

FL NAWGJ News



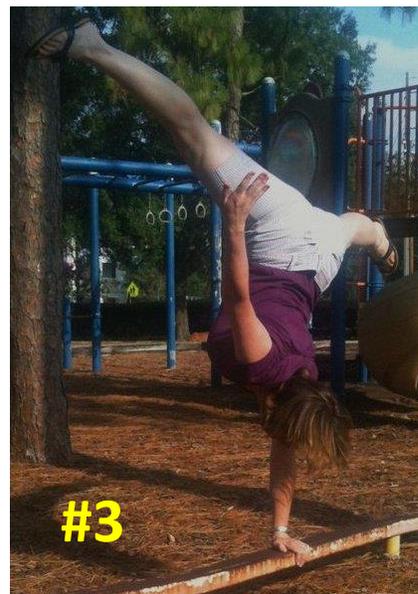
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Celebrating FL NAWGJ Judges

Judges love their handstands!

Who are these awesome & athletic ladies?

Answers are on last page.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY – MAY YOUR DAY BE WONDERFUL!!

Heather Wilson.....February 5
Sharyn StricklandFebruary 7
Dawn Cobb.....February 8
Beverly KampFebruary 8

Brooke Blassingame.....February 11
Jenn Ynestroza.....February 18
Cindy GwinnFebruary 25



My Adventure to National Judges' Cup by Martha Santiago

This year I was selected to attend the 32nd annual National Judges' Cup. The NJC is an annual fund-raising invitational where monies raised from the competition are used to further judges' education on the National Level. This annual invitational changes location each year and for 2022, the event was held in



Martha & Cookie

New Orleans, Louisiana at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The Judges' Cup relies on the support of judges donating their time, and this year over 60 judges volunteered to attend. The meet was well run by Evelyn Paradis, NAWGJ President Catherine Batsche, and the NAWGJ Executive Board. The competition included gymnasts from USAG levels 1-10, all levels of the Xcel Program, the prestigious Patty J. Shipman Level 7 State Team Challenge, and for the first time ever, there was a session of AAU Gymnasts. AAU was added this year thanks to the efforts of Florida's Kathy Stuenkel.

Spectators were treated to some great gymnastics, as over 450 gymnasts from all over the United States gathered for the 3 day competition. In attendance were several states we don't see often in Florida, like Idaho, Kansas, Missouri & Oklahoma. The Level 7 State Team challenge was represented by 13 states, including Florida.

The Judges also came from all over the US, as far away as Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, the Midwest and throughout the South. Because the competition is volunteer based, I was able to help with many different aspects of running the meet, from timed warm ups to timing routines, handing out awards, sitting on a Level 8 four judge panel - all of us from different states, and judging the new AAU session - I was kept busy! I met several new judges and even reunited with some old friends from states where I used to live and judge.

In addition, I had one session where I worked at the admissions door. The city of New Orleans and the venue were very proactive on the control of Coronavirus spread. Everyone was required to follow COVID protocols to keep all as safe as possible. Anyone on the competition floor had to wear a mask unless they were competing. The door was extra busy because all spectators were required to show a vaccination card or negative COVID test before entering for we ID'd and checked everyone who entered.



The Convention Center was well located for both spectators and competitors. The meet finished early enough on Sunday that I was able to make the 15 minute walk to the heart of the French Quarter. The weather was a little cold and I didn't bring a coat, but I saw many local artists, listened to some jazz music while sipping my hot cafe au lait, and ate some wonderful New Orleans beignets, oysters, and of course jambalaya. The French Quarter was not too crowded as all Covid protocols were in effect, and you had to show your vaccination card or recent negative covid test to be granted entrance into restaurants, shops and most indoor shops.

The 2022 National Judges Cup combined a great venue, with a great city and some very good, competitive gymnastics. I found everyone there to be very friendly, well organized, and it was a great experience seeing all the judges do what they love to do. I was personally thanked by Cookie several times for volunteering my time. I want to thank the Florida NAWGJ Board for allowing me this opportunity to represent Florida at such a wonderful event.

- Martha -

Florida's Level 7 Team at the National Judges' Cup

Florida NAWGJ sends a team to the National Judges' Cup for the first time since 2013. The NJC was held in New Orleans last month.



Team Results at the NJC
 Florida earns a 13th Place with a overall score of 179.00. Good job girls!!



 FLORIDA <i>"Laissez bons temps rouler!" - New Orleans, 2022</i> 	
	MACKENZIE SCHALK Age: 11 Club: Victory Gymnastics Gym Nickname: Gizmo Favorite Things: Gym Meet; Gene Stowe Invite 2021 Event: Bars Food: Cake Subject: English Holiday: Christmas Song: "Prisoners" Book: "The Call" Hobby: Gymnastics TV Series: "Lab Rats" Movie: "Mary Poppins" Best Trait: Daring Role Model: Trinity Thomas because she has received perfect 10's on each event. Gymnastics Goal: Florida Gator Gymnast Grown Up Goal: Structural Engineer
	PAYTON GUNARE Age: 12 Club: Victory Gymnastics Gym Nickname: Azrael Favorite Things: Gym Memory: Regionals in Alabama Event: Floor Food: Watermelon Subject: Civics Holiday: Christmas Song: "9 to 5" Book: "Spirit Bears" Hobby: Gymnastics TV Series: "F.R.I.E.N.D.S." Movie: "Joyful Noise" Best Trait: Goofiness Role Model: Charlotte Flair & Nikki Bella because she loves WWE & Charlotte was a good gymnast. Gymnastics Goal: Collegiate Gymnast for Gators or Alabama Grown Up Goal: Pediatric Nurse
	ADDISON PROA Age: 14 Club: Horizon Gymnastics Gym Nickname: Addi Favorite Things: Gym Memory: Traveling out of state Event: Floor Food: Caesar Salad Subject: History Holiday: Christmas Song: "Lush Life" Book: "Wonder" Hobby: Crafts TV Series: "OBK" Movie: "Raya" Best Trait: Caring Role Model: My Mom because I look-up to her & she's always there for me. Gymnastics Goal: College Gymnast Grown Up Goal: Athletic Trainer or Interior Designer
	BODHI VOIGT Age: 12 Club: Horizon Gymnastics Gym Nickname: Bo Favorite Things: Gym Memory: Splitting the beam & being carried away state Event: Floor Food: Salad Subject: History Holiday: Halloween Song: "Good Times" Book: "Outsiders" Hobby: Gymnastics TV Series: "Good Times" Movie: "Hamilton" Best Trait: Leadership Role Model: Katelyn Ohashi because of her personality & skill. Gymnastics Goal: College Gymnast Grown Up Goal: A Vet
	ELLIETTE MCDOWELL Age: 13 Club: Horizon Gymnastics Gym Nickname: Hammy Favorite Things: Writing Holiday: Christmas Song: "Logic" Book: "Unteachables" Hobby: Cooking Subject: Science TV Series: "Outer Banks" Movie: "The Last Song" Best Trait: Kindness Role Model: Shelly Proa because she inspires me to work hard & push through. Gymnastics Goal: Level 9 by end of HS Grown Up Goal: Kid's Dentist
	JOZLYN JENSEN Age: 14 Club: Horizon Gymnastics Gym Nickname: Juz Favorite Things: Gym Memory: 2021 Level 6/7/8 Regionals Event: Bars Food: Steak Subject: Science Holiday: Christmas Song: "Most Girls" Book: "Beyond the Break" Hobby: Cooking TV Series: "Outer Banks" Movie: "Miracles from Heaven" Best Trait: Determination Role Model: Simone Biles because she stood up for her mental health at the Olympics. Gymnastics Goal: College Gymnast Grown Up Goal: Lawyer



Thank You FL Coaches (L-R):
 Shelly Proa, Jessica Erwin, Kathy Stuenkel,
 Tracy Bartlett, Philippe Flegeau

National Judge's Cup Scores

In addition to the FL Level 7 Team, several other gymnasts participated in the NJC Meet. We are so excited and pleased with everyone's results from the meet. Thank you to Shelly Proa for compiling the information below and sharing it with all of us. Check out how our girls did!

Level 3

Azaria Hart; Vault 9.30 1st, Bars 8.125 2nd, Beam 8.85 1st, Floor 9.20 1st, AA 35.475 1st

Level 4

Ariana Facey; Vault 8.65 2nd, Bars 8.50 2nd, AA 34.20 2nd

Level 7 Team Unity

Tessa Triana; Vault-9.425 1st, Floor 9.40 1st, AA 35.625 1st

Cassandra O'Neal; Vault 9.10 3rd, Bars 9.275-1st, Beam 8.075-3rd, Floor 8.90-3rd, AA 35.35 2nd

Kylee Erwin: 2nd vault, 3rd bars, 1st beam, 2nd floor, 3rd AA

Level 7 Florida State Team

Bodhi Voigt; Floor-9.35-3rd

Addison Proa; Beam 9.275-7th

Elliette McDowall Vault 8.95-7th

Jozlynn Jansen; Floor 9.40 4th

Payton Gunabe: Floor 5th

Mackenzie Schalk: Bars 6th

Level 8

Samantha Feineigle; Vault 9.05-2nd, Beam 9.15-1st, Floor 9.125-3rd, AA 35.625 1st place

XCEL Diamond

Reilly Huber; Vault 9.175-1st, Bars 9.40-1st, Beam 8.60-2nd, AA 36.25 1st

Elise Cheeseman; 9.275 Floor 2nd

Olivia Lonce; Bars 8.5-3rd, Beam 9.20 1st, AA 34.775-3rd

Lillian Schooley; Vault 8.70 3rd, Beam 8.85 3rd, Floor 9.05 3rd



Calendar & Reminders

February 1 2022 CPE is being accepted (deadline 5/31/22)

February 4-6 Daytona Open, Ace Gymnastics, Ocean Center

February 4-6 Miami Grit Classic, Tumblebees, Miami Springs

February 4-6 LaFleur's Florida Classic, LaFleur Tampa/Clearwater

February 4-6 2022 Princess Classic, Horizon, Punta Gorda

February 4-6 Suncoast Sports Festival, Tampa

February 12-13 Arabian Nights, Genie's, Wellington

February 11-13 City of Lights, Orlando Metro, Gaylord Palms



February 14 Valentine's Day

February 15 Deadline to sign up for National Congress early bird registration with FL NAWGJ (email me to register)

February 18-21 Presidential, USA Competitions, Orlando Disney

February 19-20 Magical Classic, Brown's, Orlando

February 18-21 Edgewater Classic, Panama City

February 25-27 Gasparilla Classic, LCG, Tropicana in St. Petersburg

Answers to the Handstand Challenge

1. Denise Weaver 2. Stephanie Ovdienko 3. DeeDee Hinson

Need CPE Clinic hours and wondering where you can get them?

Check out the clinic listings on the USA Gymnastics website at

[USA Gymnastics](#) | [USA Gymnastics University - Live Courses](#)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR Upcoming Events in 2022

- ❖ May 21, 2022 – National/Brevet test prep clinic with Evelyn & Cookie, location yet to be determined
- ❖ June 5-12, 2022 – Special Olympics USA Games at WWSC Disney World.