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What's Happening at the IJA ?

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Festivals:

Berlin, Germany
 IJA Lexington, KY
 EJC Karlsruhe, Germany
 PhillyFest, PA
 Pittsburgh, PA

IJA Festival 2008 - Lexington Kentucky - July 14 - 20

It Is Your Festival - You Should Be There!

Full fest information (including online registration, hotel info, a room/ride-sharing forum and more) is available at:
<http://www.juggle.org/festival>

Volunteers: The festival runs smoothly because a lot of you volunteer a few hours at the festival. You can sign up at the volunteer table at the festival, or reserve the job you want by sending an e-mail to Dina at festvolunteers@juggle.org

Registration Desk Would you like to help out at the registration table during the initial rush? It is a great way to connect names to faces at the beginning of the festival. Contact Jerry Martin@juggle.org to check out how you can help.

Cashiers: Keeping the money straight at the festival often means the treasurer does not get to leave the cash register all week. When a bunch of people try to help out in fits and starts, it just does not work out well. So this year we want to try a non-juggling cashier as either a paid or comped position for the week. This could be perfect for a non-juggling partner who needs a reason to come along for the week. If you are interested, please contact Kim Laird@juggle.org

Planting the Seed: Anyone who would like to perform in the Planting the Juggling Seed Show Thursday at 11am of the fest, email laird@juggle.org. This is a free public show for kids of all ages and their families. The purpose is to show the community what the IJA fest is all about and how enjoyable juggling can be. We strive to show a cross-section of jugglers...beginner, amateur, hobbyist and professional. The show will only take about an hour of your time.

Watch for your Summer JUGGLE magazine

The address label on the summer issue of JUGGLE has your **seven digit access code** on the mailing label. You will need this code to vote by mail. There is a printed ballot in the magazine and instructions on where to mail it.

Save the mailing label on the Summer issue of JUGGLE

If you did not receive JUGGLE magazine, you can still vote using the ballot to the right.

1. Contact memberships@juggle.org to get your seven digit access code.
2. Fill out the ballot, fold it twice, place it by itself in an envelope and seal the envelope. Do not sign the ballot. If you write in a nominee you must also check the box next to that name.
3. On the front of the sealed envelope containing your ballot: (a) write "Ballot Enclosed"; (b) sign your name; (c) print your name; (d) print your address; (e) print your new seven digit access code.
4. If more than one person in your family is voting, each one should repeat steps 1 and 2 above using a different envelope.
5. Place the envelope(s) in another envelope and mail to:

IJA Elections
LCVB c/o Bond Jacobs
301 East Vine Street
Lexington KY 40507-1513

6. Only those mail-in ballots received by 11:00 a.m. on July 16, 2008 will be counted.

2008 IJA Mail-in Ballot

Vote for a maximum of Four Candidates

- Richard Kennison
- Anthony Shave
- Mini Mansell
- Ken Farris
- Kevin Axtell

Please mark an X beside any write-in vote

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Treasury News by Don Lewis

We've been looking for a good solution to the treasury situation since Holly Greeley announced her intention to step down and pursue other interests. Holly has put us in a solid financial reporting position. It has been wonderful having timely and accurate financial statements for the last two years. Thank You very much, Holly.

Several members have inquired about helping, but clearly this is too much work for most people to be able to commit to. So, we are going to try a team approach. Kim Laird will be treasurer of record, with several volunteers helping with different aspects of the job. This will spread the work load as well as give us a broader knowledge base to depend on. The team will include Tim Sullivan, John Nikkel,

Rebecca Kresser, and Jim Steffens. As I write this, there are other members who are short on time, but are considering how they can help.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to understand what is involved.

At the recent June IJA Board meeting, a special motion was passed to thank Holly for the considerable work that she has done for the IJA in keeping our finances well organized and visibly transparent for the past two years. She will continue to provide a mentorship role as responsibilities are transferred to the new team.

Green Club News by *Don Lewis*

More and more people are showing up at events with green clubs in their hands. That means the word is spreading, creating more club jugglers for all of us to play with.

There will soon be a Spanish translation of the plans joining the English and French versions. The text has been translated, and the layout is in production. Translation into other languages is welcome. You don't have to do the layout, just translate the text.

There was a time when people were somewhat reticent to appear in public with home-made clubs. Clearly that is no

longer true. Green clubs are popping up all over as a clever recycling project. They even got a brief mention on the French language morning TV program Salut Bonjour.

Recently I was passing clubs with a new member and we decided to do seven clubs. Neither of us had a matching fourth club, so I grabbed a Green Club. "You can't be serious" he said. "Try it" I responded. He was pretty much astounded how well it mixed in with the Henrys we were using.

The Green Clubs are taking off because you guys are spreading the word. Thanks, and keep it up!

World Juggling Day 2008 Report by *Kim Laird*

World Juggling Day '08 took place on June 14 even though some "drops" were experienced along the way. I want to thank this year's WJD coordinators, Dean Wicklund and Barry Rapoport, for their input and enthusiasm.

As per the IJA WJD website count, 237 jugglers from 21 countries registered for the chance to win prizes. 71 events were registered in 16 different countries. A huge thank you to our sponsors of prizes... Sport Juggling Company, The World Juggling Federation, In The Spin Juggling, Flying Clipper, and Brian Dube, Inc. Their donations along with the donated items from the IJA totaled approximately \$ 1,867 in total retail value.

This year's shirt design came from Dean Wicklund. John Jessmon from Logo27 printed the shirts. The IJA was able to sell the shirts at a relatively low price because John's company donated all the screen set-up costs (an approximate \$200 value). Timing was a bit of an issue with the shirts but thanks to John and the staff at Logo27 they got the shirts printed and shipped VERY quickly...about 3 days from them receiving the design and cleaning it up until the shirts were at my door. A total of 100 shirts were ordered. 32 shirts were used as giveaways (fest raffles, etc.), 10 shirts were offered as prizes for WJD, 6 shirts were personalized and mailed sponsors as a thank you (i.e. - Store Name proud sponsor of...), and 23 shirts were purchased through the store.

Prize winners were selected at random by computer program. I must also thank David Landowne for his helping in running the computer items for WJD '08. He made the webpage changes necessary, ran the prize winner program and posted the winners list for me. Martin Frost was also instrumental after WJD was over. Martin guided me through the process that needed to be followed to generate the prize winners, match them to the prizes and notify the winners and the sponsors. Thank you, Martin!

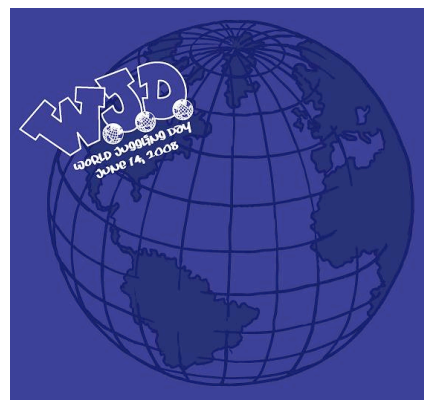
All winners were notified by email on Monday, June 23. Sponsors were notified the same day as the winners. By the

time I started to notify the sponsors, at least half of the winners had responded to verify their snail mail address. As of the writing of this report (6/23/08 at 9pm eastern time), 84% of prize winners have verified their snail mail addresses and they have been passed on to our sponsors. I anticipate all prizes will be in winners' hands prior to our fest in mid-July.

Suggestions for the future...

Volunteers organizing this event need to be given a clear set of deadline dates and step-by-step direction on how things have been done in the past. Much of the work done on WJD this year was done within three weeks prior to the event. I found it very easy to get sponsors to donate despite the current economy. More can be done with national and international media but that takes time and careful orchestration. Media needs to be handed a reason to cover WJD. A gimmick is needed. Again, that takes time. My strongest suggestion is to find and appoint the coordinator for WJD '09 by the first board meeting after the fest in August.

Are you interested in helping with WJD 2009? Contact [Kim Laird@juggle.org](mailto:Kim_Laird@juggle.org). The IJA has been developing the WJD web pages, fully supported by the IJA Web team. One less thing for the WJD coordinator to worry about.



Are You Too Shy To Go To A Juggling Convention?*by Don Lewis*

Are you too shy to go to an IJA festival? At one time I certainly was. I was convinced that my amateur skills would be totally out of place and that the whole experience would likely be uncomfortable. Boy, was I wrong! I've never seen such a supportive group for ALL skill levels. We have wall to wall workshops for every level of interest all week long. If you want, you can go to a workshop and just watch. Workshops often get added to the schedule through the week as people express interest. You will learn new skills and go home a better juggler.

No-one is going to laugh at you if you drop something. Everyone is working on learning new tricks, so dropping is happening all over the gym. Regardless of how good a juggler gets, most of them never forget the struggle to learn that first trick. If someone sees you struggling with a trick, it is far more likely that they'll come over and say "Try it this way ...". Just hanging out in the gym is an experience. Somehow just being there gives you a visual memory of

what works and what doesn't that will inform your practice for months afterwards.

In fact, I've only experienced one somewhat negative interaction in years of going to festivals, and even that wasn't exactly bad. It was at a workshop on club stealing. I got paired with a lady that I'd never juggled with before. We were working on the trick when someone offhandedly mentioned that she thought my partner wasn't ready to learn the trick, and that we should abandon that trick and work on something else. That was a bit discouraging, but possibly accurate. We did briefly stop, but I thought we were close to getting it, and a few minutes of patience proved me right. And with that, a bunch of other tricks suddenly became easier. It turned out to be one of those AHA! moments where we both made a quantum leap in skill level.

I'm not sure that I ever learned the lady's name, but I definitely remember her smile the moment that trick clicked...

Come to the festival. You'll have a great time.

Stage Championships News

The competitions are shaping up nicely. The new video preliminary system is well under way. Judges have been familiarizing themselves with the new scoring system by analyzing a montage of past competition routines prepared by John Satriano and Chuck Hawley. This is going to be an exciting year for the competitions!

Emcees are Bob Nickerson for Juniors, Dan Holzman for Teams and Individuals.

Juggling Festivals

Berlin, Germany July 3-6 2008

<http://www.circulum.de/convention/joomla15a/>

IJA, Lexington Kentucky, July 14-20, 2008

<http://www.juggle.org/festival>

EJC Karlsruhe Germany, August 2-10

<http://www.ejc2008.de>

PhillyFest, PA October 4-5, 2008

<http://www.phillyjugglers.com>

**Not Quite Pittsburgh Juggling Festival
November 7-8 2008**

Having a Juggling Festival? List it here!

If you're organizing a juggling festival (or if you simply know of a juggling fest) and you want to advertise it in the IJA eNewsletter, just drop a note to eNewsletter editor Don Lewis@juggle.org. Such listings are free.

The eNewsletter generally comes out near the end of each month. Your festival can be listed for a few months, and you don't have to be an IJA affiliate to have a fest listed. Hey, jugglers want to know about juggling fests. Help them out and get more jugglers to your fest at the same time.

Don't Get Caught Unprotected!

IJA Group Liability Insurance: only \$150/year

It's that time of year when many other insurance policies are coming up for renewal. Other IJA members still don't have any kind of protection! Take this opportunity to get insured.

HRH is providing IJA members and affiliate clubs with jugglers' liability insurance and fest coverage. Insurance...It's not just for performers anymore.

For more information about the IJA insurance policy go to...
<http://www.juggle.org/insurance.php>

For the policy application go directly to...
<http://einsurance.hrh.com> then click on JUGGLERS
 OR

Call Dale Whittick, Jr. at 610-260-4342 or 1-800-HRH-4700

Juggle Camp! *by Kim Laird*

The purpose of Juggle Camp is to introduce young, first-time IJA festival attendees to all that the IJA fest has to offer. Juggle Camp is open to all jugglers registered at the fest who are 17 or younger. Your first IJA fest can be overwhelming and confusing; Juggle Camp adds some structure to the festival day in order help young fest-goers get the most from the fest.

The "Juggle Camp Counselor" acts as a guide and mentor. This is someone familiar with the workings of the IJA fest and whom youngsters can approach comfortably in those first days when everything at the fest is so new to them.

Juggle Camp attendees meet with the Juggle Camp Counselor(s) for the first time on Monday at the beginning of the fest. This is a brief introduction where the youngsters are given information about the Juggle Camp Program and the fest in general. Inquire at the main IJA table about where to find the Camp Counselor.

From Tuesday through Saturday, Juggle Camp runs on the following daily schedule:

9am: Group check-in with "Juggle Camp Counselor(s)" to discuss workshops offered that day. Camp attendees select

at least one morning workshop and one afternoon workshop to attend. This meeting takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

3pm: Group check-in with "Juggle Camp Counselor(s)" to discuss the workshops attended, what was learned and what is being worked on. Again, this group meeting takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

When not in a workshop, "campers" are expected to spend time practicing and mingling in the gym. "Campers" keep a journal of tricks learned or attempted and of experiences each day.

Certificates will be presented to camp attendees at the end of the week to celebrate their accomplishments.

Disclaimer: Neither the IJA nor the Camp Counselor(s) assume responsibility for camp attendees. Juggle Camp is meant as a service to guide young newcomers through the fest. It is not meant to be a substitute for parental/guardian supervision.