

Portland Report

Champions Chosen

After a stunning night of great and varied juggling, and after much tough deliberation, the judges chose 2006's IJA champions:

Individuals

Bronze: Michael Karas
Silver: Yuki Kojima
Gold: Artem Khomanko

Teams

Bronze: Vanillatown Vaudevillians
Silver: Swatch
Gold: MHD Taiwan

Congratulations to the medalists, and thanks to all the competitors, host Matt Hall, translator Peggy Reuss, and director Craig Barnes for a great show.

Games Notes

Games will be starting on Saturday at 10:30 am, which is different from the originally scheduled time. Endurance games will be first, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, and the organizers will take requests for events. The five-ball endurance competition will be last. After a one-hour lunch break, the

games will continue at 1:00 pm. Check tomorrow's newsletter for more specifics on the games schedule.

New Game: This year's new game is called Dice Dice Baby – A Game of Skill and Chance. Every contestant will get one ten-sided die. All contestants will roll at the same time. For a contestant to move on to the next round he/she must qualify the number rolled. Any prop may be used; no multiplexes.

Send Our Best

Michelle Gerdes was unexpectedly struck ill upon arrival and has missed the festival in a local hospital.

Beloved Founder Art Jennings is being moved into a retirement home.

Katherine Fernie is designing and creating sympathy cards she'll be sending them at the end of the week. Please stop by the Volunteer Desk to sign the cards and add your good wishes.

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Free WiFi

Don't pay! Free WiFi is offered at the J-Café, next to the Red Lion Hotel. Go east along the train tracks. Also, try the lobby of the Courtyard Marriott, three blocks north on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Head Count

As of Thursday at 5 pm, 603 jugglers are attending this event. Say hello to everyone!

Vote for People's Choice Today!

Which attendee most inspired you this week? Did someone share a killer trick, or did you see a performer who blew you away. Use your Rastelli Buck to show your appreciation. Today is the last day to vote. The ballot box is located at the IJA Headquarters table.

Hoard Juggling History!

Keep an eye on the garage sale table in the gym. You might pick up a vintage festival shirt or a prop used and donated by your juggling hero. New donations are coming in so watch that table for your special gottahavit. All proceeds benefit the IJA Archives Fund.

Whoops!

We misspelled the name of Tetsunori Saito in Tuesday's newsletter. He's 17 and traveled from Japan to compete in the IJA Individual Prop Competition. Tetsunori scored 2nd place for Diabolo against some amazing

talent. He'd like to return to the IJA to compete, and we hope he does. We're sorry, Tetsunori.

Word Juggle

By Steve Rahn

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Unscramble the following words by subtracting one letter from each to come up with a list of things you might see juggled or manipulated. Only subtract one letter from the two-word pairs, and combine the letters from both words to form a new two word-pair.

The letters you subtracted will form two new words, which complete the sentence below.

label
appeal
grind
crotch
pallet
tickle dives
finer
than
pine
babe rang
shared puck
dinet shack

After finishing the routine, the juggler wished he had _____.

Answers in tomorrow's issue.

(Feel free to make up your own meaning for "dinet"!)