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Don't forget to check the USAG and NAWGJ websites for updates! Here are a few big ones!

Winter Fundraiser at The Athletic Edge

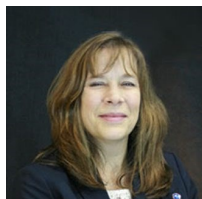
Oregon NAWGJ will be hosting a winter fundraising meet in December!



Thanks to the generosity of The Athletic Edge and Coach Kelsey Kottek, we will once again host a judges feedback meet this December in order to replenish our finances for the coming year. We will hold the meet on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 15, 16 and 17.

Our focus will be on Optional and Xcel athletes in order to give them feedback for the upcoming season; if we have room, we will also have some compulsory sessions. We will reimburse judges for gas, pay for hotels if needed, and feed you all weekend long. We will also have some exciting door prizes as well. Thank you all in advance for helping. We need all of you to make this meet a success!

A heart-felt message from our National Vice-President, Ann Heppner



As NAWGJ celebrated 50 years this summer I had a chance to reflect on our community here in Oregon. Oregon is a kind and gentle state in which to judge. This has become more and more clear to me as I deal with all regions and states in my role at NAWGJ. This makes you and your support all the more precious to me (no, I am not retiring yet...). I have enjoyed the encouragement and experience I have gained here in Oregon. You have all had a part in shaping my pathway. You have helped and educated me in the leadership roles of State Judging Director, Regional Judging Director and now in my role on the Executive Committee for NAWGJ. Your ability to work as a solid team and to support one another in the process of judging, testing, and providing input to NAWGJ and USA Gymnastics is commendable. We have a long history of amazing mentors and lifetime friendships here in Oregon. I have stories and shared experiences that have challenged and enriched me, I cannot start telling them here or I would fill up Debbie's newsletter!

Thank you all for your part in my journey.

With gratitude and appreciation,
Ann

Editors Note: Here's a picture of our newest life members, Ann Heppner, Cindy Lord and Denise Green, who were all honored at National Symposium in July! Congratulations to all three amazing judges!



National Symposium Recap - Gold and Glorious, 50 Grand Years

A dozen of our Oregon judges gathered to learn, meet new friends, honor our colleagues, and have fun at the 2023 NAWGJ Symposium, held in Grand Rapids Michigan in July. Dozens of lectures were offered over the two-day symposium, with topics ranging from professionalism, safe landing techniques, to beginning shorthand. Because of your fundraising efforts, members were reimbursed up to \$1400 for travel expenses. Here are some pictures of all the fun we had!



Oregon NAWGJ Delegation



Region 2 State Judging Directors and Regional Judging Director



Region 2 Pickleball Team



Region 2 Delegation



Linda Mulvihill, our newest Hall of Fame Member

It was wonderful to see Linda Mulvihill inducted into the NAWGJ Hall of Fame and to see Ann Heppner become a NAWGJ Life Member, along with former Oregon judges Denise Green and Cindy Lord (see page 1 for their picture). It was an amazing symposium, filled with phenomenal presenters willing to share their knowledge with us. It was great to see Oregon and Region 2 so well represented!

Updates:

- * Effective August 1, 2023, all judges will receive a \$1.00 per hour pay raise. The Rules and Policies will be updated to reflect this change. Also effective August 1, 2023, assigning fees will increase from \$3.00 per judge to \$5.00 per judge.
- * Don't forget to check the NAWGJ and USAG websites regularly for updates. Sign up for NAWGJ email updates so you don't miss all of the important info that is regularly shared!