

# MISSOURI NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

MO MEMBERS MEETING

July 16– Kansas City

Region IV Training Camps

July 16-18 Eagles Gymnastics  
Kansas City

Sept. 17-19 Iowa Gymnast  
Iowa City

USAG Congress & Olympic  
Trials June 23–27 Los Ange-  
les, CA

Region IV Mini Congress  
August 13-15 St. Louis, MO

## Do you know your STATE BOARD?

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## Letter from your SACC

I can't believe it is already June and we are done with competition season! Missouri send numerous girls to Regionals—This was covered in the last newsletter—and a number of girls to Westerns and JO Nationals (see page 2 for names). We are graduating several seniors, listed below and the colleges they received scholarships from. To top it off only a couple of weeks from now we may have qualified three gymnasts from MO to represent the USA at the Summer Olympics in Athens! Amazing! I only took over this office in December and I can't believe how much is going on. I would like to invite everyone (again!) to the Email list. I have sent out several Emails

about what is going on in the state and also plan to eventually replace snail mail with internet for receiving your quarterly newsletter. If you have not gotten your Email address to me—do it now!  
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The board held a conference call meeting on Monday May 24 to discuss the upcoming season. You should have received it by Email on May 28th. Along with a bid form. If you would like to bid on any meet for this season, please return the bid form by June 30, 2004. I will then publish the bids and you can talk to your area rep-

representative about which gym you prefer for the State Championships and the Level 4 qualifiers. This is your voice being heard—if you don't contact your rep. then you can't expect them to know how you feel or what you want. The board will then vote at our July Board Meeting on the bids and when you arrive at the Membership meeting on July 16—we will have a schedule ready for you! Lastly it appears I was the only nomination for State Chair for the next 2 years. So I guess you are stuck with me! Thanks,



## COLLEGE NEWS



### Scholarships for MO Gymnasts!

Emily Parsons—Gym  
Quarters—University of  
Nebraska

Kaylan Clevinger—Eagles  
Gymnastics—Ohio State  
University

Tanya Cwick—Gym Quar-

ters - University of Auburn

Nicole Cherryhomes—Gym  
Quarters—University of  
Central Michigan

Kara Strnad—Gym Quar-  
ters—Illinois State Univer-  
sity

Jennifer Kinsbury—Gym  
Quarters—Texas Woman's  
University

Other Seniors in MO :

Lisa Pucio—GQ, Amy  
Pierce—GQ, Jessica  
Kinder—Best Gymnastics

This is probably not all sen-  
iors in MO—only ones that  
responded. Let me know if  
you have seniors and I will  
print names and gym.  
Thanks! Good luck MO  
gymnasts!



## A Big Thanks to Leslie! Welcome TRACY & GINA!

Leslie Case has served as MO NAWGJ State Judging Director (SJD )from 2000-2004.

Missouri Nawgj SJD office will be assumed by **Gina Fuller and Tracy Bradshaw** as of June 1 for the next 4 year term.

Gina and Tracy have received permission from the National Nawgj office to serve together as CO-SJD's for MO NAWGJ.

Leslie wishes to thank the MO Gymnastic community for all of their past and continued support to NAWGJ, and for the opportunity to serve in the capacity as SJD. She also wishes to thank her family for their gracious sup-

port during her years of SJD service.

So we would like to announce the new co-judging directors for MO, **Gina Fuller and Tracy Bradshaw**. They will have taken over on June 1st. And both will be attending the NAWGJ meeting on the weekend of June 5th. "Gina and I work well together and balance each other nicely." says Tracy, "This position can be enhanced by two people with two personalities from different parts of the state in it." Gina is married with 4 children, and has been judging for 15 years. She says she started judging as a great way to keep involved with a sport that she loves!

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Championship Meet will be held on the weekend of January 21-23, 2005. The early date for the State Championship will allow coaches to have their athletes move up to level 5 and compete a second season in the same year if they choose to do so and will help keep March from being so congested. One of the East/West divided Qualifying Meets, the third state-wide Qualifying Meet and the State Championship will be bid to and awarded by the SAC.

Over the years, there has been a lot of talk about how the season and championship meets could be changed to enhance the competitive experience. Some of the concerns often heard from coaches include three state meets in a row makes training difficult and the Level 7 athletes should compete at the Optional State Meet. These two concerns have been addressed this year by combining the Level 6 & 7 State Meet with the Optional State Meet so all will be held on one weekend, March 19-20, 2005, Friday through Sunday. It was considered that the Level 6's should be with the Level 5's, but the great number of athletes at level 5 makes that difficult. By combining Level 6 through Level 10 into one state meet, the number of athletes for the Level 5 State Meet should balance the number of athletes in the Level 6 through 10 State Meet. As a result, we are able to set the entry fees for all athletes attending state meets at \$50. The Level 5 State Championship Meet is scheduled for April 1-3, 2005.

In August of 2003, I sent out a survey on a postcard to all Missouri Clubs and asked them to have their USAG Professionals complete the questionnaires and return them to me. To date, I have received 66 responses with the following re-

## KANSAS CITY

**Tom Koll**

September 9 -11, 2005

### 2005 Compulsory & Optional Rules

### **Offered Nationwide to Coaches & Judges**

**Schedule: Tom Koll Sat 9-6 PM & Sun 9-4 PM**

**Judges Boot Camp Fri 12-5PM**

**Clinic site: Overland Park, Kansas**

Diamond Gymnastics & Dance Academy

**Fees: \$110 Tom Koll Early Bird (\$150 after Jan 1, 2005)**

Tom will present New Rules & Compulsory Routines Levels 1-10. Offered Nationwide so please Register Early to Hold Your Seat!

This Sat/Sun Clinic is presented by Tom to Coaches & Judges.

**Fees: \$ 30 Add-On Clinic: Optional Judges Boot Camp**

It's time for the Judges to have their own Boot Camp! Improve your officiating skills with knowledge of Optional Shorthand, Practical Application and Recognition of Excellent Execution.

Open to all Optional Judges, new judges & interested coaches.

*Deadline to Registration June 1, 2005, or when capacity is reached*

**For Information and Registration Call 816-853-7048**

**Event Manager: Leslie Case [elitejudge@aol.com](mailto:elitejudge@aol.com)**

## **Coaching Positions Available!**

**Girls Team Coach / Girls Classes Coach  
/ Preschool Instructor**

**Four to twenty hours a week.**

**Excellent pay, fun environment, nice location in west St. Louis County.**

**If interested, please call Ken Meyer at  
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**Question 1** - Split the season w/ compulsory state in December and Optional in March

\*14.93% 71.64% 11.94%

**Question 2** - 2 competitive seasons for compulsory with one state meet in December and one in March

14.93% 77.61% 7.46%

**Question 3** - Combine all state meets into one weekend and hold it at an off-site location

58.21% 31.34% 10.45%

**Question 4** - Raise entry fees for level 8-10 state so it could be held off-site

47.76% 22.39% 28.36%

**Question 5** - Combine boys state meet with a girls state meet (Probably optional) so both could be held off-site.

49.25% 23.88% 25.37%

\*For – Against – Don't care

All of the ideas listed on the survey where suggestions made at the 2003 Missouri State Meeting. They were all worthwhile ideas that deserve consideration by all effected. This list certainly isn't comprehensive and I've listed them here for the sole purpose of encouraging everyone to start thinking about the possibilities for Missouri gymnastics and to get involved by doing more than just attending the meets. Come to the meetings, contact your State Chairman or area representative and give them your ideas in writing; just get involved. Missouri gymnastics needs you, actually it needs us all, to be productive, professional and supportive members of its community.

INFORMATION FOR ALL  
MEMBERS OF USA

**Missouri Meet Schedule for 2004-2005**

**November 6 & 7, 2004**

Level 4 Qualifiers on the East & West

**November 20 & 21, 2004**

Judges Cup

**December 11 & 12, 2004**

Level 4 Qualifier

**January 21,22,23, 2005**

Level 4 State Meet

**March 18,19,20, 2005**

Level 6,7,8,9,10 State Meet

**April 1,2,3, 2005**

Level 5 State Meet

**April 15,16,17, 2005 or  
April 23-24, 2005**

Region IV Championships

**May 6,7,8, 2005**

Western Natl Championships

**May 13,14,15, 2005**

JO National Championships

**Robin Smith  
New RJD!!!!**

Congratulations to another Missouri Judge, ROBIN SMITH, a National Judge from St. Louis, was just elected to the RJD position in Region IV. Robin has lived and judged in Missouri for 17 years. She is a former SJD in MO and AR (10 years experience!) Robin, also is serving on MO USAG Board as the Judges Representative. She is married and a mother of three teenagers. A former gymnast, she was a Class I State Champion in Arizona. For 3 of the last 4 years, Robin has co-Directed the Mini Congress in St. Louis. We know she will make a great RJD. Congratulations Robin! We are proud of you!!!