

## Kentucky NAWGJ October Newsletter

Hello everyone, hope everyone had a great summer. The summer was full of interesting happenings for all of us I'm sure. It has been a testing year, and so there has been a lot of stress involved with preparation for the meet season, which has snuck upon us again. Try to keep the stress level at a minimum, and remind yourself that you are a great judge, and you will do fine on your exam. If you pass your chosen level exam be sure to congratulate yourself, if you don't just regroup, stay calm, and prepare for the next opportunity to test. I can say from experience that the optional tests are particularly difficult this year.

This summer we had lots of our NAWGJ Kentucky members attend many different Clinics, congresses, and camps. Here is a list of those who attended various educational opportunities...if I leave anyone out, I apologize...just let me know and I will send out another email!! Here is the list:

Region 8 mini congress and National SJD meeting, Jacksonville, FL: Michael Crowe

Brevet Course, Indianapolis, IN: Carole Liedtke

National Course, Indianapolis, IN: Candace Alvey, Pat Brainer, Tina Bryant, Kathy Case, Terri Cooper, Michael Crowe, Debbie Klotz, Vicki Smith

National Congress, Dallas, Texas: Lindsey Reader, Judy Grant, and Angela Dickey

Region 5 Mini Congress, Schaumburg, IL: Michelle Putzig, Patty Murrer, Lisa Dozier, Monica Kennedy, Tina Bryant, and Michael Crowe

Super Camp Volunteer: Carole Liedtke

Forward Progress Camp Volunteer: Michael Crowe

Congrats to all and thanks for keeping Kentucky Judges Well Educated.

There is another exciting opportunity for volunteering in the region coming up close to home. The 2009 Region 5 forward progress camp is being held November 7 and 8 at

SIGS in New Albany, IN. If you are interested in volunteering for this camp contact me and I can give you the correct contact information to get in on it!!

The 2009 Kentucky USAG/NAWGJ state clinic was held in September this year at Wildcard Gymnastics in Louisville Kentucky. Much information about the new rules and new expectations on various levels and events were presented by Kentucky coaches and Judges. Participating clinicians were Carole Liedtke, Tina Bryant Michael Crowe, Scott Austin, Patty Murrer, Brian Blewitt, and Jennifer Layne. Thanks to all who attended and clinicians who made the event a great success yet again!

Information about the compensation package for the 2009 Kentucky Judges' Cup is included in the emails attached to this newsletter, please take a moment to look over the available reimbursement for working this year. The judges' cup will be held at Legacy in Lexington again this year the weekend of December 11-13, 2009. Entries are already coming in and it looks as though we will have more entries than last year, which is exciting, but will be a daunting task to orchestrate and pull off. Please mark your calendar to keep that weekend open to volunteer as much as possible for the event to make it a success, as it always is!

There are lots of rule changes this year for optional levels. Optional level judges should have retested already to maintain or elevate your rating for the upcoming four year cycle. If you haven't tested yet please look into one of the upcoming opportunities to do so. We will most likely be giving the test again in December. If you have not tested, your current rating is good until December 31, 2009. If you have tested but not passed your current rating is good until December 31, 2009 as well, but will drop to a 5/6 if you did not achieve any optional level rating from your test. If you tested at a level, did not pass that level, but scored high enough to attain a lower rating, your current level is good until January 1, 2010 at which time your rating will drop to the

lower level. I encourage everyone to retest if you haven't passed your current level or testing up level you wish to attain. The first test warms you up for the next!!

Fall meet assignments are currently going out, so make sure to keep checking your email and KYNAWGJ account to check for your assignments!!

Also, in case you haven't heard, the National Judges' Cup will be held in Covington, KY this year the weekend of January 9-10. Anyone interested in volunteering should start letting me know as KYNAWGJ will pay for rooms for judges volunteering for sessions at the National Judges' Cup. This is an exciting opportunity, especially for anyone who has not had the chance to volunteer at a National Judges' Cup yet.

The 2010 National NAWGJ Symposium will be held in July, 2010 in Chicago, IL. There will be a drawing at our Judges' Cup for two trips to the symposium. This is always a fun and informative event, so good luck in terms of the drawing for expense paid trips, but if you don't win the trip you may want to consider attending the event as a representative of Kentucky, it will be a great time!

Be sure to look through the attachments to this email as there is lots of information pertinent to this year included. Get ready for an exciting season, the gymnasts are preparing and excited to show you how they have worked and improved.....do the same for them!!

Thanks

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