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Level 4 Cash Bash – Not Just Another Meet!



NAWGJ-SC hosted the first annual Level 4 Cash Bash on May 8th at Gymnastics Pacifica in Corona. There were a total of 10 teams and 94 gymnasts entered in this new event.

This was not just another meet! The fun and non-competitive format allowed gymnasts to perform their routines and receive scores from judges – but rather than competing against others for medals, they earned “Gym Bucks.” All gymnasts started out with a wallet and 5 Gym Bucks. At each event, they earned a number of Gym Bucks corresponding to their score. In addition, they could earn “Credit Cards” for exceptional performance on a



Gymnasts saluting with \$\$ Glasses

particular event or for good sportsmanship and positive attitude.

At the end of the meet, each competitor went on a shopping spree at the Gym Shop

which was stocked with a variety of fun merchandise.

This event also included a silent auction with some great autographed sports items and themed gift baskets. There were also a personalized Mother's Day photo card shop and a great Cookie Lee Jewelry Boutique on-site.



Eric Will & Celeste Hamil displaying Gym Bucks



Fun was had by all! Coaches said they really enjoyed the new concept and felt that it was an ideal environment for the new competitive gymnast. Par-

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In-Gym Clinics

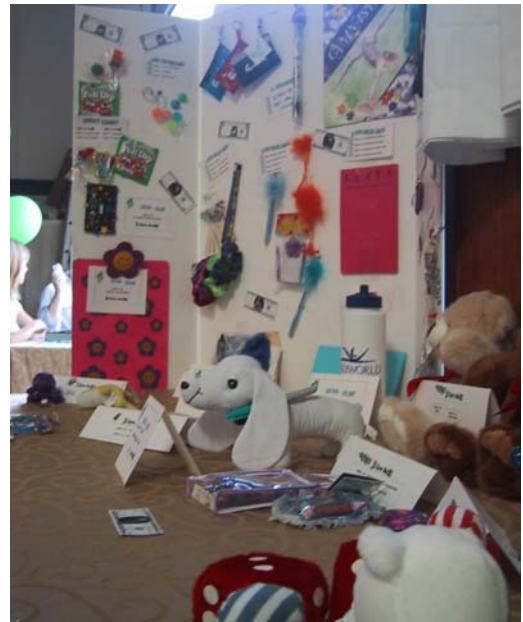
In a continuing effort to provide relevant judging education, five In-Gym Optional Clinics were planned for the months of December and January. The chosen sites were: All-Olympians (Piper White and Suzanne Hecht—clinicians), Gym Max (Sue Graff—clinician), SCATS DB (Julie Knight and Jami Pillasch—clinicians), SCEGA (Tammy Parsons and Yolande Mavity—clinicians), and SCATS HB (Rebecca Callaway and Kris Montera—clinicians). The smart people who attended these worthwhile clinics were: Dianne Robinson, Susan Jordan, Gigi Iavarone, Teresa Barnard, Shelley Chapman, Pam DeGross, Celeste Hamil, Deanna Hanford, Cindy Hawley, Bev Hull, Tracy Loffer, Freddie Marcucci, Roberta Teixeira, Eric Will, Emily Wensel, Pat Watts and of course the clinicians. NAWGJ-SC plans on offering more in-gym clinics in the future as the atmosphere is congenial and very conducive to questions. Thanks to all involved—especially the gyms that allowed us to use their facilities and gymnasts!

Level 4 Cash Bash

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ents commented on the fun atmosphere and appreciated the obvious effort and attention to detail that had gone into planning the event.

NAWGJ-SC would like to thank Gymnastics Pacifica for the use of their facility and for the time and work put in by their coaches and parents. We would also like to thank all the judges who volunteered their time to make this new fundraiser a great success! Proceeds will be used towards judges education for the upcoming re-certification year. We look forward to an even bigger and better Cash Bash next year!



Gym Shop Merchandise

2004 National Judges Cup



*Some of the Judges who Volunteered at the 2004 National Judges Cup.
Pam is on the left end, third row up.*

The 2004 National Judges Cup was held January 9, 10 & 11 in Seattle, Washington. The Seahawk Stadium concourse was converted into three gyms which hosted over 1,300 gymnasts from around the country. Judges from 27 states judged a total 26 sessions. Amongst the judges was our very own Pam DeGross. Pam was gracious enough to volunteer as a representative of NAWGJ-SC at this annual event. Pam competed gymnastics in Washington and still has family there. She was very inspired by the number of gymnasts, judges and the states involved in this huge event. This was truly a great experience for the coaches, gymnasts, and judges.

American Classic ~ Challenge

The 2004 American Classic/Challenge competition was hosted by Charter Oak Gymnastics at the Ontario Convention Center on March 4-6, 2004. This competition was billed as the first step in determining the gymnasts who will represent the United States at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece!

Several of our top local athletes competed, including Shavahn Church (SCATS Huntington Beach, 5 AA – junior international),

Allyse Ishino (Charter Oak Gliders, 5AA – senior international), and Mohini Bhardwaj (All Olympians, 8AA – senior international).

Pre-elites Ivana Hong, Kahley Rowell, and Shantessa Pama

from Gym Max participated in the Challenge competition.

Many of our local judges could be seen on the floor at the competition. Sue Graff was

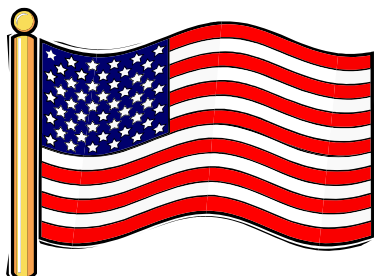
the chief judge on vault, Suzanne Hecht judged uneven bars, Julie Knight judged balance beam, and Piper White judged floor exercise.

NAWGJ-SC members who volunteered as judging assistants

included Shelley Chapman, Denise Cheshire, Celeste Hamil, Vivien Hessel, Gigi Iavarone, Kris Jackson, Christy Jagoe, Susan Jordan, Tammy Parsons, Jami

Pillasch, Denise Porrazzo, Mary Preece, Tina Preston, Roberta Teixeira, and Emily Wensel.

NAWGJ-SC would like to thank everyone involved for helping to make this a successful event. We are very fortunate to be able to host important gymnastics competitions such as this in our state. We now look forward to the excitement of the Olympic Trials to be held at the Anaheim Pond June 24-27!



Quick Notes...

Latest Ratings

Congratulations to the following judges who have earned new ratings:

Sara Alviz 5/6

Rae Jamison 9-5/6

Jolene Mielke 9-5/6

Ariel Okamoto 5/6

Suzanne Prettyman 5/6

Kim Schamus 5/6

Christina Stokholm 5/6

Macrae Sutherland 5/6

KaDee Thompson 5/6

Luzia Wiesmuller 5/6

Monique Weismuller 5/6

Emily Wensel 9-5/6

Julie Knight, head coach at Cal State Fullerton, fell in love with the man that knocked out her wall and remodeled her house. Julie and Scott will be tying the knot in a backyard wedding on July 10th. Julie will soon be known as Mrs. Julie Knight-Bowse.

Tracy Loffer was blessed with a new grandson. Born on March 3rd, Kody Christopher weighed in at 8 lbs. 11 oz. Mom, son and grandma are all doing fine. Tracy was able to make the trip up to Washington to see the new baby between judging invitations.

Lisa Hurley-Gleason

eloped to Las Vegas on April 15th. Lisa's new husband, Russell, is a former gymnast and fellow coach at Newhope Academy where they met. They are planning a church ceremony on July 3rd to share their big event with friends and family.

April Brandon gave birth to Madison Rose (3 lb. 2 oz.) on June 1st. Madison came home from the hospital on June 29th weighing 4 lb. 6 oz and is perfectly healthy. The proud parents are very happy about their firstborn and claim that "big things come in small packages!"

Nettie Award~ NAWGJ-SC was awarded the 2004 "Nettie" award for the "Best Layout and Design" for the Newsletter/Newsflash formats at the National SJD Meeting held in Nashville, TN on June 6.

Congratulations to all!





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***HOPE YOU ALL
HAVE A REALLY
GREAT SUMMER!***



Meeting Minutes

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