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NEW CONTRACT SYSTEM

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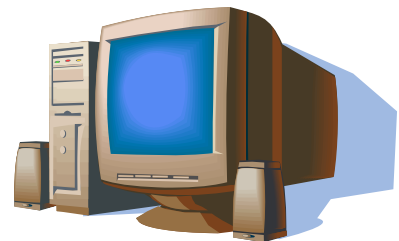
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I know that everyone is enjoying the new contract system on the Alabama NAWGJ website! It is so easy and expedient.

Now that everyone is visiting the site frequently, we are hoping to make it more “user friendly.” Mary Ann and I have several ideas, but your input is needed as well! All of the Alabama judges are extremely intelligent and I am sure that you all have grand ideas just waiting to share. If you have thought of anything that you think would be helpful on the website or of things that may need to be altered a bit, please let me know. E-mail all of your ideas, suggestions, or questions me at k2hill@charter.net.

Thanks in advance for your help!



COMPULSORY JUDGES CUP 2005

Compulsory Judges Cup 2005 opened the season with the first performances of the new routines. Thanks to Joel Inman of Greystone Gymnastics and Kathy Chambers of JFJ who opened their gyms to the judges for this annual money making event. We had around 530 gymnast this year. We expected CJC to be a much smaller meet but the coaches, gymnast and judges jump right in and the new routines were performed to perfection. It was very evident that the coaches and gymnast had work very hard to learn the new routines and the judges were extremely impressed with their proficiency. Many of us attended the Master Workshops in Louisville and Reno and loved the routines but were really concerned with how well the gymnast would dance the routines. What a wonderful surprise when we saw the Alabama gymnast’s performances.

A first, this year was the attendance of a Florida team who chose to participate in the evaluation portion of the meet. 76% of the Alabama gyms participated and 96 % of the judges volunteered their time. We are very thankful to the teams who chose to dive into the season head first and participating in CJC. Each team’s continued support allows AL NAWGJ to provide the judges with the opportunity to attend more educational functions. So by helping the judges with the expense of attending the national clinics the judges are able to impart their knowledge through their evaluations. The cycle above is a joint effort of the whole gymnastic community, coaches and gymnast supporting the judge’s money makers and the judges attending higher level educational opportunities which in turn provides a better educated evaluation of the gymnast. Hand in hand we will continue to provide the best program our gymnast deserve.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

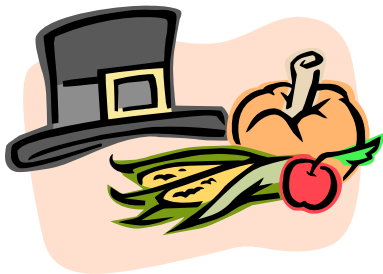
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NAWGJ TRI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Date	11/10/05	Name	Mary Ann Wallace			
Position	SJD	Address	P.O. Box 145		1st Period	(Nov-Feb) Due Mar. 20
Region	8		Killen, Alabama 35645		2nd Period	Mar-May) Due June 20
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Compulsory Judges Cup Entries		\$34,095.00		Compulsory Judges Cup	\$10,577.85
Clinics / Workshops		770.00		Travel (Director/Board):	
Certifications / Exams		0		Airfare / Mileage	\$1,484.36
Assigning Fees		\$628.00		Housing	\$712.23
Interest Income (checking)		0		Meals	\$845.00
Fundraiser—other		445.00		Other Registration/Coffee Break	\$207.00
CJC T-Shirts		2,436.00		Postage	\$398.80
Reimbursement		1,302.72		Operating Supplies	\$1,571.10
Donation		200.00		Telephone	\$728.61
Optional Judges Cup		15.00		National Judges Cup	\$1,136.00
Income Rec'd from Nat/Reg		0		Clinic Expense	\$770.00
CJC Change (redeposit)		500.00		Certification / Exams	\$75.00
Refunds		167.26		Optional Judges Cup	\$100.00
Test Expenses		100.00		Donations	\$1,600.00
CJC Vendor Profits		533.06		Educational	\$16,714.01
				Memberships	\$1,192.00
				Board Meeting Expenses/Banquet	\$642.00
				Gifts Given	\$925.39
				Newsletter	\$88.73
				Web Site Expenses	\$1,405.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$41,122.04		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$41,173.08



**Happy
Holidays**



Mary Lou Dillard Receives Judges Award

Thank you so much for the service award presented at the awards banquet this summer. I was truly shocked and therefore not prepared to say anything. Also, as you know my emotions are close to the surface and I didn't want to embarrass myself. This is obviously a much better venue to express my feelings.

Mary Ann asked that I write an article about my judging, etc. It really got me to thinking about all the friendships and wonderful times I've had.

First of all let me say how proud I am of our judges. No one other than our family has any idea of the time and effort it takes to progress through the system. For those of you who have made it to Level 10, I know the hours you have devoted to the sport as a gymnast, coach, gym owner, volunteer, wife, mother, etc. in addition to being a judge. I am proud of your professionalism and dedication. I am also proud of our coaches and gymnasts who continue to work hard to raise the level of gymnastics in our state. Every aspect of gymnastics is more demanding now than it was 30 years ago.



When asked about my career in gymnastics I tell everyone that I have experienced the sport from almost every angle, judge, coach, gym owner, coach's wife, and the mother of two gymnasts. Although I never did competitive gymnastics, it was a part of our high school P.E. curriculum. In addition I danced 10+ years which helped when I began judging.

In the late 60's I began going to competitions when Robert's teams (boys and girls) were competing. As interest in the sport grew in Alabama and the southeast, judges were needed. Because I had seen quite a few competitions, I was elected to take a judging course in the early 70's. At that time we took all the compulsory levels and the optional tests at the same time and your rating depended on your scores. I started with a state rating, but by '75 I had a Class I (Level 10) rating.

In 1980 I was invited to my first Elite course. Although we did not know it at the time, we were registered in Switzerland as Brevet Judges. I continued to attend the courses in 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2005. We were officially declared "Brevet" in 1992. I have been privileged to judge at J.O. National, American Classic, and U.S. Classic meets, and to be on the floor as a volunteer at the 1996 Olympics. In addition, since Robert retired from Auburn, I have been able to judge several NCAA Regional and National Championships.

Like many of you I have done my share of volunteer work. In the 70's I was the USGF Chairman for Alabama. From 1978-1980 I served as the NAWGJ State Director. Thank goodness it wasn't nearly as involved and demanding as it is today. In 1980 I was elected as the RJD for Region 8 and served on the National Board until 1988. This certainly give you a different perspective as you are working for judges from all over the United States. As I listened to other regional directors, I thanked my lucky stars that I was from Region 8 and had a great working relationship with the regional and state boards.

As you know, the last few years have been quite a challenge for me. I appreciate everyone's concern and support, and feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring family.

FANTASTIC EDUCATION

Alabama NAWGJ was able to help the AL Judges by providing more than \$20,000.00 to help with their education. The ability to help the judges with the cost of education was from the support of our gyms, coaches, and gymnast who attended one or more Judges Cups. The Alabama judges have shown their dedication and advanced their education to become better prepared for the coming season. All of our judges attended one or more of the clinics listed below:

Compulsory & WTC Clinic –

Reno, Nevada

Debby Kornegay
Wendy Seabrook
Mary Ann Wallace

National Judges Symposium – Portland, Oregon

Amy Arnts	Heather Ross-Schlosser
Annette Burgin	Wendy Seabrook
Jarrett Ezell	Carol Smitherman
Tammye Goehring	Phyllis Thompson
Kelly Hill	Mary Ann Wallace
Diane Peeks	Michelle Young
Maria Ross	

State Optional Clinic – Tuscaloosa

Debby Kornegay &

Mary Ann Wallace

Maria Ross

State Compulsory Clinic

Tuscaloosa - Tom Koll

Amy Arnts	Aaron Nevitt
David Bowles	Melissa Nevitt
Annette Burgin	Diane Peeks
Sheryl Buroker	Maria Ross
Gayli Craver	Heather Ross-Schlosser
Mary Lou Dillard	Wendy Seabrook
Jarrett Ezell	Carol Smitherman
Tammye Goehring	Phyllis Thompson
Kelly Hill	Gail Tourtellotte
Ashleigh Kelley	Mary Ann Wallace
Debby Kornegay	Michelle Young
Stephanie Kuhlmann	

Optional Judges Retreat Montgomery - Marian Dykes

Amy Arnts	Stephanie Kuhlman
Annette Burgin	Diane Peeks
Sheryl Buroker	Wendy Seabrook
Gayli Craver	Phyllis Thompson
Mary Lou Dillard	Gail Tourtellotte
Tammye Goehring	Mary Ann Wallace
Kelly Hill	

National Congress—Indianapolis, Indiana

Debby Kornegay
Janet Skaggs
Mary Ann Wallace

National Course #1—Indianapolis, Indiana

Gail Tourtellotte

National Course #2—Indianapolis, Indiana

Gayli Craver
Stephanie Kuhlmann
Diane Peeks
Mary Ann Wallace

Changes and New Additions

Gayli Craver—New Email gayli@bellsouth.net

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Welcome New Judges!!!

We have 4 new judges this year. We welcome them to the judging community.

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A Special Thank You to each judge who:

- finds the time to work Judge's Cups
- works as auxiliary judges for college meets
- volunteers for the Camp Smile A Mile meet
- who studies before each meet no matter what level
- who agrees to fill in for a judge who must come off a meet
- who turns in their paperwork as soon as they receive it
- who fills out contracts as soon as they receive them
- who is willing to work as a team to make gymnastics better

A even more Special Thanks to each of you who helps me solve problems when they arise. You make my job easier. You warm my heart.

Mary Ann Wallace

Alabama SJD

Bravo Alabama Judges!

A job well done. The following judges have achieved the follow ratings.

Congratulations!

Amy Arnts	5/6	10
Annette Burgin	5/6	10
Sheryl Buroker	5/6	(Attending the International Brevet course in Jan)
Gayli Craver	5/6	National
Mary Lou Dillard	5/6	Brevet
Jarrett Ezell	5/6	9
Tammye Goehring	5/6	10
Sharon Griffin	5/6	
Kelly Hill	5/6	9
Cindy Holdefer	5/6	
Ashleigh Kelley	5/6	9
Amy King	5/6	
Debby Kornegay	5/6	Brevet
Stephanie Kuhlmann	5/6	National
Melissa Nevitt	5/6	
Diane Peeks	5/6	National
Maria Ross	5/6	10
Heather Ross	5/6	10
Wendy Seabrook	5/6	10
Janet Skaggs		10
Carol Smitherman	5/6	10
Phyllis Thompson	5/6	10
Gail Tourtellotte	5/6	National
Jamie Wallace	5/6	
Mary Ann Wallace	5/6	National
Michelle Young	5/6	10

FIRST TIME AT NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

As the plane touched down in Portland, Oregon, the site of the 2005 NAWGJ National Symposium, the only thought on my mind was “oh my gosh..., I *only* have three days until my judging tests and I’m *really nervous!*” I felt sure that most of my first Symposium would be spent in a hotel room studying. I didn’t expect there to be so many educational sessions offered to prepare me for the tests that I would actually feel comfortable enough to enjoy site seeing in the Portland area. I also never imagined that I would leave the meeting feeling inspired by some of the most memorable events in my young judging tenure.

Among the many educational activities at the symposium were sessions on the new compulsories, technical handbook, and code. There were also opportunities to practice judge that included tips on judging unusual situations that I found to be particularly helpful. These educational opportunities helped me relax and prepare for my examinations.

One of the real treats of the trip came when we had the opportunity to enjoy an incredible banquet in the same arena that is home to the Portland Trailblazers of the National Basketball Association and at the same time we listened to remarks from some of the truly elite members of the judging community. For me personally though, the highlight of the night was seeing judges awarded their certificates of service to the gymnastics community. I was so honored to be in the same room with these judges that I was literally moved to tears as they were called to the stage and honored.

If I could summarize the trip into a single word it would be “inspirational.” I left the Symposium feeling encouraged and inspired by the judges that have given so many years of enduring support to the sport of gymnastics. It was a trip spent with wonderful old friends and with opportunities to meet new friends. I will never forget it and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in stretching their judging knowledge.

Wendy Seabrook

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE AND CPE RECORD

Gone are the days of filling out those yellow active status cards. Now judges must fill out Continuing Professional Education Cards (CPE). Just as with the active status cards, judges should make copies of their CPE Clinic Cards and send to the Membership Chairman—Phyllis Thompson. You can send each as you attend an event or you can send the clinic cards with the **Master Record** card at one time. The first Annual Continuing Professional Education Record Card will run July 2005 to July 31, 2006.

Judges are not required to judge a minimum of three (3) meets each year. The CPE hours required each year are listed on the **Annual Continuing Professional Education Record Card** that Mary Ann sent in the spring. They are based on clock hours.

Highest Rating Held	CPE Hours per Year	Minimum Clinic Hours
5/6	12	6
7/8	12	6
9	16	8
10	20	10
National	20	10
Brevet	20	10

It is a judge’s responsibility to make copies of new membership cards as soon as they are received and send the copy to the Membership Chairman—Phyllis Thompson. Copies of your cards must be on file with the state office. Failure to keep your professional profile up to date may affect the awarding of contracts. Professional memberships are required by USAG and ALNAWGJ. Your professional profile verifies these memberships. Notices are **frequently** sent to remind judges to renew their memberships and update their professional profile.

Be professional and keep your CPE credits up to date and your Personal Profile up to date.