

2015 USAIGC & IAIGC JANUARY MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Dear USAIGC & IAIGC Club Owners & Coaches,

Happy New Year! 2015 has begun.

Mary always tells me Happy Wife. Happy Life.

A USAIGC Club Members recommended that I have the City show on the Competition Calendar making every ones life a little easier in tracking down USAIGC Competitions with a little more accuracy. This was a great idea and I e-mailed her and told her. I emailed the web developers who will have this up within the next five days and I approved another feature that they recommended. They will add a GPS system to this page giving everyone the ability of finding the location/direction to the Competition site (especially great for me).

Happy Membership. Happy Association!

Don't be afraid to ask. I do not want to be like the politician who had his re-election in the bag only to find out he lost. When he asked his neighbor if she voted for him, she said no. Why, he asked. Because you did not ask! This is a WE Association.

All newsletters & news briefs are posted on the Form page (soon to be renamed)!

Paul

FYI: To participate in any USAIGC/IAIGC Sanctioned Competitions:

1. Every USAIGC Club **MUST** have a **current** Club membership with the **100% Verification** designation next to their Club Name on our Club Directory Page. **Without either** of these **mandatory requirements** the Club and its gymnasts may not compete in any sanctioned USAIGC/IAIGC Competition.
2. **Only Gymnasts listed under the USAIGC Club** may compete in a sanctioned USAIGC/IAIGC Competition. If the gymnasts name is not listed under their respective Club they are not registered and may not compete.

Our **Competition Directors can download the complete athlete list** of every USAIGC/IAIGC Club. This has been working very well. The **Multi-Athlete Registration** is still being ironed out. Competition Directors **MUST** send the **Officials Verification form** signed by each official next to their printed name to the USAIGC Office with their Educational Fees. If an **Officials name is not listed on our Judging Pool** they **CANNOT JUDGE** a sanctioned USAIGC Competition. A USAIGC Club that uses an Official not on our judging pool loses the sanction and the privilege to sanction another USAIGC Competition the following year.

Scores for all sanctioned USAIGC Competitions **are posted** on our Competition Calendar Page. Meet Directors must email the scores in a pdf file 7-10 days after the competition to the USAIGC Office. **Sanctions are FREE** and are part of your Club Membership. **You** can sanction your Competitions from the Competition Page.

Click on: Sanction Form.

2016

The 2016-2018 100% Mandatory 100% Employee Background Check will be required by December 31, 2015. We will start the process again in September. All USAIGC Clubs must fill out and notarize the required employee background check verification form. You can use any background agency. The USAIGC has recommended CIC who have helped many of you.

Our Background Check fee is \$21.00. The USAIGC requires this for **EVERY** Employee 18 years or older. Background checks on one segment of your employee population is not doing your due diligence for minors.

Club Membership is expired: our website will not allow you to register your athletes, sanction a competition or compete in a sanctioned Competition or Event until it is current.

2014-2015 USAIGC/IAIGC Rules & Policy Book and our 2015 (larger) Safe Club Decal are being mailed out to all current USAIGC/IAIGC Clubs with the 100% designation. The USAIGC/IAIGC Lobby **Competition Poster** will be mailed out at the end of this month. We did have a delay with the printing but as you can see the Boo is well done. There are about another 25 to be mailed out. The shipping package that I selected was difficult to get but I have a new source. The Rules & Policy is also posted on our website in a pdf file. It is 63 pages long.

Our Club Directory Page displays YOUR Club Website, a page well visited by parents, potential clients. Is yours on our Club Directory page?

USAIGC/IAIGC COMPETITIONS

Team Cup Invitational **SOLD OUT - 516 gymnasts from four states.**

Reminder: As a USAIGC/IAIGC Club Member your gymnasts can qualify to your State and/or Regional Championship from any USAIGC Sanctioned Competition regardless of the State the competition was held. Those gymnasts attending any International IAIGC Competition outside the USA and scores the World Championship Score automatically qualifies to the World Championship. To me, our rules are international and scores are all equal. Our Officials have the responsibility of judging the optional routines based on our rules and performance.

A USAIGC **Platinum & Premier Competition** is being held in conjunction with **our Individual Event Invitational** for the purpose of bringing together these gymnasts to meet and compete with their peers in a friendly, healthy competitive atmosphere. The Platinum/Premier Competition will be one session, no more than 40 gymnasts and will include a general Officials Critique after the competition for our Coaches & Gymnasts.

The idea of our **Individual Event Invitational** is to give our Gymnasts on all USAIGC levels the opportunity to compete on their next level up. No gymnast may

compete on more than 6 events. No gymnasts, nor parent or coach will have to wait for another competitive level session. Gymnasts competing on two levels will compete within their main competitive session. The USAIGC provides a unique opportunity for our gymnasts both as All-Around and Individual Event Specialists.

Take advantage of it.

http://usaigc.com/competition_individual.cfm

USAIGC CLUB HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL

http://usaigc.com/competition_high_school_nationals.cfm

It began this last season. It is only for USAIGC Club High School Gymnasts (must be in High School) who have formed a **USAIGC Club High School Team** regardless of their Competitive Level. As a Club High School Team, these gymnasts compete on their USAIGC Competitive Level. A High School Team can be made up of any of our USAIGC Competition Levels. This competition is all about EXECUTION. My goal was to run one of these competitions initially in New York State, New Jersey and Pennsylvania giving us 3 Competitions for this special group of USAIGC Gymnasts.

USAIGC PRE-SCHOOL WORKSHOP. August 29, 2015

You can find the preliminary information on our website:

http://usaigc.com/education_preschool.cfm

I think we are missing a great opportunity on conducting meaningful and beneficial Pre-School Educational Programs. Club Owners that have one Staff Member registered attend free. I will conduct an initial discussion on Early Childhood Educational Programs for USAIGC Gymnastic Clubs.

With full-time kindergarten, a potential segment of the "morning gymnastic classes" has evaporated. WE must provide educationally sound programs for preschool children! Note: There will be much more coming out about this.

IAIGC/USAIGC INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC CHALLENGES

http://usaigc.com/competition_international.cfm

1. Bermuda: 5th International Gymnastics Challenge November 2015 - Dates will be posted by December 1

A very special competitive competition.

Hosted by: Bermuda Gymnastics Association

Site: National Training Center, St. David's Bermuda

Host Hotel:

Grotto Bay Beach Resort - 1-441-293-8333

Special Guest IGC/IAIGC Rate: TBA

Call to book and mention the gymnastics meet for special rate.

abaughman316@yahoo.com or call the BGA at 441-295-0589.

Find the most up to date meet information at www.bermudagymnastics.com.

2. 2016 SOUTH AFRICA 2nd.

International Gymnastics Challenge

Tentative Dates:

Depart: Saturday February 13. Arrive Sunday February 14.

Depart Sunday February 21, Arrive Home Monday February 22

http://usaigc.com/competition_international.cfm

Any USAIGC/IAIGC Gymnast, Coach, Club Owner & Parents interested in one of the most unique experiences you will ever have please email the name(s) of the gymnasts and competitive level, any Coaches, Club Owners and Parents interested in attending. The USAIGC will have a USAIGC Coaching Staff present to conduct training sessions and competition order. All attending Coaches will participate with Training Sessions and the Competition.

Attending USAIGC or IAIGC Gymnasts receive a USAIGC/IAIGC Leo, shorts and jacket.

The competition facility is incredible. The experience will last a lifetime.

Airfare approximately: \$1,00.00 - \$1,200.00 - Coach.

Hotel (last year) \$100.00 per night including breakfast or if we move to the hotel hooked up to the large outdoor Mall it will be \$25-\$50.00 per night. All Sightseeing and Transportation fees ran about \$475.00 per person for all excursions and transportation. South Africa is very inexpensive once you arrive and the USAIGC was able to secure good air prices.

3. 2015 USAIGC & IAIGC INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC CELEBRATION!

Daytona Beach Florida

For USAIGC/IAIGC Gymnasts' **NOT Scoring above a 33.75** during the 2014-2015 competitive season. USAIGC/IAIGC Gymnasts attaining the World Championship Qualification score **MAYNOT** attend this International Competition.

Date: June 11-14, 2015 (Thursday-Sunday)

http://usaigc.com/competition_international.cfm

Entry Forms will be posted on line this month.

USAIGC NATIONALLY RUN COMPETITIONS

1. 2015 USAIGC TEAM CUP CHAMPIONSHIP- **CLOSED!!**

2. 2015 USAIGC Individual Event Invitational & PLATINUM & PREMIER COMPETITION SESSION & CRITIQUE!

April 11 & 12, 2015

Entry Form and additional Information:

http://usaigc.com/competition_individual.cfm

3. 2015 USAIGC CLUB HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL(s) #1

Sites: Elite Gymnastics, Long Island & Freehold Elite Gymnastics, NJ

Dates TBA http://usaigc.com/competition_high_school_nationals.cfm

If there is a strong interest USAIGC CLUB HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL(s) #2 will be hosted by Freehold Elite Gymnastics (date to be announced)

2015 USAIGC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Information has begun to be posted. http://usaigc.com/competition_world_championship.cfm

2015-2017 RULE & POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS are OPEN for all Club Members to propose any rule or policy recommendation they feel would contribute to the growth of our competitive program. **Recommendations posted** on Rules & Policy Page. **Click:** Rule Recommendations. Voting Begins: April 2, End's: April 23, 2015

Reminder: if you have **hired any new employees** and you need to drop any listed employees on your Employee List please forward this information to me. I will attaché it to your initial notarized verification form. Our **New USAIGC Clubs** will receive the necessary forms separately.

Still under construction

1. **USAIGC Staples National Roll Out** based on our collective spending. The more WE spend the larger the discount. It is moving along (slowly).
2. **Atlantis Hotel, Paradise Island, Bahamas'** to host our International Championship Celebration: 2017.
3. **Rotating "billboard"** on our Home Page (replacing About Us, which is already on our website).

Ciao Paul