



# IJA eNewsletter

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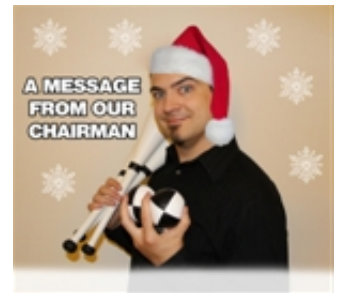
### Chair's message, *by Nathan Wakefield*

Another year has come and gone! This year, the IJA held its annual festival in Quebec City and what a memorable event it was! Next year we head to El Paso for a historic event with the largest prize money payout in IJA history. Because of this, we are anticipating it to be an exceptionally competitive year. If you are interested in competing or know someone that is, prelim submissions are open until April 1st.

By popular demand, our 'Drop Everything' podcasts are now available on iTunes. Just search for eJuggle in the iTunes store. Expect more great episodes with host Dan Holzman in 2016!

We've got plenty in store for the new year. Website updates, exclusive videos, and much more! Also be on the look out for announcements regarding the El Paso festival (including special guests) after the new year!

Juggle on,  
Nathan Wakefield  
IJA Chairman



# 2016 IJA Festival in El Paso, Texas, July 25-31- New Hotel Information

Our three El Paso hotels are now taking IJA room reservations for next summer at advantageous rates. Go to the IJA festival website, move your mouse over Festival and click on [Lodging](#) to see all the details.

[See this hotel information grid](#) for a summary of all three official IJA festival hotel options in downtown El Paso.

**Camino Real Hotel El Paso - \$89.00+tx**  
**DoubleTree El Paso Downtown - \$95.00+tx**  
**Holiday Inn Express El Paso Central - \$89.00+tx**



Save the dates for the 69th Annual IJA Festival, in El Paso, Texas, July 25-31, 2016. Preliminary festival information is available at <http://www.juggle.org/festival>, with more details to come.

## eJuggle podcasts and articles *by Don Lewis*

The IJA's ezine **eJuggle** has an astonishing amount of quality content available. It is a great platform to experiment with new media options that allow everything from traditional text, to video and interactive experiences. Our content producers (called authors in a different age) are taking full advantage to produce information that you will find fascinating. I have highlighted two authors below, but there are many regular contributors to eJuggle, including IJA Chair Nathan Wakefield's regular video roundup series called Juggler's Scoop.

## "Drop Everything" eJuggle podcasts by Dan Holzman, now on iTunes!

Dan Holzman has been interviewing interesting people throughout the juggling world and has made those conversations available as a series of podcasts. Up until recently, you had to listen to them through the eJuggle website. The IJA is proud to announce that this ongoing series is available through Apple's iTunes store, free of charge. A whole team of IJA volunteers stepped up with technical wizardry to make this happen. You can now subscribe to the series and never miss an episode! Just search for eJuggle in the iTunes store.

Dan has been a professional juggler for 34 years. He and juggling partner Barry Friedman created the highly popular duo The Raspyni Brothers. His series of Drop Everything podcasts includes a full range of everything from rising stars to iconic favorites. This is living history, curated while we are all still able to enjoy it. The links below point to the podcasts on eJuggle. You can access the podcasts on iTunes by going to the iTunes store and searching for eJuggle.

- ["Drop Everything" interview with Barry Friedman](#)
- ["Drop Everything" interview with Viktor Kee](#)
- ["Drop Everything" interview with Steve Langley](#)
- ["Drop Everything" interview with Matt Hall](#)
- ["Drop Everything" interview with Mark Nizer](#)
- ["Drop Everything" interview with Steven Ragatz](#)
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["Drop Everything" interview with James Bustar](#)  
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## Scores of eJuggle articles by David Cain

David Cain has been quietly contributing articles to eJuggle since eJuggle started operation. He is a professional juggler, juggling historian, and the owner of the world's only juggling museum. He is a Guinness world record holder and 15 time IJA gold medalist. In addition to his juggling pursuits, David is a successful composer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and singer as well as the author of nine books. There is a wealth of fascinating information in these articles. The links are listed below for your convenience.

[10 Questions With Brian Wendling](#)

[Eva Vida Obituary](#)

[Joculare — Where Juggling And Art Meet](#)

[Forgotten Juggling Props — Hand Bells And Cup Sticks](#)

[Youna: The Western Japanese Juggler](#)

[Juggling With Firearms](#)

[Paul Bachman Obituary and Interview](#)

[Faking Juggling Achievements In Photos And Videos](#)

[Dream Tricks Challenge # 2](#)

[Unanswered Juggling History Questions: Part 2](#)

[Unanswered Juggling History Questions: Part 1](#)

[Dream Tricks Challenge: Part 1 — The Results](#)

[The Mowatts — Groundbreaking Club Jugglers](#)

[Magnus Nicholls — Juggling Legend Or Juggling Myth?](#)

[The Reverhos Trio — French Masters Of Juggling And Balance](#)

[Alexander Kiss — A Soviet Juggling Icon](#)

[Dream Tricks Challenge # 1](#)

[Ben Beever Obituary](#)

[Ferry Mader: A Master Juggler With Cups, Saucers, Candles, And Hats](#)

[Eva Vida — The Glamorous Juggler](#)

[Blind Juggling](#)

[Summary And Updates Of David Cain's Past Articles: Part 2](#)

[Summary and Update Of David Cain's Past Articles: Part 1](#)

[The Art of Plate Spinning](#)

[Ohio — An Important Birthplace Of Juggling and Jugglers](#)

[The Elliots — A Three Piece Juggling Family](#)  
[Italo Medini Obituary](#)  
[11 More Female Juggling Stars Of The Past](#)  
[Rudy Cardenas — A Living Legend](#)  
[Early IJA Conventions — A Pictorial Collection](#)  
[Bounce Juggling With Rings And Clubs](#)  
[Salerno: The Inventive Gentleman Juggler](#)  
[Juggling Robots And Machines — A Video Survey](#)  
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[Obituary: Edoardo Raspini](#)  
[John McPeak: A Serendipitous Adventure](#)  
[Ollie Young — An Early Juggling Innovator](#)  
[Frank Le Dent — The \(Almost\) Forgotten Juggling Legend](#)  
[Restaurant Jugglers](#)  
[Juggling Firsts: Part Three — Rings / Hoops and Miscellaneous](#)  
[Obituaries: Lois Jackson and Walter Houc](#)  
[Juggling Firsts: Part Two — Clubs / Sticks / Rackets](#)  
[Juggling Firsts: Part One — Balls and Ball Bouncing](#)  
[Hat Spinning — History, Instruction, and Performers](#)  
[Larry Weeks Obituary](#)  
[Toss Juggling With The Feet](#)  
[Japanese Juggling With A Ball And Two Sticks](#)  
[Breenos — The Forgotten Props Of The Breen Family Jugglers](#)  
[Chaos Clubs Challenge](#)  
[Obituary: Barnaby \(Dan Jeffery\)](#)  
[Statue Juggling Tricks](#)  
[Rare Juggling Books \(Part 2\)](#)  
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[Common Juggling Misconceptions](#)  
[The Triple Ball Stack Balance — An Old Trick Re-Learned](#)  
[Inverted Toss and Bounce Juggling](#)  
[The Development Of The Juggling Club \(Part 5\)](#)  
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[The Origins of Ball Bounce Juggling](#)  
[Product Review: Three Finger Juggling "Danger Props"](#)  
[Vintage "Learn To Juggle" Sets: 1949 — 1976](#)  
[Massimiliano Truzzi — Legendary Juggler](#)  
[Book Review — Jugglers Galore](#)  
[Obituary — Kumar Pallana](#)  
[10 Questions With Delaney Bayles](#)  
[The Show Must Go On: Anecdotes of Mid-Show Mishaps — Part 2](#)  
[The Show Must Go On: Anecdotes of Mid-Show Mishaps — Part 1](#)

[Giant Juggling Clubs](#)

[10 Female Juggling Stars of the Past](#)

[A History of the Plastic Toy Bowling Pin Juggling Club](#)

[William Everhart — The Father of Hoop Rolling and Hoop Juggling](#)

[Interview with Junming Lin](#)

[Steven Ragatz Interview](#)

[Creating a Juggling Combination Trick](#)

[The Historical Juggling Props Museum](#)

[Juggling With Boomerangs](#)

[Animal Juggling Acts](#)

[Juggling Related Injuries And Deaths](#)

## **You can't catch that way! *by Don Lewis***

The holidays are upon us, and lots of people will have received shiny new juggling props that they can almost juggle. They're bound to consult you at some point before they give up in frustration. Patience, and an eagle eye, will get you credit as a juggling guru.

Their throws may be a bit wacky in the beginning, but that usually just leads to the infamous sprinting juggler syndrome. That is easily cured by setting the juggler facing a wall until those errant front throws get under control.

You can't keep throwing if you can't catch the prop to throw it again. Some budding jugglers have a terrible time getting their hands back into the right position for the next catch. A classic problem is reaching up to catch a ball high and early. It makes the pattern speed up and get out of control almost instantly. When your hand is at waist level, it is easy to hold out your hand and have a ball drop into it. If your arm is reaching up, your wrist can't bend to flatten out your hand. The result is that the ball rolls out of your hand before you've actually caught it. Even if you do manage to hang onto the ball, it is way out of position for the next throw.

A good exercise to fix that kind of problem is to stand in front of the juggler, about a foot away and throw three balls up slowly in sequence, right, left, right. The other juggler catches them, and then throws them back. Start slowly and make the other person put their hand in the right position to catch before each throw you make.

Gradually speed up the exercise while making sure the catching hands stay in the right position. It is a question of getting that catching instinct into muscle memory. Curiously, I have seen people who could not really juggle three balls, work up to five balls between partners, and still not be convinced that they can juggle three.

The same sort of thing happens with beginning club passers. You can actually get a person who can't yet juggle three clubs to do some simple right/left passing patterns. But they can't do it at all if they can't catch the clubs.

The typical exercise for the budding club passer is to work up to a three club chase, starting with one club. First, the catcher stands facing their partner with their hand at about shoulder height, palm facing front, thumb up. You throw a perfect pass, the handle hits their palm, the fingers close around it, perfect catch. Now you need to get them to throw that club as a self, and get their hand back into the catching position.

It does not always happen that easily. Frequently, you will find that they make a good first catch and then throw the club, and start waving their hand all over the place in a semi panic because the next club is on its way.

Sometimes they'll try to catch the next club as if it were a ball. You won't get very far like that, and there are bound to be some very sore hands from being whacked by an incoming club. Fortunately this problem is usually easy and quick to fix once you see what is happening. Just slow the whole thing down. Don't throw the next club until their catching hand is in the right position.

They will look at you in confusion because you are not throwing anything, totally oblivious to the fact that their hand is anywhere but where it should be. A nod or a word will get that hand where it should be. Don't throw until the hand is in the right position. They have to get used to the idea of rotating from the self throw up into position to catch the next pass. Gradually speed up the exercise. It should take about five minutes to get the hand

instinctively into the catching position.

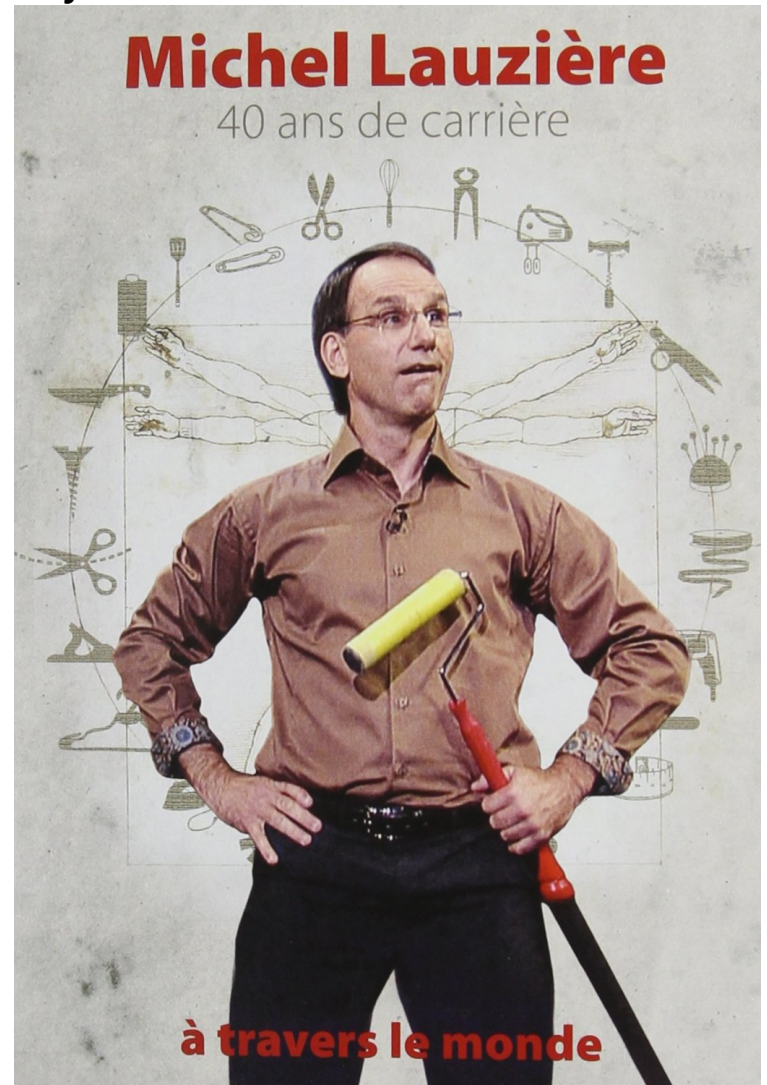
The three club chase is an excellent exercise. In addition to installing good catching instincts, you can work on getting self throws sufficiently wide. Jugglers who have learned three clubs by themselves tend to have a very narrow pattern. That is a problem for club passing because you need enough room to throw a pass while the self pass is coming across the pattern. A narrow pattern forces the passer to bend the pass inside the incoming self throw. The pass often tends toward the middle of the receiver's pattern - right between the eyes! Fixing that in a beginning club passer is an exercise in self preservation that we'll all appreciate.

## Michel Lauzière video, reviewed by Don Lewis

Michel Lauzière has graced the IJA stage many times to great acclaim since I've been a member. Now he has a retrospective video out with clips from his shows around the world. The dialog is in a variety of languages, with occasional subtitles. You could turn off the sound and still get a laugh watching this consummate showman.

His invented musical instruments are sheer genius. There are rare clips from some of his early performances as a young man. Even if you have seen some of this material before, it is gratifying to see it again, performed in some of the world's most amazing theatres.

The video can be purchased from [Amazon in Canada](#).



## 2016 Championships: Big prize money, April 1 entry deadline

There's going to be a lot more prize money given out to the Championships medalists at the 2016 IJA fest in El Paso, thanks to generous support from anonymous donors iiWii and Unna Med. Over **\$35,000** will be on the line! That includes **\$10,000** for the IJA Individuals gold medalist and **\$10,000** for the winning IJA Team!

*Start working on your routine now!* The **deadline** for entering the Championships, including submitting a video of your full act, is **April 1, 2016**. That's a bit earlier than in the past, so don't let it sneak up on you.

**2016**

**HUGE PRIZE MONEY INCREASE  
in El Paso for Championships!**

**Individuals:**

**1st: \$10,000**

**2nd: \$4,000**

**3rd: \$2,000**

**Teams:**

**1st: \$10,000**

**2nd: \$4,000**

**3rd: \$2,000**

**Juniors:**

**1st: \$2,000**

**2nd: \$800**

**3rd: \$400**



**Courtesy of our generous anonymous donors  
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**Free fest brunch Tuesday - Saturday thanks to iiWii**

# 2013 Fest DVD 2-Pack available from the new IJA Store

The 2013 IJA Festival DVD 2-Pack is available for purchase, from the new IJA Store. The price is \$30 for members (\$40 for non-members). To get the member price, sign in at [ym.juggle.org](http://ym.juggle.org). Once you are signed in, go to:

[ym.juggle.org/store/ListProducts.aspx?catid=449785](http://ym.juggle.org/store/ListProducts.aspx?catid=449785)

We have DVDs for sale from the IJA fests in: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013. Each year includes two DVDs and roughly two hours of video.



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## Latest articles in eJuggle

### [Juggling On Moving Objects](#)

Jugglers have a very long history of juggling on top of moving objects. Juggling on a unicycle, rolling globe, or rola bola are obviously extremely common. Juggling on horseback dates back at least as far as the late 1700s, when John Bill Ricketts performed equestrian juggling in the first American circus, which he presented. Juggling on horseback is still [...]

### [Interview with Alex Koblikov and Sergey Akimov](#)

Alex Koblikoff is the solo juggler for Grand Tour, the Big Apple Circus' 38th season production in New York (see review here). His four minute routine is an exquisite dance of dazzling patterns immaculately combined. For his final trick, he multiplex throws ten balls, though he has done fourteen in practice. His graceful splits and five balls on the side are superb and [...]



### [Big Apple Circus: "The Grand Tour"](#)

*This year, The Big Apple Circus is back for their 38th season and almost all the acts are completely different from last year. And that includes a dynamite technical juggler, namely Alexander Koblikov from Ukraine (upcoming article/interview coming soon). After a dazzling company opening in which each act comes out and simultaneously does one trick (you [...])*

### [Passing siteswaps with five clubs](#)

*Passing Siteswaps with five clubs Hi — my name is Brook and I'm a passing addict. I'm going to be writing a series of articles with passing ideas to try — generally geared towards things I like doing. I'll try and keep a balance between more accessible and more challenging in terms of juggling difficulty, [...]*

### ["Drop Everything" podcast with host Dan Holzman: interview with The Passing Zone](#)

*Host: Dan Holzman Guests: The Passing Zone share stories behind their classic routines, talk about their beginnings as a duo, and much more. Also on itunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/il/podcast/ejuggle/id1063204159>*

### [Christmas Presents Comic](#)

### [Juggler's Scoop — December 10th, 2015](#)

*Juggler's Scoop is a bi-weekly collection of the latest juggling videos and news bits from around the web. Here's the latest scoop! — Voting is now open for the Top 40 Jugglers of 2015. — Voting is also now open for the Top 10 Poi Spinners of 2015. — Andreas displays his interesting club patters [...]*

### [A Message from the Chairman, November 2015](#)

*The Holidays are right around the corner, and for many, it is a season of giving. If you need some gift ideas for jugglers that you know, check out the participating vendors in our Vendor Discount Program for a diverse selection of items at discounted rates for IJA members. If you do your holiday shopping [...]*

### [IJA Tricks of the Month México December 2015 Circonvencion Mexicana by Edson Caballero](#)

*For the third year in a row, the "Tricks of the Month" of the IJA was recorded at the biggest circus meeting in all México, the "Circonvención Mexicana." The jugglers celebrated the 10th anniversary of the "Conve," showing their best tricks and sharing between them. From the north to the south of the big Mexican territory, the [...]*

### [Juggling in the Netherlands](#)

*The European Juggling Convention of 2016 is going to take place in Almere, the Netherlands, next summer. Whether you will or will not attend the greatest juggling convention the world has ever seen (being a member of the organization, I might be a bit biased...), I hope I can interest you with my knowledge of [...]*

### [10 Questions With Brian Wendling](#)

*The very first juggler I saw on the first IJA video I ever saw (1984) was Brian Wendling. I was blown away at the variety of skills he demonstrated as well as the high technical ability he displayed. I was especially impressed by the fact that he performed an act with two devil sticks. This [...]*

### ["Drop Everything" podcast with host Dan Holzman: interview with Barry Friedman](#)

*"Drop Everything" Podcast #21: (67:00) Special Guest for this episode is my juggling partner Barry Friedman. Hear stories, history, and much more from "The Raspyni Brothers." Also on itunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/il/podcast/ejuggle/id1063204159>*

## Upcoming Juggling Festivals

For a list of even more festivals, check the worldwide juggling event listings on our website at: [www.juggle.org/events](http://www.juggle.org/events).

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 [enews@juggle.org](mailto:enews@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.

### **Open Dutch Juggling Championships 2016**

2 Jan - 3 Jan 2016

Cacaokade 1, Helmond, Netherlands Netherlands

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1251787971514058/>

### **Dansk Jonglør Træf 2016 (Danish Juggling Convention 2016)**

8 Jan - 10 Jan 2016

Ørkildsskolen, Svendborg Denmark

<http://www.dansk-jonglor-traef.dk/?Velkommen>

### **47th Annual MadFest Juggling Festival**

15 Jan - 17 Jan 2015

Madison, WI

<http://madjugglers.com/MadFest/Madfest2016>

### **InJuCo 2016 - Indian Juggling Convention**

18 Jan - 24 Jan 2016

Arambol Beach, Goa, India

<http://www.injuco.org>

### **Chocfest 21 - York's Juggling Convention**

23 Jan - 23 Jan 2016

Manor C of E School, Millfield Lane, Nether Poppleton, York, YO26 6PA, UK

<http://www.chocfest.net>

### **17ª Convenção Brasileira de Malabarismo e Circo**

27 Jan - 31 Jan 2016

Barbacena, Minas Gerais Brazil

<http://www.cbmcirco.com>

### **Atlanta Groundhog Day Jugglers' Festival**

5 Feb - 7 Feb 2015

Yaarab Shrine Center, Atlanta GA.

<http://atlantajugglers.org>

### **Mondo Juggling & Unicycle Festival**

12 Feb - 14 Feb 2016

275 Syndicate Street, St. Paul, Minnesota USA

<http://mondofest.org>

### **Bath UpChuck 2016**

20 Feb - 20 Feb 2016

Founders Sports Hall, University of Bath, Bath, BA2 7AY UK

<http://www.facebook.com/events/1651621865106505>

### **Austin Jugglefest XXIII**

26 Feb - 28 Feb 2016

Seeger Gymnasium, Texas School for the Deaf, 1102 S. Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704, USA

<http://www.juggling.place.org/jugglefest/>

**Winter Juggling Convention 2016**

26 Feb - 28 Feb 2016

Gravin van Schönbornlaan 4 6431 Hoensbroek Netherlands

<https://www.facebook.com/events/495683307261106/>

**New Zealand Juggling and Circus Festival 2016**

4 Mar - 7 Mar 2016

Parakai Springs, 150 Parkhurst Road, Parakai, New Zealand 0830 New Zealand

<http://www.nzja.org.nz>

**British Juggling Convention 2016**

30 Mar - 4 Apr 2016

Bell's Sport Centre, Hay St, Perth, PH1 5HS UK

<http://www.bjc2016.co.uk>

**26th Dutch Juggling Convention**

5 May - 8 May 2016

Arnhem Netherlands

<http://www.njf2016.nl>

**69th Annual IJA Juggling Festival 2016 - El Paso**

25 Jul - 31 Jul 2016

El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas USA

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

**39th European Juggling Convention, Almere, Netherlands**

30 Jul - 7 Aug 2016

Topsportcentrum Almere Pierre de Coubertinlaan 7, Almere, Netherlands

<http://www.ejc2016.org>

**2ª Convenção Caipira de Malabarismo e Circo**

7 Sep - 11 Sep 2016

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