cost \$100+. Now they can make their own, and buy a good set when they're really hooked. Greg Phillips has edited a digital version of the plans with Jon which is now released under a Creative Commons license. A couple of sets of these clubs were well used in the Construction Zone at the Portland festival. They have been a popular feature of the Montreal Juggling Festival's junior festival for years. You can download the plans right now from the IJA web site at <http://www.juggle.org/howto/gcp.php>



Give IJA Business cards to new jugglers

The IJA business card is available on the web site at www.juggle.org/resources/ija_business_card.pdf. This pdf file is designed to print on standard pre-perforated business card stock. Or, print on heavy paper and cut them apart. It is an ideal reminder to give people who you have just taught to juggle and have told about the IJA. Local clubs can print their own coordinates on the other side. Keep a few in your prop bag. Note that the real thing is sharper than the version shown here.



Rendering Assistance to Jugglers since 1947

<http://www.juggle.org>

- Membership Information
- Annual Festival
- JUGGLE Magazine
- Festival DVDs
- World Juggling Day
- Training workshops
- Championships

Group Insurance - Not Yet

The recent insurance offering did not attract a sufficient number of IJA members to make the plan viable. Typically, group plans require hundreds of subscribers spreading the risk in order to interest an insurance company. Paczolt, the broker which offered the plan, is investigating alternative ways to offer a plan to IJA members. So, if you're interested in this insurance just keep your eyes and ears open on the website, e-newsletter, and magazine. Thanks to those who support this potential member benefit and showed an early interest! Any checks received in anticipation will be returned.

IJA Store - festival videos are now available in the IJA store

The 2006 festival videos were recently shipped and are already arriving at members' homes. If you haven't ordered a copy, or want to add one of the IJA's other videos to your collection, check out the IJA store at <http://www.juggle.org/buystuff.php>

Austin Festival Update

Cecile Poncet (Lyons, France) is confirmed as special guest for Jugglefest Austin (TX), Feb. 16-18, 2007. Other notables who have expressed interest include Mark Faje and Book Kennison. If you're interested in performing, teaching a workshop, or just looking for a place to crash, send an email to juggler at place.org <http://juggling.place.org/jugglefest/>



Join us for the 29th Annual Groundhog Day Jugglers Festival Atlanta, Georgia Feb 9-11, 2007

Gym Hours: Friday, Feb 9 5 pm – 10 pm
Saturday, Feb 10 10 am – 10 pm
Sunday, Feb 11 11 am – 5 pm

Great NEW location – Yaarab Shrine Center
400 Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30308
(from I-75/85 take Freedom Pkwy exit, go east on the pkwy, then left on Ponce de Leon Ave)

- Open juggling all weekend in big gym with great floor and lighting
- Competition for the PHIL trophy on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm
- Late night cabaret on Saturday at Horizon Theater at 11 pm
- \$15 registration for weekend of juggling, raffle ticket and 2 shows

For more information see our web site at www.atlantajugglers.org or call Jay Jones at (404) 288-7954 or email jay@juggler.net

IJA BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION RULES

Nominations are open for three seats on the IJA Board of Directors that are up for election in the summer of 2007. The size of the Board will remain at seven directors for the 2007-2008 term. Please see the Duties and Expectations of Board Members below.

Nominations may be made by any IJA member in good standing for at least one year. The election will occur during the annual summer festival. IJA members may cast votes by mail or in person at the festival.

Nominations as well as the candidacy statements of nominees **must be submitted by email to nominations@juggle.org** by the deadlines indicated below. No other form of submission is accepted.

Deadlines at 11:59pm Pacific Time

March 15, 2007	Nomination submission deadline for candidate's name to appear in our magazine (summer issue).
March 31, 2007	Candidacy statement submission deadline for statement to appear in our magazine (summer issue). Statements for our magazine are limited to 100 words.
June 15, 2007	Nomination submission deadline for candidate's name to appear on the ballot at the festival and on the web page. Write-in votes will be allowed on the ballot.
June 15, 2007	Candidacy statement submission deadline for statement to appear on the web page. Statements for the web page are limited to 350 words.

[See the full IJA Pre-Election and Election Regulations at www.juggle.org/business/nominations.php](http://www.juggle.org/business/nominations.php)

Duties and Expectations of Board Members

The IJA Board of Directors manages this nonprofit corporation for the benefit of its members. The board is composed of seven people, with elected directors serving two-year terms. Approximately half of the seats are up for election each summer.

The directors are asked to meet in person at the summer festival. Each board member sits on one or more committees, is expected to communicate regularly by email, must have web access, and will attend phone meetings about once a month. Directors should expect to spend some hours each week on behalf of the IJA.

In addition, all candidates should understand that the members of the Board of Directors are legally responsible as fiduciaries in setting the goals and policies of the IJA, managing its finances, overseeing its employees (if any), and administering its programs. At all times, the members of the Board of Directors must act in good faith and in the best interest of the corporation.

This is a great opportunity for you "to render assistance to fellow jugglers".

***Do you have a story to share here with IJA members?
Sure you do! Contact editor Don Lewis@juggle.org***